

Climate and health input to the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment Dashboard

Report of the Director of Public Health

Please note that the following recommendations are subject to consideration and determination by the Committee before taking effect.

1) Recommendation

(a) That the Health and Wellbeing Board note and comment on the content of the first outline Climate dashboard to inform the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment. The JSNA dashboard is formed around those indicators where data available that could be used, or the indicator is currently in use, that directly inform policy within the Council.

2) Background

The Climate Change Dashboard has been developed following a report to the Health and Wellbeing Board in 2024 (CX/24/07). Our specific aim for Devon is to develop a JSNA that informs local climate, health, and equity as part of a Health in All Policy approach. Although the ideal would be to design the JSNA around priority indicators first, this may not be possible due to lack of availability. A pragmatic approach has been taken to develop a tool with available indicators that meet priority needs, and seek to influence creation of adoption of further indicators deemed most important.

3) Main Body / Proposal

The Climate Change dashboard will be presented and link shared <https://www.devonhealthandwellbeing.org.uk/climate-change/> so that the Board can note and comment on content and inform any development that they consider should be prioritised.

4) Options / Alternatives

- a) Preferred: continue development of tool and consider existing and emerging evidence further to inform design using available indicators and incorporate additional information that becomes available.
- b) Alternative: Wait until UKHSA has completed the National dashboard to inform indicators.

5) Consultations

Some internal consultation on the initial dashboard has been carried out. As we proceed this will be broadened out to additional audiences.

6) Strategic Plan

The updated Joint Strategic Needs Assessment will address existing public health concerns with additional indicators around climate change. These climate change indicators will inform the Health and Wellbeing Strategy update, as well as being available to planners, community bodies, and others with an interest. It is intended to be 'evergreen', in that the dashboard may be adapted to encompass future indicators, or needs of users.

7) Financial Considerations

The creation of the local dashboard will be within existing budgets, with staff resource being released for other work as UKHSA are developing the main indicators.

8) Legal Considerations

There are no specific legal considerations.

9) Environmental Impact Considerations (Including Climate Change, Sustainability and Socio-economic)

The JSNA will seek to address public health impacts of climate change, and inform co-benefits of adaptation and mitigation.

10) Equality Considerations

Consideration will be given as to how the indicators may be presented with other indicators to determine populations at particular risk, including those considered more vulnerable, in greater deprivation, and, where possible, intersectional. However, this Report has no specific equality, sustainability or legal implications that are not already covered elsewhere within the Authority.

11) Risk Management Considerations

If for any reason there is significant delay in publishing appropriate indicators we will review whether to develop interim indicators to inform current plans.

12) Reasons for Recommendations

Given that UKHSA are now developing indicators we are seeking to work alongside in this development.

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