

Title: Brighton and Hove City wide needs assessment update for LSP –March 2011

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Purpose: The purpose of this paper is to summarise progress since the last update on local needs assessment and changes to the local needs assessment process. A version of this paper was agreed at the January 2011 Public Service Board.

1. Progress since last update

Good progress has been made in the needs assessment programme for health and wellbeing in the city.

The Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) steering group will now be called the **City Wide Needs Assessment Steering Group** with the group's scope broadened to maintain an overview of **all** city wide strategic needs assessments.

This group is responsible for the methodological framework for needs assessments and making the evidence and data available to partners and the public.

The local approach is based on a portfolio of **publically available** documents including the following elements:

- Themed summaries (based on identified priorities, including specific issues/needs or specific population groups)
- Supporting data profiles for each themed summary
- Annual summary document

Each themed summary includes the following sections:

- Introduction and background
- Key issues and gaps
- Recommendations for consideration by commissioners
- Policy
- Who's at risk and why?
- The level of need in the population of Brighton and Hove
- Projected needs in 3-5 years and 5-10 years in Brighton and Hove
- Views of public
- Views of professionals
- Services in relation to need
- Evidence of effectiveness in addressing needs (What works)
- Funding
- Issues related to workforce
- Unmet needs, service gaps and over-provision
- Recommendations for further needs assessment
- Key contacts

Themed summaries covering the following topics have been published in 2010:

- Demography
- Deprivation
- Childhood obesity

Later in 2011 the following themed summaries will be published:

- Children and young people with disabilities
- Child poverty
- Adults with diabetes
- Adults with learning disabilities
- Adults with autism

Brighton and Hove City Council have been leading on a number of Intelligent Commissioning Pilots, including conducting needs assessments on:

- Alcohol
- Domestic Violence
- Drug related deaths

Learning from these Intelligent Commissioning needs assessments, as well as others conducted in 2010/11, are being used to adapt the local strategic needs assessment guidance.

The annual summary for 2011 was published in February 2011 (circulated with this paper).

2. City wide needs assessment going forwards

To support Intelligent Commissioning the needs assessment programme is being broadened to other strategic needs assessments (addressing outcomes other than health and wellbeing) to ensure we will have a robust evidence base of the needs of the population of Brighton and Hove.

In addition, the Public Health White Paper (November 2010) clearly sets out that GP consortia and local authorities, including Directors of Public Health, will each have an equal and explicit obligation to prepare the JSNA, and to do so through the arrangements made by the Health and Wellbeing Board, so once established it is envisaged that the prioritisation and governance for the health and wellbeing needs assessments will be through this Board. **This leaves a question for the governance of the broader programme of needs assessments in the city.**

At the current time it is suggested that the steering group will continue to report to those with statutory responsibility for JSNA (the Director of Public Health, and those with the statutory responsibility of Director of Children's Services and Director of Adults and Social Care), but in addition the Director of Public Health will update the BHCC Strategic Leadership Board, the PCT Executive Team and the city Public Service Board twice yearly.

The Terms of Reference of the Citywide Needs Assessment Steering Group are currently being redrafted and membership will be extended to those with responsibility for needs assessment in the new BHCC structure and across partners.