



Report of the Director of Adult Social Services

Scrutiny Board Adult Social Care

Date: 11 March 2009

Subject: Joint Strategic Needs Assessment

Electoral Wards Affected:

Ward Members consulted
(referred to in report)

Specific Implications For:

Equality and Diversity

Community Cohesion

Narrowing the Gap

1. Executive Summary

Following consultation with three Scrutiny Boards and a range of stakeholder and partnership groups, a report on implementing the initial phase of Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) has been prepared for presentation to the NHS Leeds Board and the Leeds City Council Executive Board. The initial report covers the following issues:

- Confirms that the priorities identified in the Leeds Strategic Plan for health and well being and NHS Leeds Strategy are supported by the available evidence.
- Identifies priorities for the medium and long term, which will need to be addressed through future commissioning of services.
- Identifies areas where further work is required to understand the needs of the population group or community in greater detail
- Makes recommendations on steps to strengthen partnership working in support of strategic needs assessment.

The report to the Executive Board, seeks agreement for the publication of the report, and alerts the Executive Board to the important role that the JSNA process will play in identifying priorities for future service commissioning and resource allocation. In addition the Executive Board has been advised of the interest shown by Scrutiny Boards in the JSNA work and suggests that an overview of JSNA work will feature in future Scrutiny Board work programmes.

2. Introduction:

- 2.1 Attached to this report is the cover report prepared for Executive Board 4 March 2009 and the report of the initial stage of the JSNA work programme, titled Implementing the Leeds Joint

Strategic Needs Assessment Framework A similar report has been presented to the NHS Leeds Board, and received the Board's endorsement. The Adult Social Care Scrutiny Board, along with Health and Children Scrutiny Boards were consulted when the report was at an early draft stage, and a summary of the key points emerging from the consultation is contained in the report to the Executive Board.

3. Next Steps:

- 3.1 The purpose of the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment is to inform and influence future priorities and commissioning decisions. There should be evidence set out in future commissioning plans, which demonstrates how the JSNA has been used to shape those plans. Already, NHS Leeds, in preparing its submission for World Class Commissioning, has used the JSNA work to inform and influence the priorities they have set for the next five years. External evaluation of their preparations for World Class Commissioning sought evidence of how these connections were being made and assurance that arrangements were in place to sustain JSNA along with partners.
- 3.2 For the City Council, the JSNA, has as a minimum, to influence commissioning for children's services and adult social care, as well as the Council's role in promoting health and tackling health inequalities. The JSNA in Leeds has adopted a broad definition of health and well being and has looked extensively at factors which are significant determinants of good health, for example housing condition, and opportunities for sport and active recreation.
- 3.3 Finally, the report to the Executive Board draws attention to the steps being taken to sustain the JSNA process. Most important amongst these steps is work to develop a data depository, which can store in one place the data and information required to undertake the strategic needs analysis. The Council and NHS Leeds are working together to develop a proposal, for a shared resource, which will, in the long term, also have a degree of public access. A joint team of information and data analysts has also been established between the two agencies. Secondly, both agencies have agreed to collaborate and share information gained from public consultation and involvement, which may also include the use of a shared database. Along with data, the 'softer' qualitative information plays a key role in the analysis and identification of future needs.

4. Conclusion and Recommendation

- 4.1 The JSNA is work in progress, and a plan has been identified for the next stage of the work programme. As the JSNA has such a strategic significance for priority setting in the future it is anticipated that a number of Scrutiny Boards will want to be kept informed of the work and receive periodic reports. Future Scrutiny Board inquiries may also find it helpful to receive relevant information on the strategic needs assessment where the focus is a population group or social or health condition.
- 4.2 The Scrutiny Board is asked to note this report and offer further comments on the JSNA work.

Background Documents referred to in this report

Executive Board Report – 4 March 2009

Implementing the Leeds Joint Strategic Needs Assessment Framework