



WORKSHOP – 13TH FEBRUARY 2014

HOW TO INFLUENCE YOUR HEALTH AND WELL-BEING BOARD

JSNA - JOINT STRATEGIC NEEDS ASSESSMENT

This document is a profile of the Local Authority area and details about population figures including demographic growth and any deprivation in It is the responsibility of the Local Authority (Council) to produce this document after consulting/engaging with local people. This document informs the:

HEALTH AND WELL-BEING STRATEGY – Again this is the responsibility of the L.A. to produce after taking account of the responses from the consultation exercises. Each Local Authority is responsible for setting up a:

HEALTH AND WELL BEING BOARD – the Board is responsible for approving the Health & Well Being Strategy, the majority of the members of this Board are laid down in statute and LAs can add to the membership, guidelines suggest the numbers are kept to a minimum. Among statutory members are Officers and Cabinet members of the local authority including those responsible for social care and GPs who are part of the:

CLINICAL COMMISSIONING GROUP(S) – these groups commission (buy) the health services from the hospitals in your area but do not pay the salaries of GPs. They are given a budget from the Dept. of Health and expected to keep within that funding 'envelope' to buy the services for their population. Local Councils are given funding for their own health and adult services.

Perhaps the biggest change of all is the transfer of funding for:

PUBLIC HEALTH – Public health used to be part of the NHS services but some of the funding has been transferred to your local council. I believe that this is the right place for it. Your local council has more involvement with people at a very local level and on a larger scale. The majority of those people seen by GPs and Hospitals are those people who have a health/medical problem.

Your council works with the Voluntary Sector and a range of national agencies. Funding from Public health may be used to spend on preventive services to keep people out of hospital and independent in their own home for as long as possible. Some GPs give out social prescriptions for older people to attend exercise classes and education classes. Both of those and others play a large part in ensuring that older people remain independent at home , particularly after a spell in hospital.

This workshop is about where, when and how you may influence the decisions about what care services are needed in your area.