

# Westmorland and Furness Council

<b>Report Title:</b>	Development of Westmorland and Furness' Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) and Joint Local Health and Wellbeing Strategy (JLHWS)
<b>Meeting:</b>	Adults and Health Scrutiny Committee
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<b>Wards Affected?</b>	All
<b>PUBLIC, PART EXEMPT OR FULLY EXEMPT</b>	Public
<b>List of Appendices (if any)</b>	

## 1. Executive Summary

- 1.1 The Health and Care Act 2022 requires all Health and Wellbeing Boards to develop a Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) and Joint Local Health and Wellbeing Strategy (JLHWS).
- 1.2 A steering group is overseeing a partnership approach to the development of the JLHWS. This has representation from all Health and Wellbeing Board partners. The Health and Wellbeing Board will be asked to adopt the final JLHWS in July 2024.
- 1.3 The purpose of this item is to present the initial findings from the JSNA and suggested themes for the JLHWS to facilitate discussion by the Committee.

## 2. Recommendation

For the reasons set out in this report, it is recommended that –

- 2.1 The Committee note the report.

## 3. Background

- 3.1 Health and Wellbeing Boards have a statutory duty to develop both a Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) and a Joint Local Health and Wellbeing Strategy (JLHWS) for their local community.

- 3.2 The most recent Cumbria JLHWS was published in 2019 by the Cumbria Health and Wellbeing Board and had a ten-year lifespan. However, since 2019, both the national and local health and social care landscape has changed significantly. The Westmorland and Furness Health and Wellbeing Board has been newly established following local governmental reorganisation. There have also been very significant health, social and economic impacts on the community following the Covid-19 pandemic. Furthermore, the Health and Care Act 2022 resulted in significant changes to the health and care system architecture with the establishment of Integrated Care Systems (ICSs).
- 3.3 The geographical area of Westmorland and Furness is not coterminous with the boundaries of a single ICS. South Lakeland and Furness are included within the boundaries of the Lancashire and South Cumbria ICS, whereas Eden falls within the footprint of the North East and North Cumbria ICS. In 2023, both Lancashire and South Cumbria and North East and North Cumbria have published system-level Integrated Care Strategies.
- 3.4 The focus of the JLHWS remains on the delivery of activity at place and within local communities to improve health and wellbeing. There is a need for Integrated Care Strategies and JLHWSs to be complementary to ensure alignment of activity across the system and at place.
- 3.5 The production of a new JLHWS for Westmorland and Furness therefore provides a real opportunity to develop an evidence-based and partnership-driven strategic approach to improved health and wellbeing of the local population and reducing inequalities.

### **Joint Strategic Needs Assessment**

- 3.6 The JSNA provides an assessment of the current and future health and social care needs and assets of the local population, including population health data, the impact of inequalities and impact of the wider social determinants on health and wellbeing, and provides evidence to inform the JLHWS. The JSNA will also contribute to the development of future ICS strategies.
- 3.7 To facilitate timely development of the JLHWS, a summary JSNA has been developed which provides a comprehensive overview of health and wellbeing needs and assets in Westmorland and Furness. This draws on existing nationally and locally published data and the key findings will be presented today.

## **Development of the Joint Local Health and Wellbeing Strategy**

- 3.8 A steering group is overseeing the development of the JLHWS. Membership of the group comprises representatives from Westmorland and Furness Council, Lancashire and South Cumbria Integrated Care Board, University Hospitals of Morecambe Bay NHS Foundation Trust, North Cumbria Integrated Care NHS Foundation Trust, Lancashire and South Cumbria NHS Foundation Trust, Cumbria, Northumberland, Tyne and Wear Foundation Trust, Cumbria CVS, Westmorland and Furness Healthwatch and the Cumbria Third Sector Network.
- 3.9 To guide the development of the strategy, a rapid review of existing insight and engagement reports with regards to health and wellbeing from partners within Westmorland and Furness has been undertaken.
- 3.10 A community survey of the health and wellbeing priorities of Westmorland and Furness residents was conducted in November and December 2023 and received 701 responses. The survey asked residents the following questions:
- i. What keeps you healthy and well?
  - ii. What do you need more of to stay healthy and well?
- 3.11 The results of the summary JSNA and the community feedback has been used to develop a series of suggested themes and ambitions for the strategy. These were further developed at a full-day workshop in February 2024 with internal and external stakeholders including Health and Wellbeing Board partners.
- 3.12 Further stakeholder and community engagement is planned between now and July 2024, including workshops at the Eden, Furness and South Lakeland Community Health, Wellbeing and Equity Partnerships and South Cumbria Place-Based Partnership.

## **4. Link to Council Plan Priorities: ( People, Climate, Communities, Economy and Culture, Customers, Workforce)**

- 4.1 Public health activity is closely aligned to the Council Plan. The Council Plan Priorities are being considered as part of the strategy development process.

## **5. Consultation Outcomes (with services, ward councillors & public consultation where required)**

- 5.1 The approach to consultation and engagement for the JLHWS has been detailed in the report.

## **6. Alternative Options Considered**

6.1 N/A

## **7. Financial Implications and risk**

7.1 N/A

## **8. Legal & Governance Implications**

8.1 N/A

## **9. Human Resources Implications**

9.1 N/A.

## **10. Equality & Diversity Implications (including the public sector equality duty, Armed Forces Families, Care Leavers and Health inequalities implications)**

10.1 Reducing health inequalities is at the core of all work undertaken by the public health team. Consideration of health inequalities is driven by insights from both quantitative and qualitative data reported in the JSNA and through other sources.

## **11. Background Information & Sources (used in preparation of this Report)**

11.1 N/A