
**Manchester Health and Wellbeing Board
Report for Resolution**

Report to: Manchester Health and Wellbeing Board – 18 September 2013

Subject: Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA)

Report of: David Regan, Director of Public Health

Summary

On 1st April 2013, responsibility for the production of the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) passed to the Health and Wellbeing Board. The JSNA provides commissioners with information on some of the key health issues in Manchester. The latest edition of the JSNA includes detailed information on cancer, alcohol and liver disease, long term conditions, tuberculosis and dementia. Where possible, the statistical data used in the JSNA has been loaded on to the Council's Intelligence Hub, where it can be downloaded for further use.

Recommendations

The Board is asked to:

1. Note the launch of the latest version of the JSNA

Board Priority(s) Addressed:

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Background documents (available for public inspection):

The following documents disclose important facts on which the report is based and have been relied upon in preparing the report. Copies of the background documents are available up to 4 years after the date of the meeting. If you would like a copy please contact one of the contact officers above.

Introduction

1. This paper informs members of the Health and Wellbeing Board about the launch of the latest refresh of the Manchester Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA). It briefly describes the new content that has been added to the JSNA and outlines some proposed changes to the way that the JSNA will be developed in the future.

Background

2. Under the terms of the Health and Social Care Act 2012, responsibility for the production of the JSNA now rests with the Health and Wellbeing Board. The evidence contained in the JSNA is used to help the City Council and its NHS partners to understand the range of services that need to be commissioned in order to improve the health and wellbeing of local residents and patients. It is also a key part of the process of developing the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy for Manchester.

3. In turn, NHS and local authority commissioners are expected to give due regard to the JSNA and Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy when developing their commissioning plans and the performance of local authorities and CCGs will be assessed, in part, on the extent to which they have successfully used the JSNA in this manner.

Structure and content

2. The JSNA has now firmly been established as a web-based resource (rather than a printed document) and can be accessed through the Manchester City Council website at www.manchester.gov.uk/jsna. This allows the information to be kept up to date and for new information to be added when it becomes available. The website also contains links to the evidence used to develop the material in the JSNA and thus allows people to explore a topic in more depth if they wish to do so.

4. The JSNA is split into two broad sections. The first contains a profile of the health needs of the population living in North, Central and South Manchester and some of the factors that contribute to these. The second section looks at a number of specific topic areas in more depth. Constructing the JSNA in this way allows us to look at the health needs of the local population in both breadth and depth.

5. The previous iteration of the JSNA (published in October 2012) looked in detail at the dental health of children, childhood obesity, health and work, heart disease, mental health and falls in older people. Each topic contains information on the size of the problem in Manchester and the range of services that are currently available. They also make recommendations based on the latest evidence about the way that these services are run or the sorts of services that need to be put in place in the future.

6. The latest edition of the JSNA includes new information on early detection and prevention of cancer, alcohol and liver disease, long term conditions, tuberculosis, and dementia. Additional material on early years, sight loss, offender health, and fuel poverty is currently in development.

7. Where possible, the statistical data used in the JSNA has been loaded on to the Council's Intelligence Hub (www.manchester.gov.uk/intelligencehub), where it can be downloaded for further use alongside other statistical information about the City. This will help to provide a closer link between the JSNA and other strategic documents such as the State of the City report.

Process

8. As in previous years, the process of developing the JSNA has been overseen by a multi-agency Steering Group, containing representatives from the 3 CCGs in the City, a range of Council departments, Macc and Healthwatch Manchester. In order to tie the production of the JSNA in to the work of the HWBB, the JSNA Steering Group now reports to the HWBB Driver Group, which has the formal responsibility for signing-off each of the JSNA topics.

9. Government guidance makes it clear that local authorities and CCGs have a statutory duty to continuously involve the local community, including Healthwatch, throughout the JSNA process and that active dialogue with the local community should provide information to supplement other evidence in the JSNA. With that in mind, we have been working closely with the Policy and Influence Team at Macc, the CCG Patient and Public Engagement Groups and Healthwatch Manchester in order to strengthen and improve the engagement mechanisms underpinning the JSNA.

10. A key element of this work has been a 'call for evidence' through which local people, groups and organisations were invited to submit evidence about how the needs of people are (or are not) being met by existing services. Over a 5 week period in May/June 2013, 31 different pieces of evidence were submitted via the JSNA in-box (jsna@manchester.gov.uk). This has been used by topic authors to help them develop the material used as part of the JSNA. Feedback on the 'call for evidence' has been extremely positive and this will provide a good platform from which to further develop this process in the future.

The future

11. It is clear that the government continues to see the JSNA as a key element of the work of Health and Wellbeing Boards. In Manchester we are in a strong position in that we have been able to build up the JSNA process over time to a position where it is widely acknowledged as being a central element of the commissioning process across both the City Council and the NHS.

12. Future work will focus on improving the structure and functionality of the JSNA web pages and on further developing the engagement mechanisms underpinning the JSNA. In 2013/14, it is planned to involve voluntary and community sector groups and local residents in helping to identify the priority topics that are considered as part of the JSNA. This will be done through a 'call for topics' that sits alongside and complements the 'call for evidence'.