

Report of Head of Scrutiny and Member Development

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

Date: 21 December 2011

Subject: Inquiry into Health Inequalities: Session 2

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
Does the report contain confidential or exempt information? If relevant, Access to Information Procedure Rule number: Appendix number:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

Summary of main issues

- 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.
- At its meeting in November 2011, the Director of Public Health presented the following matters to the Scrutiny Board:
 - Background to the JSNA and why it's important;
 - Some of the key messages arising from previous iterations of the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) and assessment of the impact across the Council;
 - Areas for further development within the JSNA and issues to address to [further] mainstream the JSNA in the commissioning and planning of services and general work of the Council.
- At the November meeting the Joint Director of Public Health agreed to attend this meeting to present some specific examples of the data sets available as apart of the JSNA. As such, the following data sets (associated with 'life expectancy') are appended to this report for information and consideration:
 - CHD (coronary heart disease)
 - Active Lifestyles
 - Smoking and Tobacco

In the context of the scrutiny inquiry it is intended to consider premature mortality from CHD (coronary heart disease) and explore the above data sets to illustrate factors that can affect life expectancy.

- Furthermore, the Director of Public Health will seek to explore the link between poverty, income and health and examine some of the data sets that exist to illustrate the interplay between poverty, deprivation, health and ultimately life expectancy – supported by the following data sets (also appended to this report):
 - Homes and Housing
 - Child Poverty
 - Deprivation
 - Incomes and Benefits.
- A copy of the slides from the presentation is also appended to this report. This presents details associated with two specific Middle Super Output Areas (MSOAs) from the City. The aim of the presentation is to demonstrate, and help the Scrutiny Board consider, the inequalities that exist across the City.

The Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA)

- 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.

Recommendations

- To consider the information presented and determine what additional scrutiny activity should follow.

Background documents

None