

What is the JSNA?

Under the Health and Social Care Act (2012) it became a statutory responsibility of councils and clinical commissioning groups (CCGs) to jointly produce a Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) of the health and wellbeing needs of their local area. A JSNA is the means by which local leaders work together to understand and agree the needs of all local people. It informs the joint health and wellbeing strategy setting out their priorities for collective action. Responsibility for the JSNA rests with the Health and Wellbeing Board.

The JSNA is concerned with all those wider factors that can have an impact on people's health and wellbeing: these can include lifestyle factors, such as smoking or diet, economic factors like earnings and employment, environmental factors such as climate change and air quality and social factors such as education, crime and the provision of care services. All of these factors are inter-related and the JSNA attempts to understand how connections between them impact upon individual health and wellbeing. A particular focus is to understand inequality and deprivation in its local context.

The JSNA aims to identify any areas of unmet need and to provide local context for health and social care service planning. It also helps us to better understand the impact and effectiveness of interventions over time.

'Understanding Herefordshire' is the evidence base for our JSNA. The topics covered here reflect the above objectives and provide an extensive overview of the wider determinants of health and wellbeing in the county and local communities. On this website you will find:

- Detailed needs assessments on specific topics or groups that are used for developing strategies, setting priorities and planning services.
- Themed reports on specific topics, giving in-depth analysis and statistics.
- Reports from any council surveys that provide insights into health and wellbeing related issues.
- Downloadable statistical data sets.
- Links to useful external sources of information and data.
- Links to our latest JSNA summary report and to relevant strategy documents.
- Map-based resources with information about local areas, including Ward profiles.

Who is the JSNA for?

The main audience for the JSNA is health and social care commissioners, who use it to plan services. It can also be used as source of evidence to support funding bids and business cases, for educational projects, and by local voluntary and community groups, or members of the public who wish to get a better understanding of their local area, or a group of interest, or want to understand the local prevalence of an issue, or health condition.

Who do I contact with any questions?

Please refer to the [about us](#) page of the Understanding Herefordshire website for details.