

Health and Wellbeing Board

3 December 2018

Refresh of 'The Walsall Plan: Our Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2017-2020'

1. Purpose

To inform members of Health and Wellbeing Board (HWBB) of proposals to refresh the Walsall Plan: 'Our Health and Wellbeing Strategy' with the aim being to agree a smaller number of more focused priorities.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 That members note and approve emerging plans for developing a refresh of the Walsall Plan to be in place by February 2019.
- 2.2 That members note that a further report will be presented at the January 2019 meeting of the HWWB which will set out the agreed priorities.

3. Report detail

- 3.1 The current Walsall Plan: Our Health and Wellbeing Strategy (2017 to 2020) has 31 priorities across a range of 7 partnership groups (of which 1 has now been disbanded).

Key issues identified include:

- Too many priorities making it difficult to capture progress against them
- Priorities have not necessarily been 'owned' across the system as whole
- Partners lacking clarity on what the Walsall Plan is
- Lack of governance and accountability in delivery of the Plan

A refresh of the Walsall Plan is needed to address the issues above.

- 3.2 Health and Wellbeing Boards (HWBBs) have a statutory duty to ensure they have a Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) and Health and Wellbeing Strategy, known locally as the Walsall Plan, in place. These are used to identify local priorities and develop local plans to improve the health and wellbeing of their population and reduce health inequalities.
- 3.3 The Walsall JSNA follows the 'Marmot life course approach' in terms of structure, with the following themes:

- Health and wellbeing
- Give every child the best start in life
- Enable children & young people to maximise their capabilities (transition to adulthood)
- My money, my home, my job
- Creating and developing sustainable places and communities
- Improving physical health & mental wellbeing through healthy lifestyles
- Reducing the burden of preventable disease, disability & death
- Healthy ageing & independent living

3.3.1 The JSNA is an iterative process and there are a number of strands. To assist with this, all related JSNA material is available via the newly developed **‘Walsall Insight Website’**, within which there is a designated JSNA page (Figure 1) - [Walsall Insight Website - JSNA Page](#)

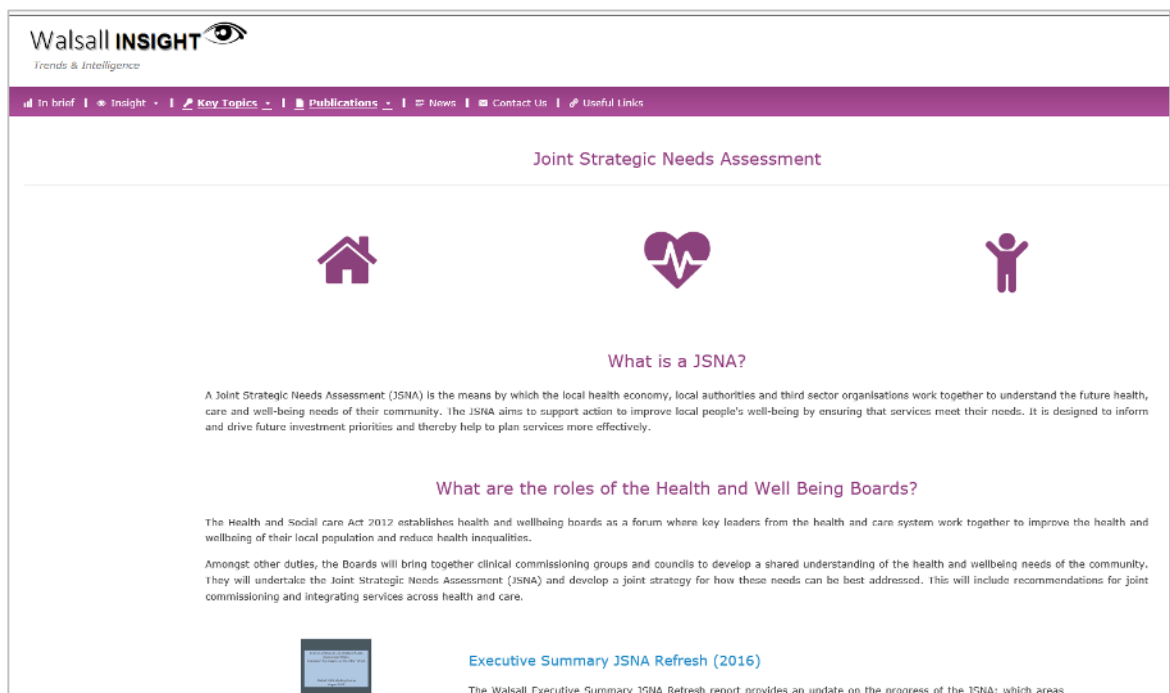


Figure 1 – JSNA page on Walsall Insight Website

Past and present JSNA material is accessible and this website is actively being used to enhance content to ensure it is fit for purpose and is as up to date as it can be.

3.3.2 The core dataset briefings will be updated using a dashboard template (see Figure 2)



Figure 2 – JSNA core dataset briefing template

3.3.3 Following a refresh of the data available, the current priorities are being reviewed using the JSNA Decision Tree in Figure 3.

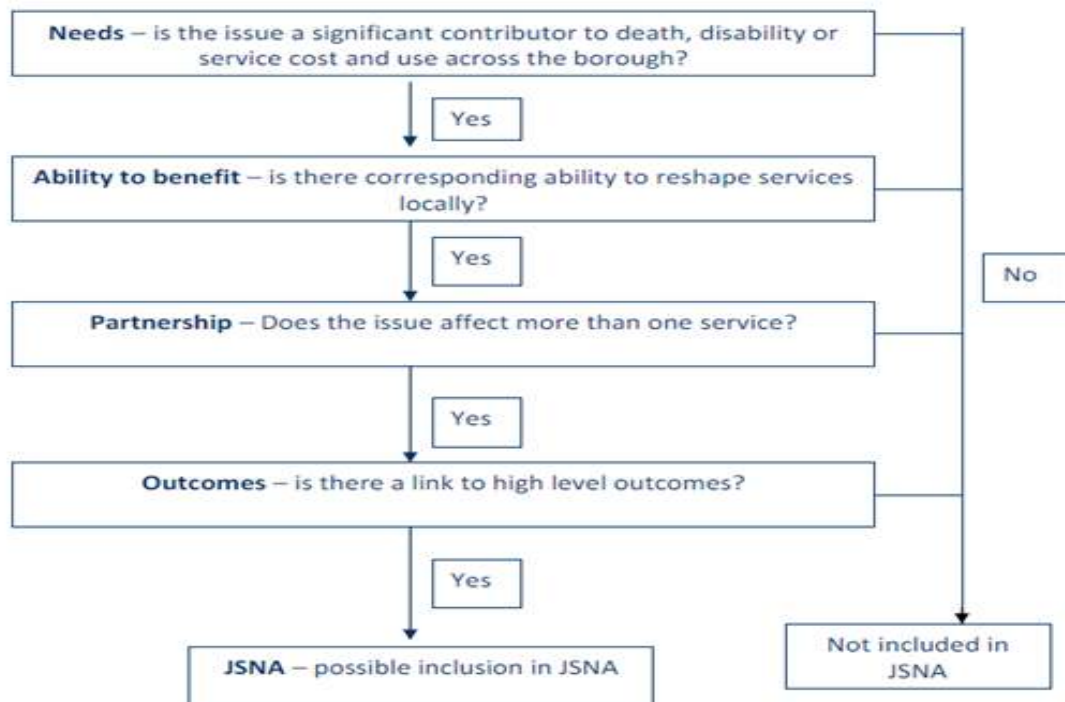
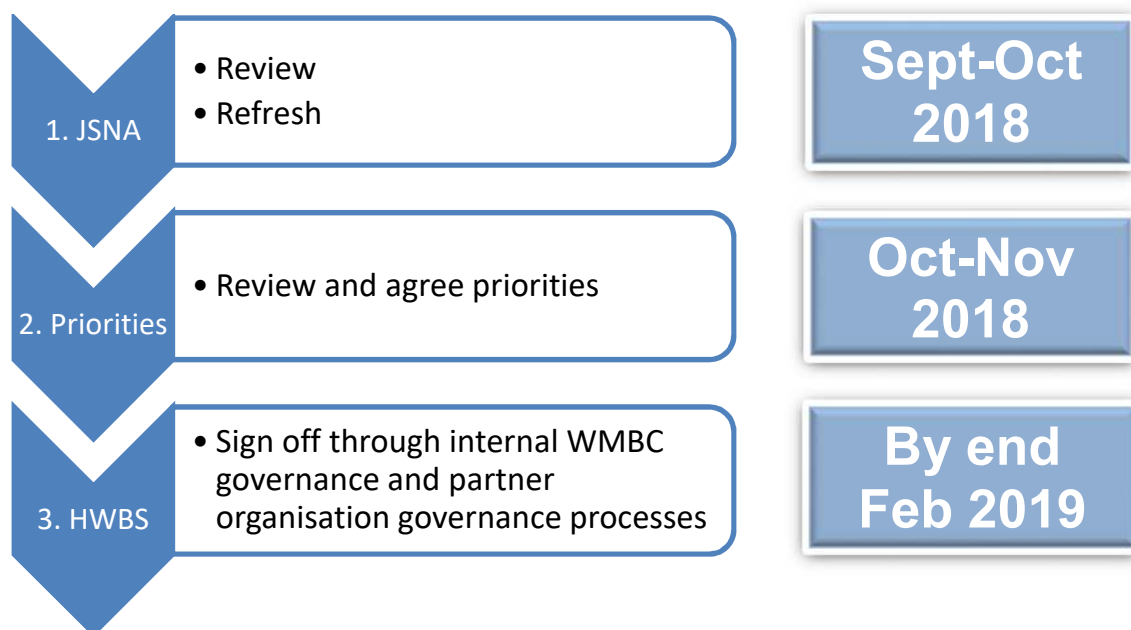


Figure 3 - JSNA Decision Tree (modified from Birmingham Health and wellbeing Partnership)

3.4 The Walsall Plan: 'Our Health and Wellbeing Strategy' will be refreshed with the aim being to agree a smaller number of more focused priorities that are:

- Focused
- Achievable
- Measurable
- Tangible to allow delivery within a 12 month time frame
- Cross cutting to allow partner organisations to contribute and have an impact

This will involve the following key stages:



Current discussions with partners and stakeholders have started to consider priorities which focus on:

- Prevention of violence
- Getting Walsall on the move
- Development of the Town Centre

These will further be discussed on 21st November at a HWBB workshop with interested stakeholders, and feedback provided to the HWBB on 3rd December 2018.

3.5 Discussions around governance have focussed on the need to ensure accountability is clear, and that there is a simple process to measure progress against the refreshed Walsall Plan. A possible governance framework has been discussed whereby the work of the Walsall Plan is achieved through three boards – HWBB, Walsall Economic Board and Safer Walsall Partnership. The possibility of the HWBB being the lead board to ensure progress is being made towards the achieving the Walsall Plan is a current idea being explored.

4. Implications for Joint Working arrangements

Good joint working arrangements are crucial in relation to Walsall's JSNA process and in delivering the Walsall Plan. The HWBB will need to provide the leadership required to overcome potential barriers to effective action.

5. Health and Wellbeing Priorities

HWBBs have a duty to ensure a Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) and Health and Wellbeing Strategy are in place. These are used to identify local priorities and develop local plans to improve the health and wellbeing of their population and reduce health inequalities.

Background papers

Link to JSNA material on the Walsall Insight Website - [Walsall JSNA](#)

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