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Health and Wellbeing Board		
Children and Young People's and Demography JSNA documents		
Wards and communities affected: All	Key Decision: Key	
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Executive Summary

Every Health and Wellbeing Board has the responsibility to produce a Joint Strategic Needs Assessment for their area, which should give a comprehensive overview of the current and future health and care needs of local populations to inform and guide the planning and commissioning of health, wellbeing and social care services. This paper aims to update the Health and Wellbeing Board with the progress of the new JSNA process, and to request approval for the drafts of the Children and Young People's and Demography documents.

1. Recommendation(s)

- 1.1 Supporting the key recommendations and priorities identified in the documents**
- 1.2 Approving the Children and Young People's and Demography JSNA documents for publication**
- 1.3 Commit to supporting the process required to maintain future JSNAs**

2. Introduction and Background

- 2.1 Since 2013 it has been the responsibility of every Health and Wellbeing Board to produce a Joint Strategic Needs Assessment for their area to provide a comprehensive overview of the current health and wellbeing of their population, form an evidence base for future commissioning priorities, and inform a Health and Wellbeing Strategy. Within Thurrock, the Health and

Wellbeing Board have delegated this responsibility to the Public Health team to coordinate.

- 2.2 The current JSNA in place for Thurrock was published in 2012, and is available here (<https://www.thurrock.gov.uk/healthy-living/joint-strategic-needs-assessment>). This document provides an overarching view of the whole population, and is very data-focussed. A proposal for the new JSNA which was agreed by Directors Board in January 2014 was to produce separate JSNA documents for key population groups or topic areas, which together would form a comprehensive overview, but could stand alone and give more detailed information about current services and needs. The documents would also have more focus on what we are doing locally already to address needs, and move further towards an asset approach. In particular, the considerable regeneration and population growth that Thurrock has begun and will continue to experience will lead to a number of benefits, opportunities and challenges, and it is hoped that the JSNA documents will support commissioners and decision-makers in identifying and meeting future needs. A timeline was agreed to enable these documents to be produced in a staged process between 2014-2016.
- 2.3 Whilst each JSNA document is project-managed and collated from within the Public Health team, each document has been and will be produced with contributions from a range of internal and external partners in order to ensure the accuracy and usefulness of the information. Focussed Task and Finish groups have been established to ensure the right people are involved in producing the documents and submitting recommendations for consideration when making commissioning decisions.
- 2.4 As per the agreed timescales, a JSNA on the Demography of the Thurrock population was the first to be produced. The aim of this document is to give an overview of the characteristics of the local population, including where there might be differences within the borough, in order to underpin the other JSNA documents which will focus on key groups.
- 2.5 The second JSNA document to be produced has focussed solely on the needs of Children and Young People in Thurrock. The Task and Finish group agreed that it should follow the structure determined by Every Child Matters, in order to fully cover the needs of our Child population.
- 2.6 The plan is for JSNAs on the Wider Determinants of Health, Adults and Older People, and Assets to be produced in 2015.
- 2.7 It is recognised that it will require a large amount of capacity and resource to maintain and produce JSNA documents to constantly ensure we have got the most current information available. There is the potential to include the JSNA as part of the work of the Thurrock Digital Board in order for future JSNAs to be more accessible and easier to maintain. Work is in process to explore this opportunity in time for the updates to all documents.

- 2.8 Support will be required in order to ensure the information presented in this document remains current in the future. Whilst this process could be coordinated within the Public Health team, support would be required from various partners to ensure that the latest data is provided to keep each section up to date. This approach has been supported by Children's Partnership Board and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

3. Issues, Options and Analysis of Options

- 3.1 The options identified for consideration by the Health and Wellbeing Board are:

- **Do nothing** – this gives no commitment to approving the two draft JSNA documents or the future approach to JSNAs. However this carries a risk that Thurrock would not be meeting its responsibilities to maintain a JSNA that provides a current overview of the population and their needs. It will also mean that the current Thurrock JSNA produced in 2012 will become further and further out of date and therefore less meaningful.
- **Give formal approval to the publication of the Children and Young People's and Demography JSNA documents, but give no further support to the future process for maintaining JSNAs electronically** – this would enable a current overview of the key demography of Thurrock and a separate comprehensive picture of the Children and Young People to be known now, but run the risk of future JSNAs becoming dated more quickly.
- **Give formal approval to the publication of the Children and Young People's and Demography JSNA documents, and give support to the future process for maintaining JSNA electronically** - this would enable a current overview of the key demography of Thurrock and a separate comprehensive picture of the Children and Young People to be known now, and facilitate the process of maintaining JSNAs in the future.

4. Reasons for Recommendation

- 4.1 The preferred option for the Health and Wellbeing Board is to approve the two documents and give support to the future process for maintaining JSNA documents electronically. This is preferred in order to ensure the information in the documents is still current when they are published, and to facilitate the process of maintaining JSNAs in the future.
- 4.2 If these documents are not published, there is a risk that Thurrock will not meet its responsibilities to maintain a JSNA that provides a current overview of the population and their needs.

5. Consultation (including Overview and Scrutiny, if applicable)

- 5.1 These documents were completed in collaboration with a wide range of partners. Regular updates on progress were provided to the Public Health Strategy Board and the JSNA Delivery Group, both of which have a range of internal and external members. The multi-agency Children's Partnership Board gave their approval and support to the Children and Young People's JSNA document on 12th January 2015.
- 5.2 An update on the progress of the JSNA process, including the proposed future process, was presented at Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 13th January 2015. Members were supportive of the way in which the documents have been developed, and the future JSNA process.

6. Impact on corporate policies, priorities, performance and community impact

- 6.1 Publication of both JSNA documents will ensure the priorities and recommendations set forth can be used to effectively underpin and support commissioning decisions in the future.
- 6.2 The proposed future digital approach should invite stakeholders and residents to feel confident that information from these JSNAs is current and accurate, and gives a good understanding of the needs and priorities for our local population.

7. Implications

7.1 Financial

Implications verified by: **Mike Jones**
Finance Officer

There are no implications currently – But in the future the JSNA could have future financial implications to commissioners both in health and social care.

7.2 Legal

Implications verified by: **Dawn Pelle**
Adult Care Lawyer

There are no legal implications for the following reasons:

The report sets out the options to be considered by the HWBB and the ones chosen to give an overview of the current demography and to allow for the process of maintaining future JSNAs.

7.3 **Diversity and Equality**

Implications verified by: **Natalie Warren**
Communities and Diversity Manager

The JSNA captures robust up-to-date details around diversity and equality and should inform commissioners and members of the current position locally.

7.4 **Other implications** (where significant) – i.e. Staff, Health, Sustainability, Crime and Disorder)

None

8. **Background papers used in preparing the report** (including their location on the Council's website or identification whether any are exempt or protected by copyright):

- Demography JSNA
- Children and Young People's JSNA

9. **Appendices to the report**

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