

Meeting: Well-Being Strategic Partnership Board

Date: 2 March 2009

Report Title: Update on Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA)

Report of: Public Health Directorate

Purpose

To update the Well-Being Partnership Board on progress on Joint Strategic Needs Assessment in Haringey

Summary

Undertaking Joint Strategic Needs Assessment became a statutory duty for Directors of Public Health, Directors of Adults' Services and Directors of Children's Services on 1 April 2008 in order to ensure commissioning of services is based on population need. A report for phase 1 of Haringey's JSNA was published in August 2008. This report identified gaps in knowledge of need in Haringey. Four more detailed needs assessments will now be carried out as part of JSNA:

- Mental health
- Sexual health
- Vulnerable children and young people
- Population projections and future need
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The steering group also identified that a platform for sharing and reporting on key data items would be required to support the JSNA agenda.

Legal/Financial Implications

Resources will be required to support the data sharing platform. A business case is currently being developed by the steering group.

Recommendations

That the Well-Being Strategic Partnership Board note progress towards Joint Strategic Needs Assessment in Haringey

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Background

As set out in section 116 of the *Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007*, Sustainable Community Strategies and Local Area Agreements (LAAs) must be based on sound evidence. This evidence is to be provided in the form of a Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) which will provide a framework to examine **all** the factors that impact on the health and well-being of local communities, including employment, education, housing, and environmental factors as well as health and social care services.

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The JSNA steering group has been meeting since March 2008 to guide JSNA in Haringey. This group has members from across the partnership including LBH, PCT and HAVCO. In August 2008, the JSNA steering group published a document [*Towards Joint Strategic Needs Assessment in Haringey*] which provided a high level review of need in Haringey. The executive summary of this report is provided as an Appendix. This document also served to identify gaps in knowledge of needs to guide further work towards joint strategic needs assessment. The steering group identified 4 key areas of work for further assessment:

- Mental health
- Sexual health
- Vulnerable children and young people
- Population projections and future needs.

The steering group also identified that a platform for sharing and reporting on key data items would be a critical component of JSNA.

The purpose of this paper is to update the Well-Being Strategic Partnership Board on progress under these key areas:

1. Mental Health: Project currently in scoping stage.
2. Sexual Health: Tender bids received. Successful tender to be confirmed and work to start end February. Work to be completed end May, 2009. Tender specification available on request.
3. Vulnerable children and young people: Project currently in scoping stage.
4. Population projections and future needs: Work to commence shortly on population projections by colleagues at University of East London. Work to be completed summer 2009.

The steering group is also developing a business case for a web-based data platform for sharing and reporting on key data to progress this through the partnership.