

**HEALTH AND PARTNERSHIPS SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
13 DECEMBER 2011**

DARLINGTON STRATEGIC NEEDS ASSESSMENT 2011 – KEY MESSAGES

SUMMARY REPORT

Purpose of the Report

1. The Directors of Public Health, Children's Services and Adult Services have a statutory duty to produce a Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) to inform decision makers and stakeholders about the health and social care needs of Darlington people. The Strategic Needs Assessment (SNA) is a refresh of the 2010 report and includes a broader range of data.
2. The purpose of the report is to present key, emerging messages to members of the Health and Partnerships Scrutiny Committee.

Summary

3. The SNA brings together in one single point relevant information available on the needs of Darlington's population. It importantly combines quantitative data with softer intelligence and feedback from the community and service users. Intended to provide a powerful tool for defining priorities and shaping future services for Darlington it also highlights areas where we need to do more to improve the health and wellbeing of our communities' and specific health and social care issues that require targeted actions.
4. The purpose of the SNA is to bring together in one place the information that the rich resource provides, backed up by a technical compilation of statistics, data and analysis. This will help different partners to have the intelligence they require to ensure commissioning strategies work together for better provision of services for those areas of greatest need.
5. A new SNA in 2012/13 will be developed using the recently published toolkit 'Joint Strategic Needs Assessment: A Springboard for Action' published by the Local Government Improvement and Development Healthy Communities Programme. This will help us further focus on the opportunities within our communities as well as areas of greatest need.

Recommendations

6. It is recommended that Members note the emerging key messages from the Strategic Needs Assessment 2011.

M E Davidson, Director of Public Health, Darlington

S17 Crime and Disorder	This report has no implications for Crime & Disorder.
Health and Well Being	This report has implications to the address Health and Well Being of residents of Darlington, through scrutinising the services provided by the NHS Trusts.
Carbon Emissions	This report has no implications for Carbon Emissions.
Diversity	There are no issues relating to Diversity which this report needs to address.
Wards Affected	The impact of the report on any individual Ward is considered to be minimal.
Groups Affected	The impact of the report on any Group is considered to be minimal.
Budget and Policy Framework	This report does not represent a change to the budget and policy framework.
Key Decision	This is not a key decision.
Urgent Decision	This is not an urgent decision.
One Darlington: Perfectly Placed	The report contributes to the delivery of the objectives of the Community Strategy in a number of ways through the involvement of local elected Members contributing to the Healthy Darlington Theme Group.
Efficiency	There are no issues relating to Efficiency which this report needs to address.