

BCP Council Health and Wellbeing Board



Report subject	Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) Update
Meeting date	13 January 2025
Status	Public Report
Executive summary	<p>Each Health and Wellbeing Board must have a process for Joint Strategic Needs Assessment. The Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act (2007) sets out the role and responsibility of the Health and Wellbeing Board for this work. The current JSNA process is co-ordinated by Public Health Dorset and involves annual strategic narrative updates alongside deep dives into specific topic and cohort areas. As the Public Health Dorset service will be disaggregated into two public health teams on the 1st April 2025, system discussions will be held to review how this responsibility is best discharged going forwards.</p> <p>This paper updates progress towards the development of a Children and Young People's Joint Strategic Needs Assessment, presenting the proposed contents and structure developed through scoping discussions.</p>
Recommendations	<p>It is RECOMMENDED that:</p> <p>(a) The progress on the Children and Young People's JSNA is noted.</p>
Reason for recommendations	To update the Board on progress.

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Wards	All Wards
Classification	For Update

Background

1. Statutory Guidance (2007) set out the need for each Health and Wellbeing Board to prepare Joint Strategic Needs Assessments and Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategies.
2. The responsibility falls on the health and wellbeing board to assess the health and wellbeing needs of their population and publish a Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA), delivered through the Local Authority and local NHS Commissioning organisation (Integrated Care Board). The JSNA provides an evidence base for health and wellbeing needs and should be updated regularly.
3. Joint Strategic Needs Assessments:
 - Are assessments of the current and future health and social care needs of the local community,
 - Should be unique to the local area,
 - Take consideration of the wider factors that impact on their communities' health and wellbeing,
 - Should be suited to local circumstances – there is no template / format or mandatory data sets to be included,
 - Consider a range of quantitative and qualitative evidence.
4. Our local JSNA process has included an annual strategic narrative for the Council area [presented to the Board on 5th February 2024], and deeper dives into topics each year. The evidence base includes work conducted across ICS research and intelligence functions, Healthwatch Dorset, and national datasets. Reports and a data repository are published on the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment website, currently hosted by Public Health Dorset.
5. The current Joint Strategic Needs Assessment process is co-ordinated by Public Health Dorset on behalf of both BCP and Dorset Council's Health and Wellbeing Boards, to meet their statutory duty regarding Joint Strategic Needs Assessment. Earlier this year BCP Council took the decision to end the shared Public Health service agreement by 31st March 2025. As the Public Health Dorset team will be disaggregating into two teams from the 1st April 2025, system discussions will be held as to how this responsibility is best discharged going forward, for each Council's Health and Wellbeing Board.

6. Previous JSNA topics covered include a range of physical health, mental health and wider determinants. The latest deep dive in development is the Children and Young People's Joint Strategic Needs Assessment

Children and young people's Joint Strategic Needs Assessment

7. Following requests from the board and partner organisations for the JSNA to consider the health and wellbeing needs of Children and Young People (CYP), a topic deep dive has been developed.
8. Scoping sessions were held with several partner organisations and key stakeholders to determine key questions and information needs around the topic. This included a workshop session at the Public Health Children and Young People's Public Health Services Annual Conversation and development work with the BCP SEND Data and Intelligence Group.
9. From all scoping conversations held, key questions to be answered by the CYP JSNA were established. These are
 - a. What are the key trends in health and wellbeing?
 - b. Where are the areas of need?
 - c. What are the views of local children, young people and their families?
 - d. What are the positive health trends / local assets to support CYP?
10. Stakeholders were also asked about the key issues they would like to see included. The contents of the JSNA CYP Assessment is included in Appendix A.
11. The topics are grouped into four headings. The sections related to Thriving Communities, Healthy Lives and Health and Care align to the Integrated Care Partnership Strategy priorities. Each section includes data and insights answering the four questions referenced above. A fourth section is included, focused on horizon scanning to identify key health and wellbeing trends of concern and data questions that could be supported by the Local Authority or ICB research and intelligence functions.
12. Each section includes quantitative and qualitative evidence sourced and collated from a range of national and local partners. This includes Healthwatch Dorset, BCP's Consultation and Engagement portal, BCP Research Team reports, NHS Dorset 100 Conversations project, Public Health Dorset Intelligence reports and data from the Dorset Insight and Intelligence Service. It also references BCP Council strategies and relevant system strategies.
13. The draft JSNA document is currently being finalised following feedback and review from BCP children's services, BCP Children's Services Improvement Board and the SEND Data and Intelligence Group members, including parent and carer representatives. Some further detail regarding SEND children is being included, and once finalised the CYP JSNA will be published via the Public Health Dorset website by the end of January 2025.

Summary of financial implications

14. Development of the JSNA has no direct financial implications other than staff time. Member organisations of the Health and Wellbeing Board may use the information from the JSNA to inform commissioning.

Summary of legal implications

15. The requirement for the Health and Wellbeing Board to have a process of Joint Strategic Needs Assessment is set out in [Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007](#).

Summary of human resources implications

16. Development of the JSNA has been co-ordinated through Public Health Dorset, a shared service between BCP and Dorset councils. BCP council has given notice to end the shared service arrangement by 1 April 2025. The Health and Wellbeing board will therefore need to give consideration to their future JSNA process and how the responsibility is best discharged going forwards.

Summary of sustainability impact

17. Joint Strategic Needs Assessment includes consideration of the wider determinants impact on health and wellbeing in the local area.

Summary of public health implications

18. A comprehensive Joint Strategic Needs Assessment process identifies key health and wellbeing issues, to which Public Health services can contribute.

Summary of equality implications

19. A JSNA should consider the impact of health inequalities and cohorts of the population who may experience poor health and wellbeing outcomes.

Summary of risk assessment

20. Having considered the risks associated with this decision using Dorset County Council's risk management methodology, the level of risk has been identified as:
- Current Risk: LOW
- Residual Risk: LOW

Background papers

[Statutory Guidance on Joint Strategic Needs Assessments and Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategies](#)

[Updated guidance for Health and Wellbeing Boards – November 2022](#)

Appendices

Appendix A – Proposed Children and Young People's JSNA Contents and Structure, and summary.

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This Joint Strategic Needs Assessment identifies some of the current and future health and wellbeing needs experienced by our children and young people. It has been developed through analysis of local and national data, collation of qualitative information and through discussions with stakeholders. The broadest age definition has been chosen to encompass young people, and support services who work with this age group, including transition to adult services.

Thriving Communities	Healthy Lives	Health and Care	On the Horizon
Children's Views	Children's Views	Maternity	Smoke Free Generation
Population	Physical Activity	Health Visiting	Digital Wellbeing and AI
Geography	Healthy Weight	School Nursing	Responding to growing mental health challenges
Income and Cost of Living	Nutrition	Early Help	Physical fitness and obesity prevention
Housing	Emotional Health and Wellbeing	Social Care	Future Data Questions
Education	Smoking, Vaping and Alcohol Use	SEND	
Environment	Health Conditions	CAMHS	
		Immunisations	
		Sexual Health	
		Service Considerations	
		Transport	
		Transition points	
		Neurodivergence	

