

North Northamptonshire Health and Wellbeing Board

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Report Title	Developing the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA)	
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Appendix A – Developing the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment – Presentation

1. Purpose of Report

To propose an approach to redesigning the JSNA to meet the requirements of the North and West Northamptonshire Health and Wellbeing Boards and the Northamptonshire Integrated Care Partnership.

2. Executive Summary

The process for developing the current JSNA was established by the former Northamptonshire County Council and CCG to support the work of the Northamptonshire Health and Wellbeing Board. A new approach is needed to reflect the changing organisational arrangements, in particular the formation of the two Health and Wellbeing Boards in Northamptonshire and the establishment of the Northamptonshire Integrated Care Partnership.

Each local area takes a different approach to developing the JSNA, and the presentation highlights the different approaches areas are using. JSNAs differ considerably in terms of the topics and type of intelligence included, format, involvement of different stakeholders and process for ongoing development. Technological advances and use of tools such as Power BI have changed the way many areas are developing their JSNAs. These tools provide end users with dynamic and interactive dashboards that are tailored to their own needs and regularly updated. Examples of the approaches other areas have taken to developing their JSNA are contained in the presentation.

There is a need to redesign the JSNA to meet the changing needs of the Health and Wellbeing Boards and the Integrated Care System. A JSNA redesign project to establish the vision for the JSNA, scope, format, governance, and process for ongoing development would achieve this. Engagement with members of the Health and Wellbeing Board, Integrated Care Partnership and wider stakeholders will be critical to the JSNA redesign. The approach to redesigning the JSNA recognises that evidence and intelligence products will be required at both System and Place level.

3. Recommendations

- 3.1 It is recommended that the Board support the
- a) Development of a System JSNA for Northamptonshire, ensuring that the intelligence products specific to Place (North and West) are easily found.
 - b) Initiation of a JSNA redesign project to determine the scope of the JSNA in the context of plans for wider intelligence in Northamptonshire. Project to determine the vision for the JSNA, scope, format of the final product, governance and process for ongoing development and review.
 - c) Establishment of a project steering group for the JSNA redesign project to oversee the stakeholder engagement and development of recommendations to Health and Wellbeing Boards.

4. Report Background

Health and Wellbeing Boards have a responsibility for assessing the health and wellbeing needs of the area and publishing a JSNA.¹ The purpose of the JSNA and Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy is to improve the health and wellbeing of the local community and reduce inequalities. Local authorities and Integrated Care Boards (ICBs) have equal and joint duties to prepare the JSNA on behalf of the Health and Wellbeing Board. The Health and Wellbeing Act 2022 requires the Integrated Care Partnerships to write an integrated care strategy to set out how the assessed needs identified in the JSNA can be met through the functions of the ICB, partner local authorities or NHS England (when commissioning in that area).²

There is no single, agreed definition of a JSNA. National guidance states that local areas are free to undertake JSNAs in a way that is best suited to their local circumstance – there is no template, format or mandated dataset that must be used.³ The accompanying presentation provides details of how other areas have approached developing their JSNAs to meet local needs.

Drawing on the approach from other areas, the presentation identifies several

¹ DHSC. [JSNA and JHWS statutory guidance](#). Updated 24th August 2022.

² DHSC. Statutory guidance. [Guidance on the preparation of integrated care strategies](#). 29th July 2022

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https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1099832/Statutory-Guidance-on-Joint-Strategic-Needs-Assessments-and-Joint-Health-and-Wellbeing-Strategies-March-2013.pdf

aspects that should be considered going forward. This includes development of a vision for the JSNA together with scope, format and governance. The JSNA needs to be developed in the context of wider intelligence plans within the system. A JSNA redesign project with wide stakeholder engagement is required to inform development of a new JSNA product.

5. Issues and Choices

- 5.1 The presentation highlights that choices will be required in developing the JSNA to meet current and future needs. These will be addressed in the proposed JSNA redesign project. This includes the topics for inclusion, format of products, resources, and process for development including involvement of stakeholders.

6. Implications (including financial implications)

6.1 Resources and Financial

- 6.1.1 Funding will be required for a project manager to lead the redesign project. The project will be funded by Public Health and Northamptonshire ICB. The redesign project will establish longer term resource requirements for the council and ICB to support the ongoing development of the JSNA.

6.2 Legal

- 6.2.1 There are no legal implications arising from the proposals.

6.3 Risk

- 6.3.1 There are no significant risks arising from the proposed recommendations in this report.

6.4 Consultation

- 6.4.1 Not applicable

6.5 Consideration by Scrutiny

- 6.5.1 Not applicable

6.6 Climate Impact

- 6.6.1 Not applicable

6.7 Community Impact

- 6.7.1 Not applicable

7. Background Papers

7.1 Presentation - Developing the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment.