

REPORT TO THE HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

PROPOSAL FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF A
JOINT STRATEGIC INTELLIGENCE NETWORK

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to propose the establishment of a Joint Strategic Intelligence Network or Hub for Barnsley.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that:-

- 2.1 Members note the proposal for establishment of a Joint Strategic Intelligence Network and discuss and agree next steps.**

3. INTRODUCTION/BACKGROUND

- 3.1 The core role of the Health and Wellbeing Board, as set out in the Health & Social Care Act 2012, is to:-

- Oversee the production of the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) – to identify the needs and assets of local communities;
- Promote integrated working across the entire system – including health, social care and public health.

- 3.2 In addition to the above, Barnsley has agreed to restructure the partnership structures across the Borough which has brought the Community Safety Partnership under the umbrella of the Health and Wellbeing Board and extended the membership of the Board to include representation from South Yorkshire Police. The Community Safety Partnership is a statutory body with responsibility for producing a Joint Strategic Intelligence Assessment (JSIA).

- 3.3 There is an opportunity for member organisations of the Health and Wellbeing Board to agree to maximise our strategic intelligence analyst resource by working collaboratively to share experience and expertise but also to join up strategic needs assessments and other needs assessments where it is appropriate to do so.

- 3.4 It had been previously agreed by One Barnsley that the scope for integrating the development of the JSNA and JSIA be explored. This will require closer working between the various analysts currently sitting in different parts of the Council including public health, the police and the CCG delivered through the South Yorkshire and Bassetlaw Commissioning Support Unit (CSU).

- 3.5 The transfer of public health into the local authority provides an excellent opportunity to integrate the public health strategic intelligence function with current analytical capacity sitting across the Council and with other partners. It is proposed that this can be achieved through the establishment of a Joint Strategic Intelligence Network / Hub. It is further proposed that consideration be given to the responsibility for establishing the Network to be given to the Director of Public Health.

4. POTENTIAL ADVANTAGES

4.1 There are a number of potential advantages in bringing together combined analytical resources to improve the efficiency of producing needs assessments but also improve the quality. These include:

- Maximising use of available analytical capacity by bringing together the various intelligence and analytical products used by partners, where it is appropriate to do so
- By joining up with public health intelligence this will bring an academic and evidence based rigour to improve the quality of information and reduce the risk of methodological error
- Ensuring that combined information is translated into meaningful intelligence in order to support the commissioning and delivery of services based on best evidence
- Provide a single point of access for demographic data used by all partners to ensure these are using the most up to date and correct information and offer 'the one truth'
- Streamlining the production of statutory needs assessments such as the JSNA and JSIA and including an outcomes focused approach linked to agreed priorities

5. NEXT STEPS/ WAY FORWARD

5.1 BMBC already has in existence a Strategic Research and Consultation Group. The responsibility for Chairing this group has recently transferred to the Acting Director of Public Health. The Terms of Reference and Membership of this group is currently being reviewed with a view to it taking over the responsibility for production of the JSNA which would remove the requirement to have a separate JSNA steering group in the future. There is scope for using the opportunity presented to grow this group into a Joint Strategic Intelligence Network / Hub with new Terms of Reference and membership and shared responsibility for producing the JSIA if the Health and Wellbeing Board wishes to pursue this option.

APPENDICES

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