

Staffordshire Health and Wellbeing Board – 02 December 2021

Staffordshire Joint Strategic Needs and Assets Assessment 2021 – Progress Update

Recommendations

The Board is asked to:

- a. Note the new Joint Strategic Needs Assessment, and the new format; and
- b. Approve the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment.

Background

1. The Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) is intended to provide a high-level overview of health and wellbeing needs of a local population, including inequalities, through a shared evidence base of key local priorities. The JSNA is therefore a critical document used to shape strategy and guide commissioning decisions to improve outcomes for residents.
2. In Staffordshire the JSNA is considered a continuous process; rather than the production of a single document, there is a collection of analysis and products which collectively support the JSNA evidence base for the county.

Approach and Stakeholder Involvement

3. In June 2021 the Staffordshire Health and Wellbeing Board (HWBB) agreed that this year's JSNA would bring together the assets and needs of the local population; reflecting both local strengths and drawing on existing research and intelligence to identify a clear set of priorities for future focus.
4. A key part of its production has been the review of existing statistical analysis and regular outcome surveillance of 100+ core performance measures, as a way of deriving the key issues for Staffordshire. To supplement this a range of other information sources, including qualitative data, has been used to provide a full and enriched picture of our residents and the communities they live in.
5. The development of the JSNA has also been further strengthened by partner contributions to ensure the product reflects the strategic needs across the systems, as well as the key assets available locally. Input was

sought from key commissioners, public health and NHS colleagues, as well as the HWBB who met on both the 3rd June and 2nd September 2021 to consider and discuss the JSNA findings.

6. JSNA Key Messages: Reviewing our analysis across a range of sources identifies the following set of key issues for Staffordshire, as set out in the JSNA. These include:
 - a. **Wider Determinants:** Low levels of educational attainment at KS4 and key inequalities remain; increasing demand on domestic abuse support services; and above average and rising levels of fuel poverty continues.
 - b. **Healthy lifestyles:** Higher levels of excess weight, with high prevalence of obesity related conditions and hospital admissions on an upward trend.
 - c. **Mental Health:** A key concern for both children and adults; increasing levels of self-harm (all age) alongside growing levels of GP recorded depression.
 - d. **Alcohol Misuse:** Higher than average alcohol consumption and highest alcohol related admissions rate amongst similar authorities and rising.
 - e. **Parental and Infant Health:** Higher than average infant mortality rates, alongside higher prevalence for some associated risk factors.
 - f. **Ageing Well:** Increasing demand for adult social care support, particularly for home care; and key concerns reported locally regarding loneliness and isolation.
 - g. **Social Care Demand:** Rising demand for both children's and adult social care services.
 - h. **COVID-19 impact on services and outcomes:** A worsening of existing social inequalities and increased negative health outcomes, particularly for disadvantaged groups.
7. It is important that we recognise those 'in need' families are highly likely to present multiple needs and inequalities, therefore important these needs are, where possible, addressed in the whole.

Finalisation of the JSNA

8. As part of its finalisation, a presentation of the headlines and key trends was delivered to the HWBB on the 2 September. Subsequently all detailed JSNA outputs were sent out to Board members for final observations and/or comments.
9. All feedback has now been considered and incorporated into a final version of the JSNA. In the spirit of continuing to evolve the JSNA as a useful tool, work has been undertaken to translate it into a web-based product, that is both visual and easy to navigate for a wide range of

audiences. The web version of the JSNA has now been published on the [Staffordshire Observatory](#) website and can be accessed directly at [Staffordshire Observatory - Joint Strategic Needs and Assets Assessment \(JSNA\) 2021](#)

Next Steps

10. Following publication of the JSNA, work will commence to support the development and agreement of the refreshed Joint Health and Wellbeing Board Strategy. As priorities are set, work will be undertaken, with the Board, to explore the development of some focussed dashboards that enable the ongoing monitoring of its Strategy.

List of Background Documents/Appendices:

[Staffordshire Observatory](#)
[Staffordshire Observatory - Joint Strategic Needs and Assets Assessment \(JSNA\) 2021](#)

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