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Subject: **JOINT STRATEGIC NEEDS ASSESSMENT FOR ADULTS**

Classification: Unrestricted

Summary: Seeks Cabinet's endorsement of the Adults Joint Strategic Needs Assessment which will be published in April.

For Information

Introduction

1. (1) Kent's Joint Strategic Needs Assessment for Adults is attached. This summarises the future health, social care and wellbeing needs of Kent residents. Underpinning this overall report is a considerable amount of local data, and there are a group of recommendations around improving data-sharing and analysis. It is important, for example, that Members are given good information about the key issues for their constituency.

(2) In Kent, the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment is being regarded as a process rather than a document. This report is a milestone, but a number of the recommendations are about the further work that is needed.

(3) Already the JSNA work has started to influence budget-setting and commissioning decisions within KCC and the PCTs, and also Kent Agreement 2. It is important that this continues, and that commissioners are supplied with solid research evidence upon which to base their future commissioning decisions.

(4) The report is being brought to Cabinet for endorsement, and will also be considered by the PCT Boards.

Key issues emerging

2. (1) Pages 4-8 of the report summarise the key issues and set out the recommendations. For the County Council it is of particular importance to note:

- Kent needs to prepare for significant increases in its older population – from 2005 to 2020 there will be a 36% increase in people aged over 65 across Kent.

- The key long-term conditions affecting older people are dementia, arthritis, stroke and coronary heart disease. These are also the main causes of disability and needs for social care. As the population ages, there will be up to 25% more people with these conditions in Kent over the next ten years.
- Mental illness, learning disability and physical disability are all increasing in both incidence and complexity.
- The people most affected by long term health problems and disability are more likely to live in the deprived areas of Kent.
- Improving intermediate care and preventative treatment will have a beneficial impact, as will health promotion activities.
- Shaping services towards a greater emphasis on home and community care and on health promotion is likely to need increased joint investment which must be recouped through reduced acute and residential care.

(2) Although the above apply across Kent as a whole, different strategies for addressing these issues will be developed locally depending upon the particular needs of each locality.

Recommendations

3. (1) Cabinet is asked to NOTE and ENDORSE (or amend) the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment for Adults.

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