

Draft JSNA Forward Workplan 2026-2027

Introduction

At the BCP JSNA & HWB Strategy Workshop on the 24th November 2025, Health & Wellbeing Board members and workshop attendees were divided in breakout discussion groups to reflect on the presented 2025 JSNA Annual Narrative for BCP Council. The table discussions generated a list of priority topics and areas of interest as follows:

JSNA topics of interest

1. Children & Young People

- Prevention of harmful behaviours (vaping, drug misuse, gambling, poor diet).
- Education and early intervention of healthy lives.

2. Mental Health

- High suicide rates, self-harm, influences on mental health.
- Links with substance misuse, gambling and suicide.

3. Substance Misuse

- Alcohol and drugs—targeted interventions and links to suicidality.

4. Healthy Homes

- Improve quality and affordability of housing both social and private.
- Address homelessness and inequality.

5. Deprivation & Cost of Living

- Socioeconomic driven health behaviours.
- Financial barriers to healthy living
- Focus on most deprived areas, community development work, digital exclusion.

6. Physical Environment

- Access to green/blue spaces, transport barriers.
- Perceptions of community safety and how this may influence behaviour

7. Healthy Ageing

- Reduce falls and hip fractures.
- Support healthy ageing and reduce the number of years spent in poor health
- Prevention of people getting ill earlier in life.

JSNA areas of focus

There is capacity in the BCP Public Health and Communities team to undertake two deep dive JSNA topics in 2026 and two deep dive JSNA topics in 2027.

The following four areas of JSNA focus have been identified:

1. Prevention and Early Intervention

- Focus on children and young people: reduce harmful behaviours (vaping, drug misuse, gambling, poor diet).
- Promote healthy behaviours and education to prevent long-term health issues.
- Support and encourage physical activity across all ages.

2. Mental Health and Wellbeing

- Reduce high suicide rates, self-harm, and mental health challenges.
- Tackle the connections between mental health, substance misuse, and harmful gambling through support and prevention.

3. Healthy Life Expectancy

- Reduce health inequalities driven by deprivation, cost of living and understanding local place variations.
- Support healthy ageing, understanding the years spent in poor health, focusing on effective prevention.

4. Healthy Homes and Neighbourhoods

- Housing quality and affordability across social and private sectors, reducing homelessness.
- Enhance access to green/blue spaces and perceptions of community safety to enable active, healthy lives.