

Health and Adult Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Panel

27 January, 2010

Draft Minute No. 56 – Joint Strategic Needs Assessment

The Assistant Director for Business Support (Community Services) and Director for Public Health were in attendance to report on the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA), a document that, when analysed, drew out the main health, social care and well-being needs of the city. It was used to inform those who commissioned adult care services and children's services and set priorities in order to ensure that services were shaped by the community and inequalities were reduced.

The report –

- (i) set out the ten domains covered by the JSNA;
- (ii) demonstrated how the JSNA was informed and used to influence documents such as –
 - Corporate Plan
 - Housing Strategy
 - Community Strategy
 - NHS Strategic Framework
- (iii) detailed some of the findings, including that eight in ten of all deaths in the city were caused by heart and vascular problems, cancers, respiratory diseases and digestive problems;
- (iv) highlighted changes to the city's population such as a –
 - 46% increase in babies being born
 - 5% increase in resident population
 - slight increase in the 65+ and 75+ age groups
 - slight increase in females than males
- (v) highlighted a difference in life expectancy of 13 years between the city's affluent and deprived neighbourhoods;
- (vi) identified a number of emerging issues for the city such as –
 - mental health
 - child poverty
 - smoking
 - alcohol
 - teenage pregnancy
 - obesity
 - breastfeeding

In response to questions raised, it was reported that –

- (vii) whilst recent regeneration projects in Devonport may have had something to do with keeping the 13 year gap in life expectancy static, it was not expected that this gap would close for some time yet as the real issue was money. People knew how to live a healthy lifestyle but until they could afford to do so the situation would not change;
- (viii) figures reflecting the actual increase in type 2 diabetes in the city compared to nationally would be circulated to panel members via the Democratic Support Officer.

Members welcomed the report and its recognition of how health impacted upon services in the city.

Given that health cross-cuts many of the Corporate Improvement Priorities (CIPS) agreed as part of the Council's plan to improve quality of life in the city, it was recommended that the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board recommend to Cabinet that the Director for Public Health be recognized as an essential element in the development of plans and strategies for the City and be invited to attend all future Corporate Management Team, Cabinet and Local Strategic Partnership meetings, or any other meetings deemed to be appropriate.