

Committee: Health and Wellbeing Board

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Wards: All

Subject: Merton Story/ Joint Strategic Needs Assessment

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Recommendations:

For Health and Wellbeing Board members:

- A. To discuss and agree the proposed format and structure including chapters for the Merton Story / Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) 2024-25 to inform priorities of the Health and Wellbeing Board, Merton Health and Care Together and other relevant strategies.
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1 PURPOSE OF REPORT AND EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1. This paper presents the JSNA/Merton Story 2024/25 proposed format and structure to members to consider/ agree and is accompanied by slides that demonstrate this. The slides provide an overview of the chapters to be included in The Merton Story with examples including content of the proposed structure. Dashboards have been developed to support with the data aspects of The Merton Story.

BACKGROUND

- 1.2. The Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) is an assessment of population health and wellbeing needs. Production of the JSNA is a statutory duty of the Health and Wellbeing Board. It is led by the Public Health team, with contributions from other council departments, the ICS (Integrated Care System) and other partners.
- 1.3. In Merton, the main annual publication of the JSNA has been renamed the 'Merton Story' as a more accessible term. However, the JSNA also includes several other user-friendly products, including Ward Health Profiles, Bulletins and in-depth Health Needs Assessments.

2 DETAILS

- 2.1. The plan is for The Merton Story 2024/25 to be composed of sets of power point slides covering chapters on:
 - Population
 - Health Protection
 - Start Well
 - Live Well
 - Age Well

- Healthy Places

In addition, there will be a section on background and methodology.

- 2.2. Each chapter will include sub chapters (see appendix 1) and comprise of a headline/key message, introduction, local picture to include data from the dashboard, identifying priorities and further information sections.
- 2.3. It is not the role of the Merton story to cover performance of individual health and care services or to make specific service recommendation but to provide a strategic tool for the Health and Wellbeing Board and other place-based partners to inform evidence-based decision making with the main conclusions informing partnership priorities and action.
- 2.4. In response to the Health and Care Act 2022 and enhanced place-based working with the Integrated Care System (ICS) we plan to review the future JSNA process and products to ensure it is closely linked to integrated health and care commissioning and service developments.

3 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

The JSNA is a statutory requirement of the Health and Wellbeing Board.

4 CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN OR PROPOSED

During development of the Merton Story engagement is being undertaken with key stakeholders and users of the JSNA to inform and advise on the work.

5 TIMETABLE

If approved by the Health and Wellbeing Board, all parts of the Merton Story will be published on the Council's website from the Autumn of 2024 (November 2024). The full document will be published by individual chapters for ease of access in the form of power point slides.

6 FINANCIAL, RESOURCE AND PROPERTY IMPLICATIONS

There are no direct financial or resource implications. The Merton Story presents a narrative of current and future population needs to inform health and wellbeing partnership working, strategies and commissioning agendas.

7 LEGAL AND STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

The JSNA is a statutory requirement of the Health and Wellbeing Board.

8 HUMAN RIGHTS, EQUALITIES AND COMMUNITY COHESION IMPLICATIONS

A key theme of The Merton Story is describing inequalities in health and social outcomes. Outcomes of different population groups as well as across different areas of Merton are also compared.

9 CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

No direct implications.

10 RISK MANAGEMENT AND HEALTH AND SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

N/A

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APPENDICES – THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS ARE TO BE PUBLISHED WITH THIS REPORT AND FORM PART OF THE REPORT

APPENDIX 1 – THE MERTON STORY 2024/25 CHAPTERS AND SUB CHAPTER TOPICS.

The Merton Story 2024/25 – Chapters & Topics for Sub Chapters

Proposed Chapters & Subchapters
Merton Story Summary
Introduction (inc. Methods & Resources)
The Merton Population
Population Demographics
Population Changes & Growth (includes births, deaths & migration)
Inequalities & Deprivation
Health Protection
Start Well
Childhood Adversity & Safeguarding
SEND
Oral Health
Mental Health
Healthy Weight
Maternal Health & The Newborn Period
Childhood Immunisation
Live Well
Risk factors: Overweight & Obesity, Healthy Weight & Physical Activity
Smoking & Respiratory Health - COPD & Asthma
Diabetes & Other Long Term Conditions including Cardiovascular Disease
Adult Mental Health & Suicide
Sexual Health
Substance Misuse
Age Well
Dementia
Physical Activity, Frailty & Falls
Social Connectedness, Loneliness & Isolation Amongst Older People
Screening & Vaccination
Disabilities
Carers
Healthy Place
Employment & Cost of Living
Food Environment
Green Space
Climate Change
Community Cohesion & Crime
Assets