

Cheshire West and Chester JSNA



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What is a Joint Strategic Needs Assessment?

Since 2007 there has been a statutory duty on local authorities and the NHS to jointly produce a strategic needs assessment for the local area. In Cheshire West and Chester this needs assessment is called the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA).

The JSNA presents information about the current and future health and wellbeing needs of the local population, including the wider determinants of health such as employment, environment, housing and inequalities.

Understanding the needs of local people is essential to provide and commission suitable services that really make a difference. The JSNA is an evidence base used to underpin service development and commissioning decisions, so that the Council, NHS and other organisations can work together to improve the quality of life of our residents.

It is the role of the Health and Wellbeing Board to shape and direct the JSNA. Statutory members of the board include Directors from Adult Social Care, Public Health and Children's Services, an elected member, a representative from the Clinical Commissioning Groups and local Healthwatch.

Cheshire West and Chester's Joint Strategic Needs Assessment

In Cheshire West and Chester the JSNA is the overarching name for a number of documents called JSNA products. These include dashboards, summaries, resident views and themed reports, which present data and evidence to paint a 'big picture' of local needs.

JSNA products are organised into the following thematic areas for ease of use:



Population – What we know about our local population



Starting well – Information about our children and young people



Living well – Lifestyles, ill health and the wider determinants of health



Working well – Employment and the local economy



Ageing well – Getting older and our older population

The development of the JSNA is an ongoing process and products are updated and refined as new information and intelligence is developed and made available.

For further information about the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment please contact the Public Health Strategic Intelligence team research@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk