St Helens Council

Adult Social Care and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Joint Strategic Needs Assessment for Health and Wellbeing (JSNA) 2009 Refresh

22 February 2010

1. Purpose

The purpose of this report is to provide an overview of the key health and wellbeing issues for the borough drawn from the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment of Health and Wellbeing 2009 (JSNA).

2. Background

The Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act (2007) placed a joint statutory duty on upper tier local authorities and Primary Care Trusts (PCTs) to undertake a JSNA for their area. The JSNA is a process that identifies the health and wellbeing needs of the local population over the next three to five years.

The first St. Helens Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) for Health and Well-being was produced in 2008. This refreshed document has been produced jointly by St.Helens Council and NHS Halton.

Over the past year the Primary Care Trust and the Local Authority have been engaged in a significant amount of activity to deliver change in relation to health outcomes both in the short and long term that will particularly deliver on addressing the health inequalities experienced within the borough.

The JSNA forms an important part of the commissioning cycle as it helps to build a picture of current and future needs and identify gaps in existing provision.

The attached report provides a summary of the JSNA 2009 findings. This document highlights the links between the wider determinants of health such as housing, employment and environment and health inequalities. Throughout the report it is highlighted that in areas of social disadvantage there are also high needs relating to health and social care issues.

3. Recommendation

That the report be noted.

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