

**TO: HEALTH OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL  
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**BRACKNELL FOREST JOINT STRATEGIC NEEDS ASSESSMENT REPORT  
Director of Adult Social Care, Health and Housing and  
Director of Public Health, NHS Berkshire East**

**1. SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to inform the Health Overview and Scrutiny Panel of the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) and to receive the Executive Summary of JSNA for 2011 set out as Annexe A. The statutory responsibility for the JSNA is a joint responsibility of the Director of Adult Social Care, Health and Housing, and Director of Public Health, together with the Director of Children's Services.
- 1.2 The development of the JSNA is a process that identifies the current and future health and well-being needs of the local population. It builds on work undertaken in both Health and the Council in relation to needs assessment pulling it together in one place. It is a snapshot of the needs of the local population. It signposts more detailed information that exists in determining either care group or partnership strategies.
- 1.3 The JSNA is not intended to set out the significant achievements that have been made in the Borough over recent years. The JSNA is an important source document for all of the various Partnership Boards and Scrutiny panels as they look at the outcomes the various strategies aim to achieve for the various parts of the population. In turn as evidence of need is developed throughout the year from the specific partnerships, it is anticipated that these will inform future JSNA development. This will include the any specific health and social care needs that relate to particular community groups, as this local knowledge is developed.
- 1.4 The Health Overview and Scrutiny Panel has set up a Working Group to look in detail at the JSNA and the emerging Health and Well Being Strategy. This has included a 2 hour workshop with Dr Angela Snowling (on behalf of the Director of Public Health) and the Director of Adult Social Care, Health and Housing so that members of the Working Group can spend more time looking at the issues this has raised for Bracknell Forest.
- 1.5 The Executive Summary is attached as Annexe A and will be accompanied by a short presentation on the key issues.
- 1.6 In future, since passing the Health and Social Care Bill, the production of the JSNA will be the responsibility of the Health and Wellbeing Board. There is a new statutory responsibility for Clinical Commissioning Groups in the joint development and implementation of the JSNA from 2013. In addition, their plans must be explicitly cognisant of the priorities in the JSNA and Health and Well Being Strategy which will be signed off by the National Commissioning Board.

**2. RECOMMENDATION**

- 2.1 **It is recommended that the Health Overview and Scrutiny Panel note the content of the Executive Summary.**

**3. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION**

- 3.1 The Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act (2007) places a duty on upper-tier authorities and Primary Care Trusts to undertake a Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA).

**4. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

- 4.1 N/A

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