1.0 Background

1.1 Nottingham City’s 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 This report provides Nottingham City’s Health and Wellbeing Board with an annual update on the JSNA; including key achievements and the 2017/18 work plan.

1.3 The City’s JSNA is produced in collaboration with public health, social care, the Nottingham City Clinical Commissioning Group and the Crime & Drugs Partnership. There are nearly 50 individual chapters covering clinical topics such as diabetes and mental health, behavioural topics such as smoking and alcohol, and vulnerable client group chapters such as children in care and homelessness.

2.0 Governance

2.1 Following restructure as a result of the Health and Social Care Act 2012, including the transition of public health to local authorities, there was a lack of clarity regarding the local government arrangements, responsibility and resourcing of the City’s JSNA. To address this, the JSNA Steering Group was refreshed in July 2015 to reflect organisational responsibility for the JSNA and the membership of the Health and Wellbeing Board. The Steering Group, which reports to the Commissioning Executive Group (CEG) and the Health and Wellbeing Board, oversees the maintenance and development of the JSNA.

3.0 Key Achievements

3.1 Since the last update to the Health and Wellbeing Board in September 2016, the JSNA Steering Group led project to re-establish responsibility and resourcing across organisations has worked well in respect of the JSNA. The project’s outcome was the revision of the Nottingham City JSNA Policy and Process, and this is now embedded in policy and practice.

Evaluation

3.2. An evaluation of the JSNA’s process and outcomes was conducted during 2016/17 in line with the revised policy and process. Initial results from the evaluation, regarding the use and impact of the JSNA are as follows:

i. Both owning groups and commissioning bodies use the JSNA to identify new service and pathway gaps and utilisation, inform local strategy and provide evidence to secure funding.

ii. JSNA recommendations inform negotiation and agreement of health and wellbeing overarching priorities and strategy content.

iii. Other partners including providers, the community and voluntary sector and Nottingham City Council colleagues consider the JSNA in their policy and processes.
4.0 The 2017/18 Work Plan

Chapter and Content Development

4.1 The JSNA Steering Group met in March 2017 to finalise the JSNA work plan for 2017/18. Six chapters that were due for update last financial year are yet to be completed and the majority of these are now at the stage of final amendments. As well as completion of the outstanding chapters, an additional seventeen chapters will be refreshed this financial year. New chapters include Female Genital Mutilation and BME Health Needs Assessment. The latter has been a significant piece of work and will be discussed elsewhere on the agenda. Further detail on the 2017/18 work plan is contained within Appendix 1.

Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment

4.2 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 published its first PNA on 1st April 2015 in line with regulations set out in the Act. A revised PNA must be published by 1st April 2018. (Department of Health, 2013)

4.3 Work is underway to publish a revised Nottingham City PNA. A joint City and County approach that was considered successful for the original PNA was agreed. Roles and responsibilities have been allocated and a steering group and working group are established. As part of this process, there is a statutory duty to consult stakeholders and the public on the draft PNA for a minimum period of 60 days.

Knowledge Resources

4.4 Knowledge Resources plays a key role in providing literature searching to inform JSNA, commissioning reviews and clinical practice. It also supplies library and information services to staff, volunteers and higher education students whose role includes health and social care with Nottingham city residents. The library loans books, teaching packs, models, kits and display boards and supplies a large number of public health leaflets and posters. These are accessible by visiting the Resource Centre or by ordering via the online leaflet database.

4.5 The service has recently completed a commissioned literature search by the University of Nottingham for a scoping review of older people’s knowledge and attitudes to smart health and wellbeing. Knowledge Resources has also been re-commissioned by Health Education – East Midlands (HEEM) to provide library and information services to their staff.

5.0 References

