
Welcome to the January 2012 edition of Bolton's Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) newsletter. Newsletters are being produced on a quarterly basis to keep you up to date with progress and opportunities to get involved.

JSNAs became a statutory duty of local authorities and primary care trusts from 2007. JSNA is a joint process between health and local government to identify the current and future health and wellbeing needs of the local population to inform local priorities and future service planning. It is the primary evidence base for the new Health & Wellbeing Board to support development of the Health & Wellbeing Strategy

This edition includes an update on the development of the JSNA website as well as the usual updates on 'what's new?' and 'what's next?'

Bolton's Health Matters website

The development of a new website to house the JSNA is progressing well and we should be ready to launch in the Spring. NHS Wirral Health Informatics have been commissioned to develop the 'Bolton's Health Matters' website which will not only house the summary JSNA material but importantly will also provide a one stop searchable knowledge hub for us to capture, share and disseminate all information, evidence and knowledge about the health and wellbeing needs of the Bolton population and the wider determinants of health. The success of the new website will be down to all of us working together across the partnerships in Bolton, sharing what we know about our population.

Whilst the development continues we need your help in beginning to populate the hub with relevant information items and documents. We welcome any information that you feel may be relevant including aggregated data, data analysis reports, survey reports, full needs assessments, consultation reports, summaries of best practice, maps of inequalities, performance reports etc. These items can be in any format e.g. Word documents, Excel spreadsheets, weblinks, pdf documents, videos etc. Please send any relevant material to michael.cook@bolton.nhs.uk who will help you to get the information onto the new site before the launch.


What's New?

Older People's Preventative Needs Assessment

The increases in the size of the elderly population, increased life expectancy and the changing picture of complex age related diseases bring unprecedented future levels of demand to health and social care services, during increasingly difficult financial times. For these reasons, it is imperative that effective preventative interventions for older people are delivered to the right people, at the right time and in the most appropriate way. The work to develop Bolton's Targeted Prevention Commissioning Strategy highlighted gaps in our understanding of both the levels of need for preventative interventions in Bolton and also the types of older people with the greatest need. To address this gap in our knowledge, a multi-agency needs assessment is being carried comprising:

- A literature review
- A geodemographic segmentation analysis to create an Index of Potential Care Need
- Qualitative research to understand the needs of key population groups and to develop an appreciation of potential assets that could help older people to remain as independent as possible for as long as possible.

Reports are now available via the JSNA website for the literature review and Index of Potential Care Need. More detailed information can be made available at postcode level on request and work is ongoing to assess whether preventative services are being used by those who are most vulnerable. The qualitative



research is due to be commissioned shortly. For further information or to express an interest in getting involved in this work please contact Melanie Carr on 01204 336244 or melanie.carr@bolton.gov.uk.

Housing Needs Assessment

Strategic Housing Services has completed the Housing Needs and Market Assessment for 2011. This is carried out every five years to establish an up-to-date and comprehensive understanding of housing needs across all tenures and client groups. A key part of the assessment is collecting local housing need data. In order to establish the level of housing need, it is necessary to determine through primary research the demographics, financial circumstances, living arrangements and future aspirations of our population. Housing market conditions, for example house prices and interest rates, are also considered to understand affordability and specifically, whether households can afford appropriate housing within market housing (home ownership, private rented). The housing market and level of housing need are influenced by many factors such as economic performance and migration which are also considered in the assessment. Once the assessment is complete, it is used to underpin numerous policies inside the Council and amongst our partners. The report is now available via the JSNA website. Contact Clare Gore on 01204 332826 or clare.gore@bolton.gov.uk for more information.

Drugs & Alcohol Needs Assessment

The Drug and Alcohol Strategy and Commissioning Team conduct an annual needs assessment; this has been to inform yearly cyclical treatment planning and was part of the requirement placed on local Partnerships by the National Treatment Agency in order to receive the funding award for the area. This funding has been intended for drug treatment only and more specifically to focus on the treatment of heroin and/or crack cocaine users – this was due to the link between class A drug misuse and acquisitive crime. As such Bolton's needs assessment has historically looked only at drug misuse (with an increasingly widening brief however over the last two years, on drugs other than just heroin/crack cocaine; for example, cannabis, cocaine and prescribed drug misuse).

The new National Drug Strategy was published in 2010; a strategy which for the first time included prescribed drugs, all illegal drugs and alcohol. This coupled with flexibilities afforded in the funding which the Partnership received for the start of 2011/12 - which meant new initiatives for targeting alcohol misusers through the police custody suite - have contributed this year to a combined Drugs and Alcohol needs assessment. Next year, 2012/13, the whole of the drug and alcohol treatment system is going out to tender and this year's needs assessment therefore was particularly important in identifying trends, changing patterns of use and areas of gaps in service provision.

The Needs Assessment report will shortly be available via the JSNA website. Contact Vicki Gould on 01204 337866 or victoria.gould@bolton.gov.uk for more information.

National General Practice Profiles

The National General Practice Profiles are designed to support GPs, clinical commissioning groups (CCGs) and PCTs to ensure they are providing and commissioning effective and appropriate healthcare services for their local population. They have recently been updated at <http://www.apho.org.uk/PRACPROF/>.

Other recent additions to the JSNA website

Health profiles

Local profiles on violence based on health service data and young people's lifestyles from North West Public Health Observatory. Also, 2011 Bolton Health Profile from Department of Health.

JSNA Core Dataset

Summary indicator sheets for education and housing have recently been added and others are being added as they become available.

What's next?

Chapter updates

We recognise that the 2009-10 JSNA chapters and summary are in need of updating. While the issues highlighted are still likely to be relevant there is a need to include the most up to date data and information. The Census 2011 data will be released from July 2012 and this will be an ideal time to update our JSNA summaries. As soon as a detailed timetable for the release of Census data is available we will plan our update. If you have any views on priorities for updates please let us know. Meanwhile, the JSNA core dataset will provide the most up to date information for key JSNA indicators.

Carers

There is a need to update the JSNA information on carers over the next few months in order to support updating of the Carers Strategy later this year. Kevin Durkin in Adult & Community Services will be leading on this and would welcome any suggestions for additional information that could be included. Please contact him on 01204 337763 or kevin.durkin@bolton.gov.uk.

JSNA Statutory guidance

The Department of Health published [JSNA and joint health and wellbeing strategies explained](#) in December 2011 to help the NHS, local government and emerging health and wellbeing boards to plan ahead of the publication of statutory guidance. It is clear from this document that the scope of the JSNA will broaden in future to include information on community assets as well as health and wellbeing needs. We will be attending a consultation event with the Department of Health on the JSNA guidance in February, ahead of publication and formal consultation following Royal Assent for the Health and Social Care Bill. We'll keep you informed of any impact of the statutory guidance on our approach to the JSNA.

Social Care Survey

The Statutory annual Social Care survey will be carried out between January and March 2012 with a representative sample of all social care users. The focus of the survey is on measuring quality of life outcomes for social care users. The results including comparisons with other local authority areas will be added to the JSNA website in due course. Please contact Melanie Carr on 01204 336244 or melanie.carr@bolton.gov.uk.

JSNA Survey

We'd like to thank those people who have already completed our JSNA survey. We have extended the survey period to allow more people to participate. When you've had a look at the current JSNA we'd welcome your suggestions on how you'd like it to develop and how we can involve a wider range of partners in future and would therefore be grateful if you could complete our short online questionnaire at <http://www.boltonvision.org.uk/PartnerSurvey/index.htm>.

We hope that you've found this newsletter useful. Please pass it on to anyone who may be interested. If you have any questions or need further information on the JSNA please email us.

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