

# What is Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) and what does it mean for Wirral?

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The definition from the Department of Health's JSNA Guidance is, "Joint Strategic Needs Assessment describes a process that identifies current and future health and wellbeing needs in light of existing services and informs future service planning taking into account evidence of effectiveness. Joint Strategic Needs Assessment identifies 'the big picture', in terms of the health and wellbeing needs and inequalities of a local population".

Producing a JSNA is a mandatory requirement designed to help organisations with service planning and the commissioning process. This is a fundamental necessity of the Health & Social Care Act 2012

Local partnerships, but principally the local [Health & Wellbeing Board](#) and partners, are expected to prioritise based on the information and evidence in their local JSNA and other sources, as it highlights where there are gaps in knowledge or services and so helps inform effective decision making.

JSNA should also set out what people want from their services and should be underpinned by partnership working, community engagement and evidence of effectiveness.

Wirral JSNA is available to users in a number of easy to use formats: Full-text, pdf documents for each of the 15 Chapters are available to download (just scroll down to the bottom of the 'Key Issues' information on each Chapter page (be aware that some of the chapters are very large and may take some time to download) At a glance summaries of the key issues are available for each of the chapter areas Data is also available visually in map and chart form, via Instant Atlas, a package which enables you to interactively compare Wirral's performance on various topics reported in the JSNA to the rest of England at a glance.

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