

# Croydon joint strategic needs assessment

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## Foreword

We are delighted to introduce Croydon's joint strategic needs assessment (JSNA) for 2010/11. The production of the JSNA has been led by the director of public health, the executive director of adult services and housing and the executive director of children, young people and learners. Our JSNA is firmly embedded in the strategic planning process in Croydon. It informs our core strategies, our plans and our priorities. It is also a key resource for people who commission health and social care services.

We would like to thank the members of the JSNA programme board and the authors and contributors to this year's JSNA. We are committed to a JSNA process which seeks to engage with local people and those who use our services. Engaging with communities includes understanding whether services have delivered what was expected and whether people have had their needs met. For this reason we are particularly grateful for the input of members of Croydon's Local Involvement Network and to all those who took part in the consultation process.

A tremendous amount of work has gone into the analysis of long term health needs in the borough. This year we have an updated core dataset contained within an overview chapter and chapters on infant mortality, looked after children, sexual health, diabetes and living well in later life. Each element of the document is helping us build a richer picture of the nature of health needs in Croydon.

In the future the JSNA will be the responsibility of directors of public health, local authority directors of adults and children's services and GP consortia. They will be produced by health and wellbeing boards. They need to reach new audiences, including GPs who will take over the commissioning role from primary care trusts from April 2013; and the new local HealthWatch to ensure that the views and feedback from the public, customers, patients and carers are an integral part of local commissioning across health and social care.

Joint strategic needs assessment is not just about producing a document; it is an ongoing process of engagement, enquiry and reflection. We are proud of the way we are working in partnership to identify and explore need in the borough. We also believe that we have identified some of the assets and capabilities that lie within our communities. We sincerely hope that the contents of this year's document are useful to you and enable you to better understand the nature of health needs in Croydon.



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