

Oxfordshire Joint Strategic Needs Assessment Annual Report 2021

Report to the Oxfordshire Health and Wellbeing Board, 18 March 2021

Recommendations

1. The members of the Health and Wellbeing Board are asked to note the content of the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment for 2021 and encourage widespread use of this information in planning, evaluating and developing services across the County.
2. Member organisations are encouraged to contribute information and intelligence to further the development of the JSNA (through the Steering Group) and to participate in making information more accessible to everyone.

Background

There are two statutory duties of the Health and Wellbeing Board – the publication of a Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy and the publication of a Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA). The JSNA enables local authorities and the NHS to assess the current and future health, care and wellbeing needs of the local community to inform local decision making. In Oxfordshire it is published in full, enabling its use by a wide range of partners and the general public.

The Oxfordshire JSNA has continued to develop thanks to the hard work of a small group of skilled analysts led by Margaret Melling, Philippa Dent and Alick Bird. Their work is steered by representatives from many of the HWB partner organisations and the final product is signed off by Strategic Directors from the Clinical Commissioning Group and the County Council. It is truly a “Joint” piece of work.

Impact of COVID-19 on producing the 2021 update of the JSNA

This year we have had the added challenge of gathering evidence about health and wellbeing during the COVID-19 pandemic. Some of the data used for the JSNA has not been published (e.g. the Early Years and Key Stage 2 data) or has been delayed (e.g. the Active Lives survey). Data analysts have been very busy with an even greater than usual demand for reports.

At the start of each of the chapters we have set out where we have been able to show the impact of the pandemic on health and on the wider determinants of health. We have included an additional section in the Executive Summary this year which sets out some of the early indications of the impact of COVID-19 on health and wellbeing in Oxfordshire and we expect that next year’s update will show a lot more.

The JSNA 2021

The format for the JSNA follows in the pdf format that was introduced last year. It is highly recommended that the report is used digitally and NOT PRINTED OUT. It will be at its most useful when viewed as a pdf on a screen. This also allows the best functionality of the document as a reference tool for people looking to quickly access relevant sections of the report for their particular needs.

The papers for the Health and Wellbeing Board include the link to the draft interactive JSNA 2021 report and the Executive Summary, both of these are available on the Oxfordshire Insight website. <http://insight.oxfordshire.gov.uk/cms/>

The full JSNA report comprises

- over 370 pages of information about the population of Oxfordshire
- set out in 8 themed chapters
- with the latest available published data on each topic.
- interactive links to enable easy movement around the document.
- embedded links to further information, reports and data throughout the document

New for 2021 is an interactive JSNA inequalities dashboard for people to explore health indicators by area across Oxfordshire.

The JSNA continues to be a valuable resource for partners across the system and for community organisations and the general public. It is being used more and more widely and continues to be cited by local journalists as the source of information in press coverage of local issues.

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