

Health and Wellbeing Board LBHF

Paper: Update on the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment for LBHF

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Summary

This paper updates the Health and Wellbeing Board on the **Joint Strategic Needs Assessment** in LBHF. The Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) is a statutory requirement and it's the way the Council is required assess the current and future health needs of the local population. Producing an up to date JSNA is one of the statutory functions of the Director of Public Health in a local authority.

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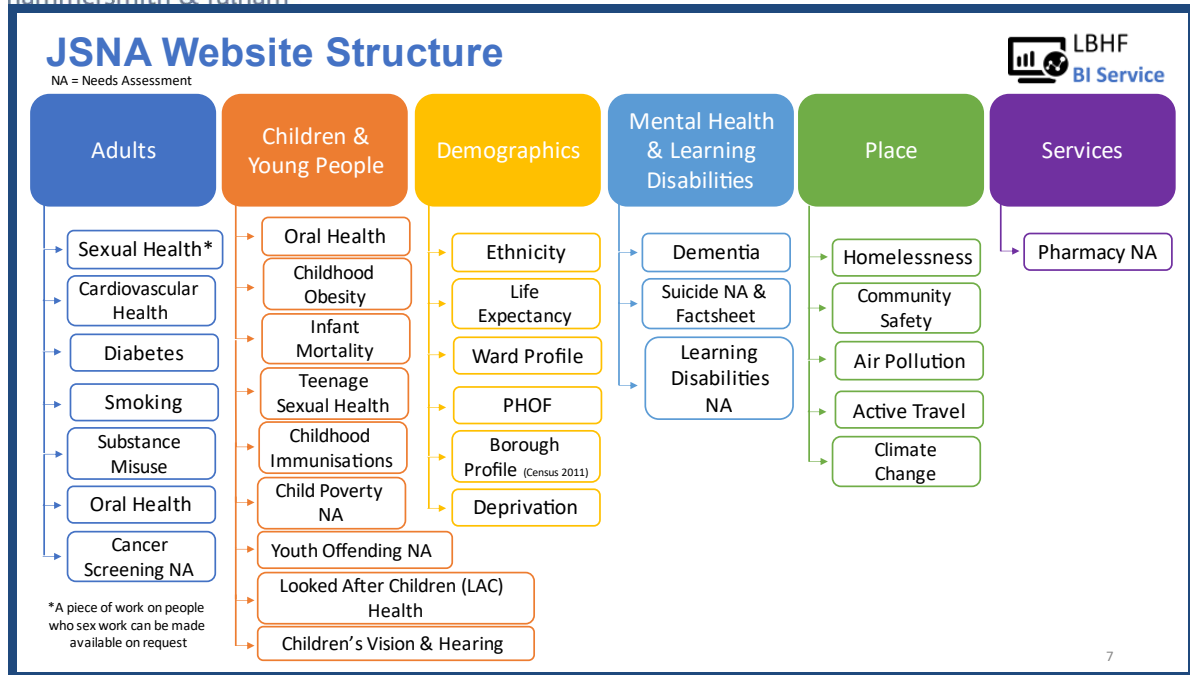
Background

Assessing the needs of the population involves characterising health needs and identifying inequalities in order to inform and influence commissioning and plans. The JSNA is used by partners, voluntary and community sector and the NHS to gauge population needs and whether services locally meet those needs.

Introduction

The traditional approach within many local authorities has been to create a single long JSNA document which is produced every three years. This tends to be less about influencing decision making and more about ticking a box, and parts of the JSNA may quickly become dated. The last JSNA webpage [Public health | LBHF](#) was limited in scope, and included a number of reports spanning service provision, and other documents unrelated to the JSNA.

The new JSNA will comprise different analytical items including factsheets, needs assessments, data profiles, area profiles, demographic reports, performance monitoring, dashboards and infographics. It will be refreshed yearly and 'owned' by a number of council directorates and partners, given that the business intelligence function is integrated. The web team will publish the page imminently, with the following layout.



If any Statutory Accountabilities Board members wish to suggest further factsheets, please contact the BI team using this link [BI Work Request App](#).