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Press Release

JSNA and Housing: A Review of Northern Approaches

The Northern Housing Consortium has published a report based on a review of the links being made between the housing sector and Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) within 9 areas across the north of England.

Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) is about people and the places where they live. It is a process which brings local authorities, PCT's and local partners together to generate a shared view of local needs and service provision across the whole population, to identify where best to spend their resources and jointly design interventions that will lead to better health and well-being with particular attention to the most excluded. JSNA was introduced as a statutory duty in April 2008 following the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007.

The report provides a summary of the policy context, the relevance of JSNA to the housing sector and highlights a series of key messages and recommendations about progress and challenges. The report is of particular interest to commissioners and providers of housing, health and social care services as well as policy makers within national and regional government offices.

JSNA and Housing: A review of Northern Approaches is also a key document featured in the Northern Housing Consortium's ground-breaking research amongst its Membership to explore, understand and respond to the needs of older people in our communities, and to map out the steps the housing sector needs to take to create 'age friendly' homes, neighbourhoods and services which will meet the needs of future generations. This research is summarised in 'A guide to age friendly communities in the North: People and Places 2020'.

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Notes to editors

1. The Northern Housing Consortium is a non-political, not for profit, member based organisation, whose members between them manage almost 90% of social housing in the North. Our main roles are:
 - To provide a comprehensive range of timely, relevant and affordable services for members with a distinct focus on Northern issues
 - To take a lead role in enabling the improvement of housing and organisational performance in the North
 - To work with Government and other bodies to ensure the region benefits from the resources and funding available to provide safe, vibrant, sustainable communities

Our provision of support is delivered across four themed areas: Quality of Life, Quality of Place, Performance Improvement and Investment & Resources. Further information can be found on our website at www.northern-consortium.org.uk

2. A full copy of the 'JSNA and Housing: A Review of Northern Approaches' report can be **found [here](#)**.
3. The role of JSNA is highlighted in a number of policy documents including *World Class Commissioning* (DH 2007) which drives the commissioning strategies of Primary Care Trusts (PCTs), the cross government concordat *Putting People First: a shared vision and commitment to the transformation of Adult Social Care* (DH 2007) and the government's strategy to respond to the challenge of our ageing society *Lifetime Homes, Lifetime Neighbourhoods* (CLG 2008).
4. The intention is that JSNA should be:-
 - carried out every 3 years to inform the LAA planning process and every 5-10 years to inform
 - strategic planning;
 - high level - about horizon scanning and jointly setting priorities leading to comprehensive area

- assessment;
- able to provide a comprehensive map of local service provision;
- made available in a format which the community can access and understand;
- a process which engages commissioners and supports commissioning decisions demonstrating
- clear links to partner strategies; and
- an evolving process used to drive more detailed research, and as a tool for continual improvement rather than a one off document.

JSNA should support commissioners and providers to achieve the following types of outcomes:-

- Shared health equity audits
- Co-located services
- Universal advice and information services
- Preventative strategies e.g. fall reduction strategies
- Community equipment services
- Hospital discharge arrangements
- Support packages with a health element
- Management of long term conditions in the community
- Reduction in the levels of unnecessary clinical interventions

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