

## Health and Wellbeing Board

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### Strengthening the next Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) for Walsall.

#### 1. Purpose

- 1.1 It has been recognised that the Walsall Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) information was updated and reported to Health & Wellbeing Board only 9 months ago in December 2013. It is therefore felt that this aspect of the JSNA need not be reported to the HWB until next year. However, the data is constantly being updated as new information becomes available.
- 1.2 The current JSNA process now needs to be strengthened in two main areas:
  - evidence base.
  - quality
- 1.3 The purpose of this paper is to suggest how we can strengthen the JSNA process in Walsall in both these areas.

#### 2.1 Recommendations

- 2.1.1 The Health and Wellbeing Board is asked to note and approve the suggested content for future JSNAs.
- 2.1.2 The Health and Wellbeing Board is asked to approve the suggested process for strengthening the evidence base and quality agenda

#### 3. Report detail

##### 3.1 How do we strengthen the evidence base in the JSNA?

3.1.1 We will ensure that there is:

- a section on *research/evidence of what works* within each topic of the main JSNA document. This will be introduced over 14/15
- A mandatory element on *research/evidence of what works* within each JSNA needs assessment or within an identified chosen “wicked issue”.

3.1.2 We will do this by ensuring that the following information is included in the JSNA or “wicked issue” report.

- Good practice both local and national
- A literature review in the topic area.
- Links/mapping to National Institute of Clinical Excellence (NICE) guidance and Quality Standards
- Links to any other research networks such as Child and Maternal Health Intelligence Network and Social Care Research.

### **3.2 How do we strengthen the Quality Agenda in the JSNA?**

3.2.3 We need to improve feedback from the public, service users and other stakeholders and consult on the JSNA and Health & Wellbeing Strategy priorities by:

- Using our engagement / involvement groups (i.e. Healthwatch Walsall, My NHS Walsall, Over 50's Forum etc) to consult.
- Ensure that the section on user feedback or public voice section is mandatory in each wicked issue or needs assessment.
- Use the existing network of Area Partnerships to gain feedback on local priorities
- Use survey monkey on an ongoing basis
- Ensure that surveys undertaken by Walsall Council and NHS are fed back to the relevant directorates and HWB champions to inform the JSNA – for example the 2012 Lifestyle Survey and the Children & Young People TellUs Survey.

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