

**Joint Strategic Needs Assessment: Devon Overview 2017 and  
Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2016-2019**

**Report of the Chief Officer for Communities, Public Health, Environment and Prosperity**

**Recommendation:** It is recommended that the Devon Health and Wellbeing Board approve the draft Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) Devon Overview 2017, and that no changes are required to the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2016-19

**1. Context**

This paper introduces the updated JSNA Devon Overview for 2017. The Devon overview looks at the overall pattern of health and care needs in the county, including the impact of population change, deprivation and economic conditions. The draft 2017 JSNA Devon Overview can be found here:

<http://www.devonhealthandwellbeing.org.uk/jsna/overview/draft-2017/>

**2. The JSNA Devon Overview 2017**

2.1 The JSNA Devon Overview 2017 uses the same document structure as the 2015 and 2016 overview and includes updates to text, tables and figures. New information added in 2017 includes:

- A sub-section about the Devon Sustainability and Transformation Plan in the introduction section, highlighting common challenges and priority areas across Devon, Plymouth and Torbay
- Removes the 'equality and diversity' section and embeds the content across the introduction, population, starting well, living well and ageing well sections
- Improved links and additional content in relation to Devon Economic Assessment and Strategy for Growth in the 'economy' section
- Improved links and additional content from the Devon Strategic Assessment and other crime and community safety sources in the 'community and environment' section
- Further information and additional content relating to frailty, visual impairment, social isolation, loneliness, food poverty, healthy eating, mental health and climate change

**3. The main health and wellbeing challenges in Devon**

3.1 The conclusion of the document summarises the main health and wellbeing challenges in Devon which reflect and build upon the challenges identified in 2016:

- An ageing population resulting in an increase in demand for services
- New towns and growth in existing towns with a younger population profile and different health and wellbeing needs providing an opportunity for a different approach
- Financial pressures requiring a different solution to improving health and wellbeing
- Complex organisational configuration
- Ruralities and access to services impacting on the model of care and support
- A high quality outdoor environment but poor quality indoor environment in some areas due to poor housing
- Below average earnings and high cost of living and housing impacting on poverty, fuel poverty, homelessness and mental health
- The need to focus on prevention and living well at all ages to improve health in later life and address the 10-15 year inequalities gap
- Mental health and the focus on groups and places where outcomes are poor
- Social isolation and loneliness particularly in older people, certain groups and isolated places
- Changing patterns of health-related behaviour, particularly in the young and challenges to local services in responding to these.
- Long-term conditions and multi-morbidity and the impact on health in later life and the need for services to adapt to multiple conditions
- Growing levels of severe frailty and onset of pre-frailty at a younger age due to health inequalities providing an opportunity to act early
- A diverse population. Inequality takes many forms and can be hidden

#### **4. Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2016-2019**

4.1 The Devon Health and Wellbeing Board approved its second Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy (JHWBS) on the 8<sup>th</sup> September 2016. <http://www.devonhealthandwellbeing.org.uk/strategies/>

The new strategy is high level and simple and seeks to reflect progress that the wider system has made as separate organisations and collectively over the last three years. The JSNA and JHWB strategy provide strategic oversight that health needs and health inequalities are being addressed to support its vision to 'Improve Health and Promote Health Equality.'

4.2 The Board agreed a new health and wellbeing outcomes framework based on the new strategy priorities with an increased focus on mental health and housing indicators to reflect challenges in these areas. The Board takes a themed based approach to its meetings to allow discussion on the outcomes and priorities. There has been a focus on 'Lifelong Mental Health' and 'Living' well to date.

4.3 Based on the updated JSNA the priorities in the Strategy remain valid and it is felt that no update to the strategy is required at this time.

#### **5. Legal Considerations**

There are no specific legal considerations identified at this stage.

#### **6. Risk Management Considerations**

Not applicable.

#### **7. Options/Alternatives**

Not applicable.

#### **8. Public Health Impact**

The Joint Strategic Needs Assessment is a statutory requirement of the Health and Wellbeing Board and informs priority setting in the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy. The JSNA overview and profiles contain information on public health issues and other relevant health, social care and wellbeing related issues, and a specific focus on health inequalities.

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Background Papers

Nil