

HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

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RUTLAND HEALTH INEQUALITIES AND END OF LIFE NEEDS ASSESSMENT

Report of the Director of Public Health

Strategic Aim:	Healthy and Well		
Exempt Information		No	
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DECISION RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Committee:

1. Approves the Rutland Health Inequalities Needs Assessment and proposed governance approach.
2. Approves the End of Life Needs Assessment and proposed governance approach.

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to gain approval for two Health Needs Assessments as part of the Rutland Joint Strategic Needs Assessment – Rutland Health Inequalities and End of Life.

2. BACKGROUND AND MAIN CONSIDERATIONS

- 2.1 The Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) is a process which assesses the current and future health and wellbeing needs of the population and underpins local planning for health and care services, in particular the development of the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy. It involves working with local partners to ensure a broad approach to issues affecting health, including key social and economic determinants of health, where appropriate. Since 2013, the statutory responsibility for the development of the JSNA lies with the local Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB).

- 2.2 The Rutland Health Inequalities and End of Life Needs Assessments were discussed at the October Rutland HWB. Points from the discussion were welcomed and the HWB is now asked to approve both Needs Assessments to form part of the Rutland JSNA. Any changes because of the discussion are summarised below.
- 2.3 The Rutland Health Inequalities Needs Assessment made the following changes after the October HWB discussion. The Primary Care access in section 2 data was rerun to include Melton GP surgeries. Whilst some Rutland residents will use Melton surgeries, it didn't affect the level of accessibility to the nearest GP by drive time. The development session has been set up for the end of January 2023. The session will include Census data released in recent months.
- 2.4 It is proposed that the Rutland Staying Healthy Partnership (if approved as a HWB subgroup in the 24th January 2023 meeting) shall oversee the delivery of the health inequalities workstream, in accordance with the Rutland Health & Wellbeing Strategy priorities. The Partnership will oversee delivery of the Health Inequalities development session at the end of January 2023 and the implementation of outcomes from this session.
- 2.5 It is proposed that the Integrated Delivery Group shall oversee the development and delivery of the End of Life Needs Assessment recommendations, in accordance with the Rutland Health & Wellbeing Strategy priorities. The actions will align with Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland ICB End of Life workstreams as required.

3. REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 Approve the Rutland Health Inequalities Needs Assessment and proposed governance approach.
- 3.2 Approve the End of Life Needs Assessment and proposed governance approach.

4. CONSULTATION

- 4.1 A range of stakeholders across Rutland have been consulted throughout development of the report. A steering group was formed to ensure stakeholders could regularly input and feedback on the scope and progress.

5. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

- 5.1 JSNA development is a statutory requirement. As 'reducing health inequalities' is a cross-cutting priority in the Rutland Health & Wellbeing Strategy, a needs assessment is the most evidence-based approach to developing insight.

6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 Completion of the needs assessments was within existing capacity within the Rutland Public Health team and partners support. Whilst the report findings do not carry any financial implications, recommendations to be considered for addressing health inequalities may need resource to deliver. The report recommendation for a development session will allow for more detail to be developed before any recommendations are taken forward.

7. LEGAL AND GOVERNANCE CONSIDERATIONS

- 7.1 The JSNA is a statutory document and must meet the requirements for production of such documents. It must be approved by the Health and Wellbeing Board.

8. DATA PROTECTION IMPLICATIONS

- 8.1 All data presented is anonymised and only available at population level to avoid any data confidentiality issues.

9. EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

- 9.1 An Equality Impact Assessment (EqIA) has not been completed; however the report aims to highlight inequality across the protected characteristics and vulnerable groups. This led to recommendations to improve health outcomes for these populations and provide more inclusivity.

10. COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

- 10.1 N/A

11. HEALTH AND WELLBEING IMPLICATIONS

- 11.1 The report enhances our awareness of health inequalities in Rutland, leading to more informed decision making on improving health and wellbeing for all. Recommendations will aim to improve health and wellbeing outcomes for those most in need.

12. ORGANISATIONAL IMPLICATIONS

- 12.1 Environmental Implications
N/A
- 12.2 Human Resource Implications
N/A
- 12.3 Procurement Implications
N/A

13. CONCLUSION AND SUMMARY OF REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATIONS

- 13.1 The report aimed to enhance collective understanding of health inequalities within Rutland. The scope was large and the needs assessment in appendix A covers a lot of detail, resulting in the recommendation for a development session. The Board is asked to note the report findings and approve the requirement for a development session, allowing for a deeper dive on findings and further develop recommendations to address inequality outlined initially in Appendix C.

14. BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 14.1 N/A

15. APPENDICES

- 15.1 Appendix A – Rutland Health Inequalities Needs Assessment
- 15.2 Appendix B – Rutland End of Life Needs Assessment

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