

**UPDATE REPORT - NEW HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS AND THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT JOINT STRATEGIC NEEDS ASSESSMENT.**

To: Health and Wellbeing Board

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**1.0 PURPOSE**

1.1 This report is to update the Health and Wellbeing Board on the progress on actions arising from the New Communities Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) to date. The full JSNA can be found at <http://cambridgeshireinsight.org.uk/joint-strategic-needs-assessment/current-jsna-reports/new-housing-developments-and-built-environment>.

**2.0 BACKGROUND**

2.1 The Health and Wellbeing Board, at their meeting on 17 March 2015, approved the JSNA on "New Housing Development and the Built Environment". Since the JSNA was approved it has been available on the Cambridgeshire Insights Website and has been presented to numerous local, regional and national organisations.

**3.0 SUPPORTING PARAGRAPHS**

**3.1 Use and Impact of the JSNA**

**Cambridgeshire County Council**

The JSNA is being used a key reference document within each directorate in the production of council policy, particular within the Economy, Transport and Environment (ETE) directorate. The JSNA is also being used an evidence base for key responses of the Council to planning applications within the county.

The findings of the JSNA have been incorporated into the Supporting New Communities Strategy and is being used in the "Community Hubs" programme.

**District Councils**

The JSNA has been shared with the District and City Councils and briefing sessions have been given to Planning Policy Teams which are currently preparing their Local Plans, specifically:

- Support to Huntingdonshire District Council on the relevant health related policies which can be included within the Hunts DC Local Plan.
- Specific guidance on Health Impact Assessments (HIA) requirements has been given to South Cambridgeshire District Council to defend the HIA at the Examination in Public.
- Specific guidance on HIA thresholds has been given to East Cambridgeshire District Council as part of their Local Plan production.
- The Fenland District Council Local Plan had already been adopted prior to the production of the JSNA, but the JSNA is being used as part of development control applications and has been presented to senior management teams within the Authority.

- The JSNA is being used by the Cambridge City Council as part of the negotiations on the large strategic sites, particularly regarding the need for early community provision and the need for primary and health care facilities.

### **Other Partnerships**

So far the JSNA has been presented to several Local Health Partnerships and has been presented to the Cambridge sub-region Housing Board.

### **Northstowe Healthy New Town**

The JSNA has been used a key source of evidence in the production of the Design Codes for Phase Two of Northstowe and is being used as a measure of delivery for the Healthy New Town Programme. For example the best practice contained within the JSNA on “nudge behaviours” are being incorporated into the design of the western park and the sports pavilion. In addition the JSNA has been shared at a national level with the other nine Healthy New Town sites as an example of good practice.

### **Clinical Commissioning Group**

The demographic data within the JSNA is being used to plan services and is being used by Councils as a quick guide to understanding how “Health Services” are commissioned.

### **National and Regional**

There have been requests to share the JSNA outside of the Cambridgeshire area including:

- Using the JSNA with Central Bedfordshire Council as part of a Health Impact Assessment Training Day.
- In order for Local Authorities to use “health” related policies including HIA policies effectively JSNA has prompted Public Health England to commission a package of Health Impact Assessment Training for Local Authorities within the Eastern Region.
- The JSNA is being used as an evidence base in the production of the Peterborough Local Plan.
- The JSNA has been shared with the Town and Country Planning Association (TCPA) as part of the national “Reuniting Health with Planning” project.

## **4.0 ALIGNMENT WITH THE CAMBRIDGESHIRE HEALTH AND WELLBEING STRATEGY**

- 4.1 The JSNA is relevant to all priorities of the Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2012-17 although Priority 5: Create a sustainable environment in which communities can flourish is the most relevant.

## **5.0 IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 This JSNA provides important evidence and information on the impact the built environment can have on health and wellbeing and service uptake in new communities. Much of the local data and information will be available online at [www.cambridgeshireinsight.gov.uk](http://www.cambridgeshireinsight.gov.uk) in addition to the New Developments and the Built Environment JSNA report. This should allow users to have information on the built environment, social cohesion and current health service usage patterns in existing new communities to use in future strategies, commissioning and initiatives.

**5.0 RECOMMENDATION/ DECISION REQUIRED**

6.1 The Health and Wellbeing Board is asked to note the update report and suggest further opportunities to share and embed the JSNA, and to suggest ways to capture how the JSNA has made a difference.

7.0 Source documents:

Source Documents	Location
New Housing Developments and the Built Environment JSNA	<a href="http://cambridgeshireinsight.org.uk/joint-strategic-needs-assessment/current-jsna-reports/new-housing-developments-and-built-environment">http://cambridgeshireinsight.org.uk/joint-strategic-needs-assessment/current-jsna-reports/new-housing-developments-and-built-environment</a>