

**Report to:** East Sussex Health and Wellbeing Board

**Date of meeting:** 14 December 2021

**By:** Director of Public Health

**Title:** East Sussex Joint Strategic Needs and Assets Assessment Update

**Purposes:** To present to the Health and Wellbeing Board an update on the Joint Strategic Needs and Assets Assessment for East Sussex and share plans for future developments.

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## RECOMMENDATIONS

**The Board is recommended to note the JSNAA update and endorse work planned for 2022/22 and into 2022/23**

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### 1. Background

1.1. The Joint Strategic Needs and Assets Assessment (JSNAA) programme was established in 2007 and reports on the health and wellbeing needs of the people of East Sussex. It brings together detailed information on local health and wellbeing needs to inform decisions about how we design, commission and deliver services to improve and protect health and reduce health inequalities. The JSNAA is an on-going, iterative process, led by Public Health within the County Council.

1.2. Since January 2012, all JSNAA work and resources have been placed on the [East Sussex JSNAA website](#) so that it provides a central resource of local and national information relevant to East Sussex.

1.3. Resources include local needs assessments, local briefings on specific topics, direct links to national tools containing local data, Director of Public Health Annual Reports and signposts to other useful resources such as [East Sussex in Figures](#).

### 2. Supporting information

#### 2020/21 developments

2.1. COVID-19 and the local response has meant that we have had to re-prioritise many aspects of work within the Public Health team. This meant that the Public Health Intelligence Team could not complete all the planned work on the JSNAA during 2020/21.

2.2. JSNAA work undertaken in the last year has included the production of the [Director of Public Health Annual Report 2020: a year of COVID](#), the [Children and Young People with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities \(SEND\) Needs Assessment](#) and the [Equality and Diversity Profile for East Sussex](#). There are also regular updates on COVID-19 for East Sussex, including [weekly monitoring reports](#) and the quarterly [More COVID Facts and Figures](#)

2.3. Unfortunately, it was not possible to move content onto the newly designed JSNAA website, but this is still planned for 2021/22 as some of the back-office functionality of the website is no longer supported.

#### 2021/22 and beyond

2.4. The JSNAA needs to evolve and develop to meet the needs and challenges in East Sussex. There have been significant changes both from a population perspective, as a result of the pandemic, but also as a result of an evolving health and care system in East Sussex. The JSNAA website also needs to develop alongside other resources, such as East Sussex in Figures, to make it easier for users to find the resources they need on population needs in East Sussex.

2.5. The following JSNAA developments are planned for 2021/22 and into 2022/23:

- Complete assessment of the JSNAA website against accessibility requirements which have been adopted since the design of the new site, and transfer relevant resources from the current site to the new website.
- Continue discussions with colleagues supporting East Sussex in Figures to ensure greater and easier integration of experience by users wanting to use data and intelligence for East Sussex. This may involve the combining of platforms in the future.
- Work with the East Sussex Health and Care Partnership to:
  - identify and agree the key strategic needs and assets within East Sussex
  - prioritise JSNAA resources required to support delivery of the aims and objectives of the East Sussex Health and Care Partnership Plan.
- Work is already underway to produce updated JSNAA summaries at District and Borough level as well as some specific resources for Primary Care Networks to support their work around Population Health Management and reducing health inequalities for their patients, focussing on early detection and management of cardiovascular disease and cancer.
- Work has also started on the Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment, which is due to be published by October 2022.

### **3. Conclusion and Reason for Recommendation**

3.1. The Health and Wellbeing Board is recommended to note and endorse the following future developments of the JSNAA

1. Moving of resources from current JSNAA site to the new one that has already been developed
2. Future integration of JSNAA resources with East Sussex in Figures
3. Development of work programme to support delivery of the East Sussex Health and Care Partnership Plan.

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