

Joint Strategic Needs Assessment: a proposed approach for 2021/22

1.0 Background

- 1.1 Nottingham City's Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) is an assessment of the current and future health and social care needs of its citizens. The JSNA should identify the needs of citizens as well as highlight inequalities and, in doing so inform priorities, targets and commissioning decisions.
- 1.2 The City's JSNA is produced in collaboration with public health, social care, the Nottingham City Clinical Commissioning Group and the Crime and Drugs Partnership. Historically there are nearly 50 individual chapters covering clinical topics such as diabetes, behavioural topics such as smoking and alcohol, and vulnerable client group chapters such as children in care and adults living with severe multiple disadvantage. However, ongoing reductions in capacity over several years have made this number of chapters difficult to maintain.
- 1.3 This report provides Nottingham City's Health and Wellbeing Board with a proposal to refresh the JSNA, precipitated by severe pressures due to the COVID-19 pandemic and to align with the Health and Wellbeing Strategy, which is in turn informed by Integrated Care System (ICS) and Integrated Care Partnership (ICP) priorities.

2.0 Impact of COVID-19

- 2.1 The pandemic has necessitated prioritising the Covid response across the health and social care system. This has resulted in the JSNA workplan becoming largely dormant over the last year. Authors have been reassigned and many chapter owning groups have not been functioning.
- 2.2 The JSNA Steering Group has endorsed a refresh of the JSNA process as there is no longer capacity to maintain the same number of chapters. There is also a need to modernise to ensure the JSNA remains fit for purpose. This will ensure that JSNA plans focus on population health outcomes; support commissioning partnerships locally; and build a narrative that supports change in the wider determinants of health. Many local authorities across the country are refreshing their JSNA.

3.0 Proposal for refresh

- 3.1 It is thought that a place-based approach to the JSNA grounded in local health need and incorporating the lived experience of residents would align with the new HWB strategy and ICP work plan. However, due to the ongoing pressures of the pandemic response, a firm proposal has yet to be created and will be brought to the Health and Wellbeing Board later this year.
- 3.2 Any proposed refresh will include:
 - aligning the JSNA to the refreshed Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy;
 - aligning to ICS and ICP priorities and strategies;
 - reviewing membership and attendance of the JSNA Steering Group;
 - working with partners to redesign the JSNA to support place-based approaches; and
 - reviewing the chapter template and exploring more dynamic data presentation.

4.0 The 2020/21 Work Plan

Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment

- 4.1 Responsibility for pharmaceutical needs assessments (PNAs) was transferred to Health and Wellbeing Boards under the Health and Social Care Act 2012. The Nottingham City Health and Wellbeing Board was due to publish its third PNA on 1 April 2021, but this responsibility was deferred for a year nationally due to the pandemic. Ongoing workforce pressures have prompted the decision by Nottingham City Council and Nottinghamshire County Council Public Health teams to collaboratively commission an external provider to project manage and produce their respective PNAs.

Chapter and Content Development

- 4.2 The JSNA Steering Group has met sporadically over the last year and have endorsed the pragmatic 'holding position' over chapter production, i.e., authors part way through were supported to complete where possible and no new chapters were started. Most chapters have remained at a standstill. At best three chapters should be published in the next quarter. These include a new chapter on Noise Pollution, and refreshed chapters on Physical Activity and Special Educational Needs and Disability.