

**JOINT STRATEGIC NEEDS ASSESSMENT STRANDS FOR MIGRANT WORKERS
AND HOMELESS PEOPLE**

To: **Cabinet**

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Electoral division(s): **All**

Forward Plan ref: **Not applicable** *Key decision:* **No**

Purpose: **Cambridgeshire County Council and NHS Cambridgeshire have a statutory duty to work together to produce and update the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA). The purpose of this report is to present the two most recent strands of JSNA to Cabinet.**

These two JSNA strands cover the health and wellbeing needs of two population groups at risk of social exclusion - migrant workers and homeless people. Both JSNAs have been steered by multi-agency groups and have used data from a variety of agencies and sources. The executive summaries of the two JSNAs, as presented in Annexes A and B, will be incorporated into an updated phase 3 combined JSNA in December/ January 2009.

Cabinet is asked to comment on the executive summaries of the JSNA strands for migrant workers and homeless people as attached, and to approve their presentation to Cambridgeshire Together and/or its relevant Thematic Partnerships in order to agree joint action plans.

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1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 The Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act (2007) places a duty on upper tier local authorities and PCTs to undertake Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA). JSNA is a process that will identify the current and future health and wellbeing needs of a local population, informing the priorities and targets set by Local Area Agreements and leading to agreed commissioning priorities that will improve outcomes and reduce health inequalities.
- 1.2 The Joint Strategic Needs Assessment for Cambridgeshire: Phase 2 was published in November 2008. It provided an analysis of data to show the health and well-being of local communities and define where inequalities exist. It also included a section on community views, bringing together information on a number of consultations and surveys involving patients and the public.

2. MAIN ISSUES

- 2.1 At the time when JSNA phase 2 was completed, further population groups were identified which would benefit from a specific information collection and assessment of health and wellbeing needs in the Cambridgeshire context. These included:
- Migrant workers
 - Homeless people
- and a commitment was made to cover these groups JSNA work carried out in 2009.
- 2.2 Although led by NHS Cambridgeshire and the County Council, both the JSNA strands presented in this paper have had involvement from a range of stakeholders including District Councils and the voluntary sector, and have obtained data from multiple sources. District Council housing teams have been particularly closely involved in the JSNA strand for homeless people. JSNA documents which include this full range of data and information will be made available on www.cambridgeshire.nhs.uk 'public health' page,— and are available on request to Cabinet at this point. Annexes A and B provide an Executive Summary of each JSNA strand, which will be incorporated into a full JSNA Phase 3 document in December/January.
- 2.3 National guidance now makes clear that JSNAs should include recommendations as well as the provision of information. The JSNA strands in Annexes A and B therefore include recommendations for further action to address the health and wellbeing needs of the population groups concerned. These recommendations would need to be considered within current resource constraints.

3. SIGNIFICANT IMPLICATIONS

3.1 Resources and Performance

There is no immediate financial impact of the JSNA but the recommendations would need to be considered within current resource constraints. Several of the recommendations would not require new resources, but could lead to resources being used in a way which were more effective in meeting the needs of these population groups.

3.2 Statutory Requirements and Partnership Working

This work supports the statutory requirement for the County Council to work in partnership with NHS Cambridgeshire to assess the health and wellbeing needs of the local population through JSNA. This is one aspect of partnership working likely to be assessed through the Comprehensive Area Assessment (CAA) process.

3.3 Climate Change

There are no significant implications.

3.4 Access and Inclusion

This work will support the County Council in recognising diversity and promoting equality and social inclusion.

3.5 Engagement and Consultation

Preparation of these two strands of JSNA has involved close partnership working with a range of stakeholders.

Source Documents	Location
Joint Strategic Needs Assessment for Migrant Workers Joint Strategic Needs Assessment for the Homeless and those at risk of Homelessness	Public Health Directorate, NHS Cambridgeshire, Lockton House, Clarendon Road, Cambridge, CB2 8FH