

Oxfordshire Health and Wellbeing Board

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Oxfordshire Joint Strategic Needs Assessment 2025 Update

Report by Director of Public Health and Communities

RECOMMENDATION

The Health and Wellbeing Board is **RECOMMENDED** to

- a) Provide feedback on the proposed design of the 2025 Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA).**
- b) Advise on the content of the 2025 JSNA and to highlight any additional topics/ themes of research and intelligence interest that they would like to see included.**
- c) Via relevant officers in their organisations, contribute information and intelligence to the JSNA to further its development and participate in making information more accessible to everyone.**

Executive Summary

1. The Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) is a statutory annual report provided to the Health and Wellbeing Board and published in full on the [Oxfordshire Data Hub](#). It provides an evidence-base for the Health and Wellbeing Strategy and is an opportunity for an annual discussion about the key issues and trends from a review of a very wide range of health-related information about Oxfordshire. It should be used as a tool by all partners of the health and wellbeing board to ensure that services provided by their organisations are suitably tailored to the local needs in Oxfordshire identified by the JSNA.
2. Producing the JSNA is a collaborative project with contributions from many analysts and sector specialists from Oxfordshire's Local Authorities, NHS, Thames Valley Police, Healthwatch Oxfordshire and Voluntary Sector organisations.
3. Following the proposal at the March 2024 Health and Wellbeing Board, this year's JSNA will be available through a collection of interactive dashboards and accompanying narrative on Oxfordshire County Council's new Data Hub website.

4. The JSNA is a contemporary assessment of the health and wellbeing needs of the population. However, information about services needed to address population needs is beyond the scope of the JSNA. In some cases, the data may not be recent enough to reflect changes in services.

Oxfordshire Data Hub

Migration to the new site

5. Over the past few months, all content from the Oxfordshire Insight website has been moved across to the Oxfordshire Data Hub.
6. The JSNA has a dedicated section on the site, which includes the latest updates, as well as an archive of previous reports.
7. Complementing the JSNA, the Data Hub offers new tools which can be used to understand more about Oxfordshire and its residents. It includes a range of different data sets that users can query themselves, or the council as site administrators can use to design and populate reports. These data sets are from sources that the JSNA typically relies upon, including the Office for National Statistics, central government departments, and the NHS. The council will also look beyond these sources of information to inform the content of the JSNA, including local research. Below is an outline of some of the features available to users of the site.

Quick Ward Profile

8. On the site's front page, users are presented with the 'Quick Ward Profile'. By either selecting a ward on the map, or by entering a postcode, users can quickly generate a report for the ward of interest. The reports cover themes including economy, housing, children and young people, crime and health.

Data

9. This section contains a selection of themed reports including, among others, deprivation, environment, and health and social care. These reports contain data for the county as a whole, with comparisons to England and the South East where possible.

Data Explorer

10. This tool allows users to select individual datasets that they can visualise on the site themselves or download for their own use.

Custom Area Reporter

11. Here, users can define their own geographies and generate themed reports based on these selections. These user-defined areas can be a combination of wards or lower level super output areas (LSOAs), but not both.

2025 JSNA

New design of the JSNA

12. The JSNA will predominantly be hosted on interactive Power BI dashboards on our new Oxfordshire Data Hub website. The analysis and narrative for each chapter and its associated themes will appear alongside the dashboards. This way, the council hope to leverage the benefits of digital tools while retaining the rich narrative that explains the findings of the JSNA.
13. Alongside these, the council will produce summaries of each chapter and its themes, as well as an executive summary of the JSNA overall, in downloadable PDF documents.
14. The dashboards are being designed with usability and accessibility in mind. The council has planned for user testing to take place with colleagues and partners. The council is adhering to advice and guidance about accessibility to ensure that it meets the necessary requirements.
15. An indicative page which illustrates the dashboard's appearance will be showcased during the meeting.

Data and research due to be included in the 2025 JSNA

16. The JSNA last received a full update in 2023. The 2023 edition of the report has been used as a basis to plan for the themes in the 2025 update. Below is a list of each of the chapters and their associated themes that are planned for inclusion in the 2025 JSNA. Some of these have further sub-themes (for example, disability will combine an analysis of age and sex, benefit claimants and learning disabilities) but have not been listed here:

Population	Population groups and protected characteristics	Health conditions and causes of death	Building blocks of health	Health and Care service use	Behavioural determinants of health	Local research
Births	Disability	Cardiovascular disease	Work, income, and deprivation	Primary health care	Smoking	Healthwatch Oxfordshire
Deaths	Marriages and civil partnerships	Diabetes	Poverty and deprivation	Social prescribing	Alcohol	Voluntary and Community Sector
Migration	Gender identity	Cancer	Housing and homelessness	Secondary health care	Drug use	Local government
Population growth	Sexual orientation	Musculoskeletal conditions	Education and qualifications	Mental health services	Dietary risk factors	Academic
Life expectancy	Pregnancy and maternity	Sensory impairment	The built and natural environment	Children's social care	Obesity and overweight	
Healthy life expectancy	Ethnicity	Mental health and wellbeing	Social environment and loneliness	Adult social care	Physical activity	
	Country of birth	Self-harm	Climate	Community safety services	Sexual health	

	Travellers	Hospitalisations due to falls		Preventing ill-health	Breastfeeding and low birth weight	
	Religion or belief	Leading causes of death		Access to services	Oral health	
	Students	Avoidable mortality		Digital exclusion		
	Carers	Deaths at home				
	Armed forces	Stillbirths and neonatal mortality				
		Suicide and deaths from drug misuse				
		Road casualties				

Future work

17. Throughout the coming months, the council will continue to work on the 2025 JSNA. It will be brought to the Health and Wellbeing Board for final approval in September 2025 ahead of its scheduled publication later that month.
18. A steering group with representatives from partners of the Health and Wellbeing Board and other relevant stakeholders will be formed to provide guidance and feedback on the new digital format of the JSNA. This will ensure that it involves and reflects the needs of residents, patients and partners across Oxfordshire. Steering group members continue to be sought and the first meeting is planned for May 2025.
19. The council is open to modifying the structure and/or content of the JSNA to better meet the needs of colleagues and partners. For example, recent discussions in the project team have noted the absence of a section dedicated specifically to children. Though data and research related to children has always been present in previous JSNAs, it has tended to be spread across multiple chapters. Having a chapter which is dedicated to children and young people could make this information more readily accessible to those who need it.
20. User testing of the digital JSNA 2025 will be undertaken upon completion of each chapter in June and July 2025.

Financial Implications

21. There are no financial implications relating to this report as the work on publishing an annual JSNA and producing population forecasts is already accounted for within business-as-usual service planning.

Legal Implications

22. There are no legal implications relating to this report.

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