

Havering Joint Strategic Needs Assessment 2010



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Introduction

Purpose of the JSNA

This joint strategic needs assessment is a resource for local agencies and for the wider public. It takes a broad look at health and well being in the borough and draws attention to topics that need our attention. We all have a role to play in improving health and the JSNA should support us in making plans for Havering's future.

JSNA is a statutory duty set out in the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act (2007). It requires us to assess the health and wellbeing needs of the local population, with the aim of establishing “a shared, evidence based consensus on key local priorities to support commissioning to improve health and wellbeing outcomes and reduce inequalities”¹.

Although this duty is particularly aimed at local authorities and primary care trusts, the role of the wider Havering Strategic Partnership is crucial. In particular the establishment of a Health and Well-being Board will bring together key players to address health, social care and well being, and the JSNA sets out our joint priorities for the future. GP commissioning is set to take a major role in the changing NHS landscape and good intelligence, in the form of the JSNA, will be crucial in taking forward the priority health and well-being issues in Havering.

This updated Havering JSNA thus acts as a source of evidence to guide the use of resources. It will help to focus attention on the topics and populations that need the greatest support and will help us to monitor progress over the years.



Overview

Health and well being are affected by many different factors. This JSNA begins by looking at Havering's changing population (Chapter 2). Factors such as the age and ethnicity of Havering's people have an important bearing on overall health. Chapter 3 then looks at life in Havering, focusing on some of the wider issues that have an impact on our well being. In Chapter 4 we look at lifestyles. Issues such as a healthy diet and binge drinking are very much in the news and the chapter looks at the evidence we have locally. Overall indicators of health in the borough are set out in Chapter 5, which can be seen as the 'end result' of some of the issues raised in previous chapters. Chapters 6,7 and 8 then focus on particular population groups in more detail. These gives an opportunity to explore the needs of different sections of our population and to inform service plans. Finally, Chapter 9 looks at local services and the views of people who use them, and will help us respond to people's expressed needs.

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Overview (continued)

The Department of Health sets out core data that should be included in the JSNA. This has been supplemented with locally available information where available. MOSIAC data has also been used. MOSAIC is a customer segmentation tool, developed by Havering Council and NHS Havering, in partnership with Experian Ltd. It helps us to target particular segments of the population with similar lifestyle and behavioural characteristics. For example, it could be used to identify which groups of people are most likely to smoke, so that they can be targeted for smoking cessation services. In Havering, it has been identified that there are 10 major groups of people with similar characteristics and these are described in the demographic chapter on the JSNA.

The JSNA uses these data to try and answer key questions about our Borough and draws attention to issues that may need particular attention in commissioning local services. The document tries to address questions such as:

- How is Havering's population changing?
- What does this mean for future services?
- How does health in Havering differ from other areas?
- What are the main inequalities in health within the borough?
- Where can we invest time and resources to make the biggest difference?

Moving forward

The new Government has confirmed that JSNA will continue to be a statutory duty. The 2010 White Paper "Healthy Lives, Healthy People: Our strategy for public health in England" suggests that:

- Local Authorities and GP consortia will be jointly responsible for delivering JSNA through the new statutory Health and Well-being Boards
- JSNA will be used to inform commissioning strategies and new health and wellbeing strategies

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Moving forward (continued)

The health needs of local populations do not remain constant but change over time. JSNA is therefore an ongoing process and it is planned that:

- A Havering data hub will be developed in 2010/11 and will hold information from a range of partners. JSNA core datasets will be available as well as other datasets (for example further housing, crime and employment data). This will help to ensure that information about the local area is “live” and updated as new data becomes available.
- A programme of needs assessments on specific topics will be developed in 2010/11, which will all form part of the JSNA. These will help to develop more detailed information about the needs of specific groups of people or those affected by specific health conditions. The needs assessments will be accessible in one location alongside the information from the core JSNA.

In moving forward with joint strategic needs assessment we would welcome comments on this document, and suggestions for data to be included in the future. If you would like to comment or want further information on the JSNA please contact Clare Ebberson the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment Officer at clare.ebberson@havering.gov.uk

Useful Links

Havering Ward Health Profiles:

<http://www.havering.nhs.uk/wherelive/>

Havering Director of Public Health's Annual Report 2009

<http://www.havering.nhs.uk/aphr/>

Department of Health Joint Strategic Needs Assessment Guidance

http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidance/DH_081097

¹ Liberating the NHS, Local democratic legitimacy in health, a consultation on proposals; Communities and Local Government and Department of Health, 2010; p3

