1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1.1 The production of the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) is a statutory duty of the Health & Wellbeing Board (HWB) along with the Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) and the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy (JHWS).

1.2 The purpose of the JSNA and the JHWS is to improve the health and wellbeing outcomes of the local community and reduce inequalities for all ages.

1.3 Following a 3 year programme the JSNA process has been reconsidered to support the development of the JSNA so it is fit for purpose.

1.4 A workshop has been held to establish with JSNA users, what the JSNA is currently used for and what is required in the future. The feedback from the workshop along with ongoing discussions and feedback throughout the cycle have allowed the development of a proposal for the JSNA that contains three elements.

1.5 The first element of the proposed process would be to expand the range of data that is currently available via the Intelligence Observatory website, utilising nationally published datasets. This element would be supplemented with local datasets, generally in a tabular form, for extraction within each theme area. Themes are outlined in Section 4.7. The intention would be that relevant data relating to the needs around particular issues or groups in Cumbria is available in an accessible format wherever possible.

1.6 The second element would be to provide links to all data already aggregated and available for consideration with benchmarking in national or local tools, including links to briefings/summaries produced for other arenas. This ensures the JSNA is not encouraging duplication and is utilising the wealth of tools readily available, particularly from Public Health England. These two elements would provide a comprehensive range of information for self-serve usage.

1.7 The final proposed component is for the HWB to be able to commission additional deep dive needs analysis to meet their requirements; this would provide flexibility and would allow the analysis to be appropriate to the board’s requirements on a particular issue or need, enabling the
development of information into intelligence, building on the data and tools readily available. This would provide an opportunity for relevant stakeholders to be involved in developing an appropriate deep dive analysis within a defined scope. It is expected that no more than 2 deep dive analyses would be completed in any 12 month period.

1.8 This proposal maintains a continuous process approach to the JSNA whilst ensuring the process is sustainable and efficient across partners.

2.0 **LINKS TO THE HEALTH AND WELLBEING STRATEGY**

2.1 The Health and Social Care Act 2012 amended the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 to introduce duties and powers for HWBs in relation to JSNAs and JHWS. Health and Wellbeing Boards are also required to undertake Pharmaceutical Needs Assessments (PNAs) following Section 128A of the NHS Act 2006, as amended by Section 206 of the 2012 Act.

2.2 The JSNA is important in the development and monitoring of the HWB strategy. The JSNA is essential to developing strategy and priorities for Cumbria; it is therefore important that plans for the JSNA process are robust and well considered.

3.0 **RECOMMENDATION**

3.1 That the Board agree the JSNA process proposed.

4.0 **BACKGROUND**

4.1 The production of the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) is a statutory duty of the Health & Wellbeing Board (HWB) along with the Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) and the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy (JHWS).

4.2 The purpose of the JSNA and the JHWS is to improve the health and wellbeing outcomes of the local community and reduce inequalities for all ages.

4.3 Within the current 3 year JSNA programme, a topic based output has been produced quarterly to build a suite of products. An overview document has been produced every 18 months detailing the overarching key information and key changes within Cumbria.

4.4 The topic documents that have been produced are very lengthy in order to cover all relevant aspects of the topic, and although there is feedback to try to make the documents and information manageable there are frequent requests to include more information. Current analysis does not meet all requirements and analysis is not dynamic or timely.

4.5 The proposed new process is to support the intention to ensure that relevant data relating to the needs around particular issues or groups in Cumbria is available in an accessible format wherever possible.
4.6 The proposed process would mean data being available in a form for people to utilise via the Intelligence Observatory website, utilising nationally published datasets, supplemented with local datasets and a tabular form for data extraction within each theme area.

4.7 The themes within the observatory are:
   - Population
   - Children & young people
   - Health and Social Care
   - Housing
   - Crime & community safety
   - Deprivation
   - Economy & Employment
   - Environment

4.8 There is also an intention to provide links to all data already aggregated and available for consideration with benchmarking in national or local tools. This provides a wealth of information for self-serve usage.

4.9 The final component proposed is the commission of deep dive analysis by the HWB where they would require additional needs analysis based on their requirements. This would allow the development of information into intelligence, building on the data and tools readily available. This would also provide opportunity for relevant stakeholders to be involved in developing an appropriate deep dive analysis within a defined scope. It is expected that no more than 2 deep dive analyses would be completed in a year.

4.10 The local authority works with all partners to produce the JSNA and it is envisaged that the local authority would publish the JSNA relevant information via the Cumbria Intelligence Observatory website.

Colin Cox
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APPENDICES

None

BACKGROUND PAPERS

No background papers.

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