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To: Adult Social Care and Public Health Policy Overview and Scrutiny Committee – 10 January 2012

Subject: **Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA)**

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Summary Joint Strategic Needs Assessment identifies 'the big picture' in terms of the health and wellbeing needs and inequalities of a local population."

Attached are the Department of Health's latest guidance on JSNAs and joint health and wellbeing strategies and a copy of the Kent JSNA refresh which is work in progress

Introduction

Joint Strategic Needs Assessments (JSNAs) describes a process that identifies current and future health and wellbeing needs in light of existing services, and informs future service planning taking into account evidence of effectiveness.

JSNAs are not a new concept and have been published previously for the benefit of commissioning health improvement and health services. With the transition of the structure of the health service the ambition is for an enhanced role for JSNAs and health and wellbeing strategies to enable Local Councillors, GPs, and Directors of Public Health, Adult and Children's services to work with communities in leading a more effective and responsive local health and care system.

Kent JSNA

Attached is the latest working refreshed draft of the summary Kent JSNA. As Kent covers a large diverse area the JSNA will also reflect more local strategic priorities, both at Clinical Commissioning Group level and at District/Borough level too.

Full detail can be found at the Kent Public Health Observatory website:

<http://www.kmpho.nhs.uk/jsna/>

Recommendation:-

This update is provided for information only. If Members would like further discussions on the JSNA, then the Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Public Health would be very happy to convene a cross party group if required

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