

# Southend-on-Sea Borough Council

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## Report of Director of Public Health

to

People Scrutiny Committee

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## Southend on Sea Joint Strategic Needs Assessment

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*A Part 1 Public Agenda Item*

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### 1. Purpose of Report

To provide an update on the refresh of the Southend on Sea Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA).

### 2. Recommendations

- To note the proposed content of the refreshed Southend JSNA.
- To note the timeline for the publication of the Southend JSNA on the Southend on Sea Borough Council website.

### 3. Background

- 3.1 The Health and Social Care Act 2012 places a statutory duty on local authorities and Clinical Commissioning Groups to prepare a Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) through the Health and Wellbeing Board.
- 3.2 JSNAs are designed to provide an understanding of the current and future health and social care needs of the local population to inform the strategic direction of the Health and Wellbeing Board and its priorities within the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy (JHWS).
- 3.3 JSNAs and JHWSs are not an end in themselves, but a continuous process of strategic assessment and planning. The core aim is to inform the development of local evidence-based priorities for commissioning which will improve the public's health and reduce inequalities.
- 3.4 Local areas are free to undertake JSNAs in a way best suited to their local circumstances. There is no template or format that must be used, or a mandatory dataset to be included. However, the guidance suggests that the JSNA should include information on:

- Demographics of the local population and needs of people of all ages of the life course
- How needs may vary for those in disadvantaged areas or within vulnerable groups.
- Wider social, environmental and economic factors that impact on health and wellbeing

#### **4.0 Southend JSNA**

4.1 Health and wellbeing boards are expected to decide for themselves when to update or refresh the JSNA. At the June 2015 meeting of the Southend Health and Wellbeing Board it was agreed that the local JSNA would be refreshed every 3 years.

4.2 The Southend-on-Sea JSNA was last refreshed in 2012. The current refresh of the JSNA covers a broad range of topics and the format follows a life course. Contributions to the process have been provided by commissioning staff from across the Council and Southend Clinical Commissioning Group as well as partner agencies.

4.3 In line with the approach that many local authorities are now taking, the proposal is to create a JSNA format which is stored online as a series of data and documents that can be more easily updated as new data becomes available. This will be via the Council's website.

4.4 A 'Southend JSNA on a page' (Appendix1) has been developed as a summary document of the key datasets being used in the JSNA. Each of the JSNA chapters provides the narrative around the data.

4.5 There have been a number of 'deep dive' health needs assessments undertaken in the last two years. These include needs assessments on:

- Sexual health and HIV
- Oral health (undertaken by Public Health England)
- Long term conditions
- Pharmaceutical needs assessment
- Disease prevalence and treatment

These needs assessments will also be uploaded with the JSNA chapters onto the Council's website.

4.6 The JSNA chapters and associated detailed needs assessments will be published on the website by September 2015.

4.7 There are a number of detailed health needs assessments scheduled for production over the next 12 months. These include needs assessments on:

- Mental health
- Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic groups
- Health protection

## **5. Reasons for Recommendations**

- 5.1 The JSNA is a statutory document which is used to inform the priorities of the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy and commissioning decisions.

## **6. Corporate Implications**

### 6.1 Contribution to Council's Vision & Corporate Priorities

The JSNA contributes toward creating a better Southend by providing full and robust information to inform strategies and commissioning decisions to better meet the needs of our local population.

### 6.2 Financial Implications

The JSNA is used to inform the priorities in the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy to influence commissioning decisions.

### 6.3 Legal Implications

The JSNA is a statutory duty under the Health and Social Care Act 2012

### 6.4 People Implications

None.

### 6.5 Property Implications

None

### 6.6 Consultation

Stakeholder and public engagement have been undertaken in the development of the in-depth needs assessments that have informed aspects of the JSNA.

### 6.7 Equalities and Diversity Implications

By its nature the JSNA identifies aspects of inequality and diversity in order that commissioners might be better informed to address these needs.

### 6.8 Risk Assessment

Production of a JSNA is a statutory requirement.

### 6.9 Value for Money

No implications.

### 6.10 Community Safety Implications

Community safety is addressed in the JSNA.

### 6.11 Environmental Impact

None.

## **7. Background Papers**

None.

## **8. Appendices**

Appendix 1: Southend-on-Sea 'JSNA on a page'.