

**Report of Head of Scrutiny and Member Development**

**Report to Scrutiny Board (Health and Well-Being and Adult Social Care)**

**Date: 25 November 2011**

**Subject: Inquiry into Health Inequalities**

Are specific electoral Wards affected? If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s):	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Are there implications for equality and diversity and cohesion and integration?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Is the decision eligible for Call-In?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
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**Summary of main issues**

1. At its meeting in July 2011, the Scrutiny Board identified Health Inequalities as a particular area of review within its work schedule for 2010/11. The purpose of the report is to introduce an outline of proposals for the Boards inquiry into Health Inequalities and to help identify any specific matters to be included within the scope of the inquiry.
2. At its meeting in October 2011, to help provide more detailed context for the Board's inquiry around Health Inequalities and to consider some of the potential challenges associated with integrating Public Health into the broader work of the Council, the Board agreed to invite the Director of Public Health to present the following matters to the Board:

Part 1

- Background to the JSNA and why its important;
- The key messages arising from previous iterations of the JSNA (1st and 2nd editions), including particular areas of identified and unmet needs
- Areas for development for the 3rd iteration of the JSNA.

Part 2

- An overall assessment of the impact of the previous iterations (1st and 2nd editions) of the JSNA across the Council.
- Issues to address to [further] mainstream the JSNA in the commissioning and planning of services and general work of the Council.

- Role of the [shadow] Health and Wellbeing Board and its [potential] relationship with the Scrutiny Board.
3. In considering the details presented at the meeting, and identifying any specific areas for more detailed consideration, members of the Scrutiny Board are reminded that the approach being taken is likely to require an additional meeting (or meetings) and/or a working group arrangement during January / February 2012.

#### The Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA)

4. As previously reported to the Scrutiny Board, the current Health and Social Care Bill progressing through Parliament gives the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) a central role in the new health and social care system. It is likely that the JSNA will be at the heart of the role of the new Health and Well Being Boards and will be seen as the primary process for identifying needs and building a robust evidence base for local decision-making and commissioning plans.
5. As part of the presentation to the Scrutiny Board, the Joint Director of Public Health will provide details arising from the current refresh of Leeds JSNA. However, details presented to a recent JSNA workshop included:
  - In Leeds, over 150,000 people live in areas ranked amongst the most deprived 10% nationally;
  - Almost 30,000 children (under 16) living in poverty in Leeds;
  - 25% of all households are in receipt of Housing and/or Council Tax Benefit
6. To help members of the Scrutiny Board consider the development and refresh of the JSNA, the briefing note *'The joint strategic needs assessment: A vital tool to guide commissioning'* produced by the NHS Confederation (July 2011) is attached for information.

#### **Recommendations**

7. To consider the information presented in this report and at the meeting, and identify any particular areas for more detailed consideration at a future meeting.
8. To identify and agree a proposed timetable for considering any additional information identified, and the method by which the information will be considered (i.e. formal Scrutiny board meetings and/or nominated working groups).

#### **Background documents**

- Joint Strategic Needs Assessment: A springboard for action (Local Government Improvement and Development (April 2011))