

Divisions - All

OXFORDSHIRE HEALTH & WELLBEING BOARD

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JOINT STRATEGIC NEEDS ASSESSMENT 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) **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.**
- c) **Note that the JSNA 2025 will be provided to the Health and Wellbeing Board for sign-off in September 2025.**

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 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.

2025 JSNA

Progress with the new design of the JSNA

5. The development of the JSNA is proceeding in line with agreed timelines. Work will begin on the final dashboard, Building Blocks of Health, this month.
6. A steering group was formed to oversee the development of the 2025 JSNA, consisting of representatives from local authorities, NHS organisations, the Integrated Care Board, and Healthwatch Oxfordshire. The aim of the steering group is to: provide input on the JSNA scope, structure, and content; to enable involvement of key partner organisations during development; and to promote use of the JSNA after publication. Ensuring that the JSNA reflects the needs of residents, patients and partners across Oxfordshire.
7. At the previous Health and Wellbeing Board meeting, it was noted that a chapter dedicated to children would be a useful addition to the JSNA. The steering group has identified an opportunity to link the work that is being carried out through the Oxfordshire Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy Start Well Priorities with the JSNA. The steering group has decided to include these indicators as part of the JSNA's chapter on children. Further data and research on children will complement these indicators.
8. In consultation with the JSNA steering group, the content of this year's JSNA has been readjusted to better meet the needs of those who use it, and to maximise the benefits that presenting it across dashboards and narrative documents provide. The new chapter headings are as follows:
 - a. Population groups and protected characteristics
 - b. Children and Young People
 - c. Health conditions and causes of death, including health and care service use
 - d. Building blocks of health
 - e. Behavioural determinants of health
 - f. Local research

More detail on the specific contents of each chapter is contained in the 'Data and research to be included in the 2025 JSNA' section below.

9. Alongside the dashboards, 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.
10. As noted at the last meeting, 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.

11. 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

12. Following consultation with the JSNA steering group, a list of chapters and their associated themes were agreed for inclusion in the 2025 JSNA and are listed below.

Population, population groups, and protected characteristics	Proposed merge (Health Conditions, Service Use, and Causes of Death)	Building blocks of health	Behavioural determinants of health	Local research	Children and Young People
Disability	Cardiovascular disease	Work, income, and deprivation	Smoking	Healthwatch Oxfordshire	Early Help
Marriages and civil partnerships	Diabetes	Poverty and deprivation	Alcohol	Voluntary and Community Sector	Inclusion
Gender identity	Cancer	Housing and homelessness	Drug use	Local government	NEET
Sexual orientation	Musculoskeletal conditions	Education and qualifications	Dietary risk factors	Academic	SEND demand
Pregnancy and maternity	Sensory impairment	The built and natural environment	Obesity and overweight		Attainment
Ethnicity	Mental health and wellbeing	Social environment and loneliness	Physical activity		Exclusions and suspensions
Country of birth	Hospitalisations due to falls	Climate	Sexual health		CSC front door contacts
Travellers	Leading causes of death	Community safety services	Oral health		Breastfeeding and low birth weight
Religion or belief	Avoidable mortality				Children's social care
Students	Stillbirths and neonatal mortality				
Carers	Suicide and deaths from drug misuse				
Armed forces	Road casualties				
Population change (Births, Deaths, Migration)	Primary health care				
Immigration groups	Secondary health care				
Life expectancy	Access to services				
Healthy life expectancy	Social prescribing				
	Preventing ill-health				
	Adult social care				

Producing the final JSNA

13. Throughout the coming months, the council will continue to work on the 2025 JSNA. User testing of the digital JSNA 2025 will be undertaken upon completion of each chapter in June and July 2025, supported by the steering group members.
14. The JSNA 2025 will be brought to the Health and Wellbeing Board for final approval in September 2025 ahead of its scheduled publication later that month.

Financial Implications

15. 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

16. The publication of the 2025 JSNA will meet the Health and Wellbeing Board's statutory duty to publish a JSNA each year.

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Background papers: Nil

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