

**North Yorkshire Strategic Partnership - Executive**

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**North Yorkshire's Joint Strategic Needs Assessment 2008-11**

**1 Purpose of the report**

- 1.1 To present the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA).

**2 Introduction**

- 2.1 The Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act (2007) introduced a duty to produce a JSNA from April 2008 for all upper tier local authorities and primary care trusts. The background to this includes policies to strengthen communities, to improve commissioning and to invest to improve health.
- 2.2 The JSNA is a shared responsibility between the Director of Adult Social Services, the Director of Children's Services and the Director of Public Health. It is built around three elements: data, public voice, and evidence of effectiveness. The purpose of the JSNA is to give the "big picture" of health and wellbeing and identify groups whose needs are not being met, to inform joint commissioning. The intention is that JSNAs will influence Sustainable Community Strategies and Local Area Agreements.

**3 North Yorkshire's JSNA**

- 3.1 Development of the JSNA was overseen by a steering group with representatives from North Yorkshire County Council, NHS North Yorkshire and York, District Councils and the Voluntary and Community Sector.
- 3.2 The JSNA is structured around 6 outcomes which were developed by aligning the separate outcomes frameworks for health, adults and children. These are:
- Being healthy
  - Being safe
  - Quality of life
  - Making a positive contribution
  - Economic Wellbeing
  - Access to high quality services
- 3.3 Public voice is a central element of our JNSA. Existing consultation has been used, along with information from specially held events in libraries across the county.

**4**     **Where to find the JSNA**

- 4.1     Both the full JSNA and an Executive Summary containing headline messages are available at [www.northyorks.gov.uk/jsna](http://www.northyorks.gov.uk/jsna). A number of hard copies will be available at the meeting.

**5**     **Next steps**

- 5.1     If the JSNA is going to make a difference it needs be used. Each chapter has space for a commissioners' response. The JSNA is already informing many pieces of work across the county such as commissioning plans and local Sustainable Community Strategies.
- 5.2     Although the JSNA was a county-level requirement, we intend to produce district level summaries to ensure that local messages are drawn out. We hope this work will complement the community profiling work which is already underway.
- 5.3     We need to establish a continuous process of feedback and learning which will inform the next JSNA. We would welcome comments about what is helpful and what is missing. We are especially keen to improve our knowledge of evidence around what works for the next JSNA.

**6**     **Recommendation**

- 6.1     That the NYSP Executive explore and use the JSNA to improve joint commissioning in North Yorkshire.

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