

WEST NORTHAMPTONSHIRE HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

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Report Title	Summary Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA)
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1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1. The purpose of the Summary Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) is to bring together and summarise existing published needs assessments and reports to provide a summary overview of health and wellbeing needs and determinants in the county.
- 1.2. This summary overview will be used by the Northamptonshire Integrated Care Partnership (ICP) Strategy Development Board to inform the first iteration of the Northamptonshire Integrated Care Strategy, of which a first draft is expected to be published in December 2022.

2. Executive Summary

- 2.1 This summary JSNA identifies, alongside some of the great strengths of Northamptonshire, some of the significant challenges we face as a system in improving and narrowing the gap in health and wellbeing.

- 2.2 There remain significant inequalities in life expectancy due to socioeconomic deprivation, as well as inequalities for certain communities of interest. While we have relatively good data on, for example, the gap in life expectancy for adults with learning disabilities, there is a dearth of data and evidence on experiences and outcomes for some of our other communities.
- 2.3 Northamptonshire's population is growing at a rate faster to England but follows the national trend of our population ageing.
- 2.4 Northamptonshire benefits from high employment levels and a beautiful rural setting but many in our communities face the same challenges affecting people nationally around poverty (including food poverty and fuel poverty), a lack of affordable housing, and crime and safety in our neighbourhoods as well as issues such as a lack of access to green space. These all have a significant impact on the health of our children, young people, and adults alike and affect our ability to be able to engage in healthy behaviours like eating well, moving more, sleeping well, drinking less alcohol and stopping smoking.
- 2.5 The conditions that cause the greatest burden of ill-health and early deaths to the people of Northamptonshire are cancers, heart disease, chronic lung disease, musculoskeletal disease, and poor mental health. While rate of death and disability due to these conditions may be similar in scale to the national average, the volume of hospital care required is significantly higher than the national average suggesting that the county is much better at treating these conditions when they cause problems, than preventing them.

3. Recommendations

- 3.1 For Health and Wellbeing Board to approve the ICP Summary JSNA for publication.

4. Report Background

- 4.1 The Health and Social Care Act 2012 introduced Health and Wellbeing Boards (HWBs), which became operational on 1 April 2013 in all 152 local authorities with social care and public health responsibilities.
- 4.2 Since then, the Health and Care Act 2022, which received Royal Assent in April 2022, looks to enable greater integration between partners across the health (which includes physical and mental health) and social care sector. This includes collaboration between partners who can address the wider determinants of health.
- 4.3 HWBs continue to be responsible for assessing the health and wellbeing needs of the area and publishing a JSNA.
- 4.4 JSNAs and Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategies are the vehicles for ensuring that the needs, and the local determinants of health of the local population are identified and agreed. The JSNA provides the evidence base for the health and wellbeing needs of the local population and should be kept up to date.

5. Issues and Choices

- 5.1 The Summary JSNA identifies key issues in addressing health and wellbeing in Northamptonshire.

6. Implications (including financial implications)

6.1 Resources and Financial

- 6.1.1 The Summary JSNA itself does not directly have financial/budget implications but instead should set our priorities to shape future budget setting across the system.

6.2 Legal

- 6.2.1 The delivery of a JSNA is the statutory duty of the Health and Wellbeing Board. When the integrated care partnership receives a new JSNA from a HWB, it must consider refreshing the integrated care strategy.

6.3 Risk

- 6.3.1 There are no significant risks arising from the proposed recommendations to publish the Summary JSNA.

6.4 Consultation

- 6.4.1 This document is a summary that draws on existing published needs assessments and public health profiles and therefore draws on consultation conducted as part of their development.
- 6.4.2 However, there is in development an insights pack that summarises recent local public engagement findings that is intended to be presented alongside this data pack.

6.5 Consideration by Overview and Scrutiny

- 6.5.1 The report has not yet been presented to Overview and Scrutiny.

6.6 Climate Impact

- 6.6.1 As the most pressing public health threat this century, this Summary JSNA notes climate change as a key health and wellbeing priority for the people of Northamptonshire.

6.7 Community Impact

- 6.7.1 This report considers the health and wellbeing of both North and West Northamptonshire.

7. Background Papers

- 7.1 Public Health Profiles
<https://fingertips.phe.org.uk/>

7.2 Northamptonshire Joint Strategic Needs Assessments

<https://www.westnorthyants.gov.uk/health-leisure-and-parks/northamptonshire-jsna>