

REPORT TO: Health and Wellbeing Board

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REPORTING OFFICER: Director of Public Health, Halton Borough Council

PORTFOLIO: Health and Wellbeing

SUBJECT: Older People's JSNA

WARD(S) Borough-wide

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 To provide members of the Board with an update on the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment.

2.0 RECOMMENDED: That the Board notes the findings of the Older People's JSNA

3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 3.1 Following the JSNA's focus on Children in 2013/14 and Lifestyles and Long Term Conditions in 2014/5, the 2015/16 JSNA focussed on the Health, Wellbeing and Social care needs of older people i.e. those people aged 65 and over.
- 3.2 A multi-agency steering group was established in July 2015 to oversee the development of the JSNA. Early discussions focussed on the structure and issues to be covered. As per the Children's JSNA a number of inter-related but stand-alone chapters were agreed. These would cover descriptions of the population, lifestyle behaviours, support needs to maintain independent living as well as chapters on the needs of older people living in care homes, safeguarding and end of life care. The final two chapters would not be exclusively older people, although they recognised that many people with such needs are aged 65 and over.
- 3.3 The steering group membership was drawn from:
- Halton Borough Council, both Adult Social Care and Public Health
 - Halton Safeguarding Adults Board
 - NHS Halton CCG
 - Health Watch
 - Age UK Mid-Mersey
 - Halton OPEN (Older People's Empowerment Network)

- Halton & St Helens Council for Voluntary Services

In addition to those who were part of the steering group, staff from these organisations and from existing partnership groups enabled leads to utilise the expert knowledge of the relevant topic. Where there were existing partnership groups, draft chapters were shared and the group asked to sign off the chapter. This ensured ownership and increased the likelihood the issues covered were of relevance and used to inform decision-making.

3.4 Chapters covered are:

- Chapter 1:** Background, methods and key findings
- Chapter 2:** Population, social, economic and living circumstances
- Chapter 3:** Overall health and wellbeing of older people
- Chapter 4:** Lifestyles and prevention of ill health
- Chapter 5:** Ill health, frailty, unplanned care and support to live independently
- Chapter 6:** Mental health and emotional wellbeing
- Chapter 7:** Dementia
- Chapter 8:** Adult Safeguarding
- Chapter 9:** Health and wellbeing of older people living in care homes
- Chapter 10:** End of Life Care

Several of these have broken new ground for Halton and we are one of the few areas nationally to cover Adult Safeguarding and the health needs of people living in care homes.

All chapters were completed by September 2016 and are available on the JSNA webpage at:

<http://www4.halton.gov.uk/Pages/health/JSNA.aspx>

- 3.5 Each chapter encompassed a rich, detailed dataset as well as details of local service provision and lists of NICE and other national guidance on evidence-based practice. Each chapter includes a set of key issues which are also listed in Chapter 1 (see Appendix A). To aid use with and by a wider range of organisations and groups 'Infographics' are being developed. (see Appendix B) and a full suite will be made available on the JSNA webpage, covering all chapters.
- 3.6 We know that Halton has traditionally had a population structure with a greater proportion in the younger and working age groups. This is changing and Halton's population is aging at a slightly faster rate than nationally. Halton's older population overall tend to be poorer and have worse health than their counterparts in the North West or England average. Life expectancy is lower as is healthy life expectancy. Yet, like elsewhere, older people in Halton make significant contributions to the local economy and to their communities.

3.7. Nevertheless, older people make up a greater proportion of GP consultations and hospital admissions than those under age 65. This is compounded by Halton over 65s having poorer overall health than nationally. Halton has been very successful in keeping people living in their own homes and has lower rates of admissions to care homes than nationally. However, as the number of older people is predicted to rise (and the number of working age people to fall) this will place an increasing strain on the health and social care system if current patterns and levels of use remain.

3.8 There are gaps in our knowledge base and these also have been highlighted in the relevant chapters and in the key findings. These especially relate to our understanding of the population-level needs of people living in care homes in the borough. This has elicited several new work streams.

4.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

4.1 The Older People's JSNA will inform collaborative action for the Council, NHS, Social Care, Public Health and other key partners as appropriate.

5.0 OTHER/FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 No additional funding required. However the JSNA will inform future activity and spending across the system.

6.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL'S PRIORITIES

6.1 Children & Young People in Halton

Not relevant

6.2 Employment, Learning & Skills in Halton

The above priority is a key determinant of health. Therefore improving outcomes in this area will have an impact on improving the health of Halton residents.

6.3 A Healthy Halton

All issues outlined in this report focus directly on this priority.

6.4 A Safer Halton

Reducing the incidence of crime, improving Community Safety and reducing the fear of crime have an impact on health outcomes particularly on mental health.

6.5 Halton's Urban Renewal

The environment in which we live and the physical infrastructure of our communities has a direct impact on our health and wellbeing.

7.0 RISK ANALYSIS

- 7.1 Developing the Older People's JSNA does not present any obvious risk however, there may be risks associated with action to address the findings. These will be assessed as appropriate.

8.0 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES

- 8.1 This is in line with all equality and diversity issues in Halton.

9.0 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS UNDER SECTION 100D OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

Appendix A: Older People's JSNA Summary Chapter

Appendix B: Older People's JSNA Summary Infographic

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