

MEETING:	Islington Health Scrutiny
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TITLE:	Update on Islington's Joint strategic needs assessment (JSNA)
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SUMMARY:

Joint Strategic Needs Assessments (JSNAs) are local assessments of current and future health and care needs, and should be produced through a continuous process of strategic assessment and planning. Their outputs, in the form of evidence and the analysis of needs, should be used to help determine what actions local authorities, the local NHS and other partners need to take to improve the health and wellbeing of the local population and reduce inequalities.

Local authorities and Clinical Commissioning Groups share an equal and explicit duty, through their local Health and Wellbeing Board, to prepare Joint Strategic Needs Assessments (JSNAs). Local areas are free to undertake JSNAs in a way best suited to their local circumstances – there is no template or format that must be used and no mandatory datasets to be included. The guidance makes it clear that the JSNA should be seen as an evolving process of understanding local needs and informing priorities, rather than a document to be produced at a single point in time.

Islington's JSNA consists of a series of factsheets that are hosted on the Islington evidence hub (see: <http://evidencehub.islington.gov/Pages/HomePage.aspx>). In 2015 all factsheets on the evidence hub were reviewed and updated and a high level executive summary of the JSNA, supported by more in-depth profiles and analysis, was produced. This executive summary, which is appended to this report, draws together the key messages from the intelligence gathered to date.

Going forwards, the JSNA will be updated on a rolling cycle, to ensure all factsheets are updated at least every three years, or sooner if one or more of the following triggers is met:-

- Significant policy change occurs in a particular area/topic, either nationally or locally, requiring a new needs assessment;
- Significant new intelligence and evidence, including data, emerges that requires consideration of more or different intervention(s);
- Significant service developments are proposed or implemented.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

The Health Scrutiny Committee is asked to:

- *Note and comment on Islington's JSNA executive summary and the process for its future development.*