

Joint Strategic Needs Assessment Update 2021

Recommendation: The Health and Wellbeing Board should note progress on the continued development of the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) which includes an interactive Microsoft SWAY summary overview, an interactive JSNA Headline tool, Outcomes Report Tool, Vital Statistics Tool, Inequalities Tool and an Exploratory Tool.

1. Context

Health and Wellbeing Boards have a statutory responsibility to produce a Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA). The JSNA is an assessment of current and future health and wellbeing needs in the local population and informs the local Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy (JHWS). The plans of local organisations and bodies should address the needs identified in the JSNA and the priorities set out in the JHWS.

2. JSNA Devon Summary 2021

The Devon JSNA Summary 2021 has been published on the Devon Health and Wellbeing website. The format has been changed to reflect a more summarised presentation of findings through an interactive Microsoft SWAY platform. A PDF version is also available to download. The link to the summary can be found at this link: [Devon Joint Strategic Needs Assessment Summary - Devon Health and Wellbeing](#)

The Devon JSNA is made up of many different products and these include reports and interactive tools which cover a wide range of health and wellbeing measures across a variety of different geographies and characteristics. The JSNA products compliment the Devon JSNA Summary 2021.

The JSNA work has been informed by the JSNA user research undertaken in 2019 which sought to understand and meet the requirements of different users. Through engagement with councillors, officers, and community organisations. Three approaches were identified in that research and they include:

- Explanatory: (JSNA Headline Tool) People seeking a quick summary of an area or theme
- Exploratory: People wishing to explore and interrogate information in more detail
- Analytical: People wishing to extract JSNA data and undertake further analytical work

Links to new JSNA products can be found below:

JSNA Headline Tool: [JSNA headline tool - Devon Health and Wellbeing](#)

Vital Statistics Tool: [Vital Statistics tool - Devon Health and Wellbeing](#)

Health Outcomes Inequalities Tool: [Health Outcome Inequalities - Devon Health and Wellbeing](#)

3. The main health and wellbeing challenge in Devon

The Devon JSNA summary summarises the main health and wellbeing challenge in Devon which reflect and build upon the challenges identified in previous years:

- Ageing and growing population
- Inequalities gap across many health and wellbeing outcomes
- Mental Health and Wellbeing across the life course
- Behavioural risk factors across the life course
- Long-term conditions, multi-morbidity and frailty
- Skilled workforce with low earnings
- Immunisation and screening coverage

4. Next Steps

Iterative and ongoing development for all JSNA products will continue and updates will be provided at the Health and Wellbeing Board.

The Outcomes report is being developed in an interactive platform. To add value to this piece of work, a JSNA exploratory element within this tool is also being developed. This exploratory element provides the option for customers to explore more detailed information such as differences in rates between small areas, observing associations with deprivation, trends, and risk factor information.

5. Risk Management Considerations

Not applicable

6. Options/Alternatives

Not applicable

7. Public Health Impact

The JSNA is a statutory requirement of the Health and Wellbeing Board and informs priority setting in the JHWS. The development of the JSNA supports the identification of priorities identified in the JHWS relating to health inequalities and the wider determinants of health will focus on improving public health in Devon.

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