

# Health and Wellbeing Board

15 May 2024

## Empowering Futures: Growing Up Well in Warwickshire JSNA

### Recommendations

That the Health and Wellbeing Board:

- 1) Approves the Empowering Futures: Growing Up Well in Warwickshire Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) and particularly notes and approves the recommendation that the Children & Young People's Partnership will nominate an appropriate group to own and drive the future development of the dashboard;
- 2) Approves the publication of the Empowering Futures: Growing Up Well in Warwickshire JSNA and supports its dissemination within member organisations; and
- 3) Encourages all member organisations to make use of the Empowering Futures: Growing Up Well in Warwickshire JSNA, including in the planning and commissioning of relevant services.

### 1. Executive Summary

- 1.1 The Empowering Futures: Growing Up Well in Warwickshire JSNA is the second needs assessment in the JSNA work programme approved by the Health and Wellbeing Board on 11<sup>th</sup> January 2023 and focuses on the physical health of school-aged children.
- 1.2 The JSNA provides an assessment of the current and future health and care needs of our local population in order to inform the commissioning of health and care services. The JSNA aims to establish a shared, evidence-based consensus on the key local priorities across health and care by bringing together key partners and stakeholders across the system to provide insight and interpretation to inform decision making. This intelligence supports and enables the prioritisation of resources and the redesign and commissioning of services that will improve outcomes for Warwickshire's residents.
- 1.3 The Empowering Futures: Growing Up Well in Warwickshire JSNA was prioritised to support the delivery of the school nursing service and the development of a Children and Young Person's Making Every Contact Count (MECC) offer.

- 1.4 The Empowering Futures: Growing Up Well in Warwickshire JSNA has been structured around the six school-aged high impact areas, which were developed to support the delivery of the Healthy Child Programme: From 5 to 19 and commissioning of school nursing services. The six areas are:
1. Supporting resilience and wellbeing
  2. Improving health behaviours and reducing risk
  3. Supporting healthy lifestyles
  4. Reducing vulnerabilities and improving life chances
  5. Supporting additional and complex health needs
  6. Supporting self-care and improving health literacy
- 1.5 The Empowering Futures: Growing Up Well in Warwickshire JSNA has been produced as an interactive report rather than a static document, and can be viewed here:  
<https://app.powerbi.com/view?r=eyJrIjoiaNjM2ZWlwYWYtNGYwYi00NDYzLWEyNzMtNDc1M2I0ZmM5MDcxliwidCI6Ilg4YjBhYTA2LTU5MjctNGJiYi1hODkzLTg5Y2MyNzEzYWM4MjMlMmMiOjE5>. Appendix 1 gives an overview of the interactive report to demonstrate for those receiving paper copies examples of what the dashboard contains. Once approved by the Health and Wellbeing Board, the JSNA interactive report will be published on the Warwickshire JSNA website. The intention is that the report will be:
- Interactive – users will be able to interact with the dashboard to explore the data and findings.
  - Iterative – it will be updated, developed, and added to beyond the end of the JSNA timeline.
  - Editorial – the data in the dashboard has been carefully selected to highlight the key messages as part of this work and original scope. This can be built on as part of the iterative nature of this report, subject to agreement by the group who will have oversight of this report moving forward.
- 1.6 The interactive output will be published on the Warwickshire JSNA website, alongside a methodology document and an engagement report.
- 1.7 Engagement was undertaken to inform both this JSNA as well as the Children and Young People MECC offer. This took the form of a survey (a report of which is attached at Appendix 2) which aimed to understand how people who work or volunteer with children and young people feel about discussing physical health concerns.
- 1.8 In addition, as part of the development of the Children and Young People MECC offer, multiple engagement activities with children and young people has been synthesised into one youth voice report. This valuable insight will be made available alongside the interactive report and the engagement highlighted in paragraph 1.7 above to provide both quantitative and qualitative insight into the physical health of school aged children in Warwickshire.
- 1.9 Responding to feedback on previous JSNA recommendations and acknowledging there have been two previous JSNAs focused on children and

young people in the last two years, this JSNA has followed a set of principles to try and add to, but not overwhelm, discussions and action around children and young people. The principles for the recommendations are that:

1. The recommendations need to be evidenced within the JSNA.
2. There will be a small number of high-level recommendations, with thought given as to how they translate into actions for specific audiences.
3. Consideration of how these recommendations will feed into the Children & Young People's Partnership.
4. Specific recommendations and actions identified as part of this work will be collated and developed into an initial action plan.

1.10 The Empowering Futures: Growing Up Well in Warwickshire JSNA makes the following six recommendations:

1. The Health and Wellbeing Board to endorse the dashboard produced for this JSNA and commit to this new iterative approach to producing this JSNA that is live and timely.

*To support this, the Board are asked to ensure partner organisations work together, committing subject matter expertise and analytical resource to keep the dashboard up-to-date with new data releases, evidence and intelligence.*

2. An appropriate sub-group, appointed by the Children and Young People's Partnership, will own this dashboard, and coordinate developing it with partners to ensure it acts as a comprehensive evidence base when making decisions around child health.
3. The appropriate sub-group should drive the Healthy Child Programme forward in a structured way around the high impact areas for health.
4. In partnership with colleagues, review health surveillance approaches to support their continued use as key sources of intelligence locally and to ensure robust reporting across a range of child health issues. These include Health Needs Assessments, Holistic Health Assessments, and Children in Care Assessments.
5. The limited resources which are available should be targeted towards high priority communities, settings, and vulnerable children and young people.
6. Linked to the engagement undertaken as part of this JSNA, the Children and Young Person Making Every Contact Count (MECC) should be utilised to empower practitioners to have strengths-based conversations with children and young people about their health and wellbeing.

- 1.11 An initial action plan has been developed alongside the recommendations to drive action and impact following the approval of this JSNA. This action plan will be owned and progressed by the group outlined in the second recommendation, which will be appointed by the Children and Young People's Partnership. As a result, the action plan will likely change and develop over time, responding as new data and intelligence emerges or as the group shapes and prioritises future development. The action plan will not be published on the Warwickshire JSNA website; however, it will act as a mechanism for the JSNA programme to demonstrate progress on the recommendations to both the JSNA Strategic Group and Health & Wellbeing Board at appropriate points.

## **2. Financial Implications**

- 2.1 No financial implications arise directly from this report. All work required to deliver on the recommendations will be met from within existing approved budgets.

## **3. Environmental Implications**

- 3.1 None.

## **Appendices**

1. Appendix 1 – Examples from the Empowering Futures: Growing Up Well in Warwickshire Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) dashboard
2. Appendix 2 - Empowering Futures Survey report

## **Background Papers**

1. No background papers.

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