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Subject:	Joint Strategic Needs Assessment update
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Purpose of Report	Information and Guidance

1 Recommendations

- 1.1 To consider and comment upon the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) Update and to provide guidance on how often it should be revised.

2 Links to the following Board Priorities

Priority 1	<p>We will help keep people healthier for longer The JSNA provides up to date information on the demography and health needs of the Sandwell population. This information supports the strategic planning of health and care services to meet the needs of the local population.</p>
Priority 2	<p>We will help keep people safe and support Communities The JSNA includes information on the wider determinants of health and wellbeing, which can be used by partner organisations to support people to stay safe and well in their communities.</p>
Priority 3	<p>We will work together to join up services The information contained within the JSNA supports partnership working across a range of key issues. Structuring</p>

	JSNA content around stages of the life course and towns, as well as more focused content on specific issues, enables us to understand the impacts of different factors on health and wellbeing, and the roles of partner organisations in addressing population needs.
Priority 4	We will work closely with local people, partners and providers of services The JSNA has been developed with input from local partners and stakeholders to identify useful information to inform service development.

4 Context and Key Issues

- 4.1 A Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) is the means by which the local health economy, local authorities and third sector organisations work together to understand the future health, care and well-being needs of their community.
- 4.2 The JSNA aims to support action to improve local people's well-being by ensuring that services meet their needs. It is designed to inform and drive future investment priorities and thereby help to plan services more effectively.
- 4.3 The JSNA determines actions that local authorities, the local NHS and other partners need to take to meet population health and care needs. This should also consider the impacts of the wider determinants of health and wellbeing, e.g. housing, education, employment and the environment.
- 4.4 There is a statutory duty on local authorities and the local NHS to produce a JSNA to support continuous assessment of population needs and facilitate strategic planning, including through a joint Health & Wellbeing Strategy.
- 4.5 The Sandwell JSNA is hosted on the Sandwell Trends website, which includes interactive pages as well as PDF content. This enables users to explore some of the data in more depth as well as providing information for quick and easy reference.
- 4.6 The JSNA comprises the following:
- Core JSNA – a series of chapters focusing on key issues and indicators across the life course
 - Sandwell in Focus – ‘deep dive’ needs assessments into specific topic areas

- Town and borough profiles – summaries of demographics and key issues by town and for Sandwell overall
- Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment – a statutory document that sets out pharmaceutical provision and need across the Borough, and recommendations for addressing unmet need

4.7 The core JSNA consists of the following chapters:

1. Our People – demography, deprivation and life expectancy/healthy life expectancy
2. Healthy Start – children and young people, education and early years
3. Healthy Lives – causes of premature death, prevention and wellbeing
4. Ageing Well – older adults, social care and end of life
5. Place and Economy – wider determinants of health
6. Health Protection and Sexual Health (in development)
7. Mental Health and Wellbeing (in development)

4.8 It is anticipated that additional chapters will be completed by January 2024 and the JSNA will continue to be updated as a continuous process. It is proposed that:

- Core JSNA data are reviewed annually for significant updates;
- The core JSNA is refreshed in full every 2 years, maintaining current format but enabling indicators to be added/replaced;
- Town and borough profiles to be reviewed and updated/refreshed in line with Core JSNA
- A rolling programme of updates to focused needs assessments ('deep dives') to ensure that these are refreshed approximately every 3 years.

4.9 A ward level dashboard is in development that brings together key Indicators by ward.

5 Engagement

5.1 The JSNA has been developed with input from local partners and stakeholders to identify useful information to inform service development. This includes engagement with local residents and service users through our annual Residents Survey, as well as more detailed feedback as part of the Sandwell in Focus documents, including the Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment. Strategies and action plans developed on the basis of recommendations made are also consulted on widely before implementation.

6 Implications

Resources:	The JSNA is being led by Sandwell Council's Public Health team, co-ordinating input from the Council, NHS and other local partners. It supports strategic planning to meet need, including allocation of resources.
Legal and Governance:	There is a statutory duty on local authorities and the local NHS to produce a JSNA.
Risk:	No direct implications arising from this report. Not completing the JSNA to a good standard may risk key groups and issues being missed in the planning of services.
Equality:	The JSNA includes information on protected characteristics and other groups likely to be disproportionately impacted by health inequalities. Recommendations will include targeted actions to reduce inequalities.
Health and Wellbeing:	The JSNA assesses the current and future health and social care needs of the local community. The aim is to identify evidence-based priorities for local commissioning to improve population health and wellbeing, and reduce health inequalities.
Social Value:	No direct implications arising from this report. By including information on inequalities and protected groups, particularly in relation to the wider determinants of health, the JSNA can help to ensure that social value is embedded into actions informed by the data.
Climate Change:	No direct implications arising from this report. The JSNA includes information on air quality and the built environment as key determinants of health and wellbeing, which can be used to inform approaches to improving air quality in the borough.
Corporate Parenting:	The JSNA will include information on children looked after and care leavers, which will support approaches to reducing health needs and inequalities in this group.

6 Appendices

Appendix One – Presentation

7. Background Papers

Sandwell Joint Strategic Needs Assessment – Available at

<https://www.sandwelltrends.info/jsna-2/>

Department of Health and Social Care (2013). JSNAs and JHWS statutory guidance. – Available at -

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/jsnas-and-jhws-statutory-guidance> (last updated 24 August 2022).