

THE JOINT STRATEGIC NEEDS ASSESSMENT (JSNA) IN CROYDON

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1. WHAT IS A JSNA

A Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) is an ongoing, systematic method for reviewing the health and wellbeing needs of a population, leading to agreed strategic and commissioning priorities that will improve the health and wellbeing outcomes and reduce inequalities.

It provides an assessment of health and social care needs, a place-based population health analysis, a system-wide approach to health inequalities and an evidence base for local strategies and commissioning.

A JSNA has no set format; local areas are free to manage and design a JSNA as they see fit.

Local Health and Wellbeing Boards have a statutory duty to produce a JSNA, a Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy and ensure that LA, CCG and NHS England commissioners take the JSNA into account for planning and redesigning health and care services.

2. GOVERNANCE OF THE CROYDON JSNA

In Croydon, the Health and Wellbeing Board maintains overall responsibility of the JSNA.

The Public Health Intelligence Hub provide operational management of the JSNA. This group is the first point of contact for JSNA requests and are responsible for prioritising JSNA projects and developing the draft annual work programme for approval by the Health and Wellbeing Board.

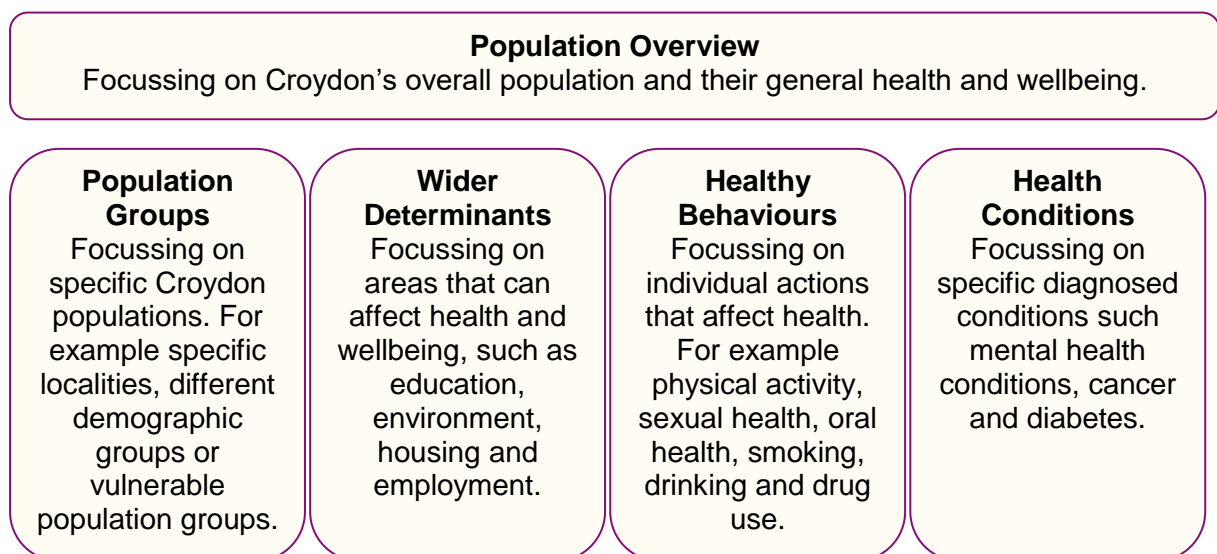
Any new JSNA project is considered final and ready for publication to the Croydon Observatory once it has been signed off by the Director of Public Health and any appropriate Boards pertinent to that topic area.

3. FORMAT OF THE CROYDON JSNA

The Croydon JSNA can be found on the [Croydon Observatory](#). It is split into five themed sections and each section is made up of a number of different document types;

1. Data Profiles which summarise some of the key data relating to that topic area
2. 'Summary' or 'Rapid' Profiles. These documents provide an overview of a key topic area. Usually this area is quite broad (for example mental or sexual health) and so cannot go into a lot of detail on each aspect of the topic area
3. Detailed Profiles contain more detail and information around a specific topic area. Detailed profiles are similar to needs assessments
4. Evidence Reviews provide a critical review of the latest evidence around a particular topic area

The JSNA themed sections are;



4. JSNA CONTENT

An annual work programme is in place in Croydon listing all documents that are regularly updated. The timescales of these regular updates are linked to key data releases and / or strategic or commissioning cycles.

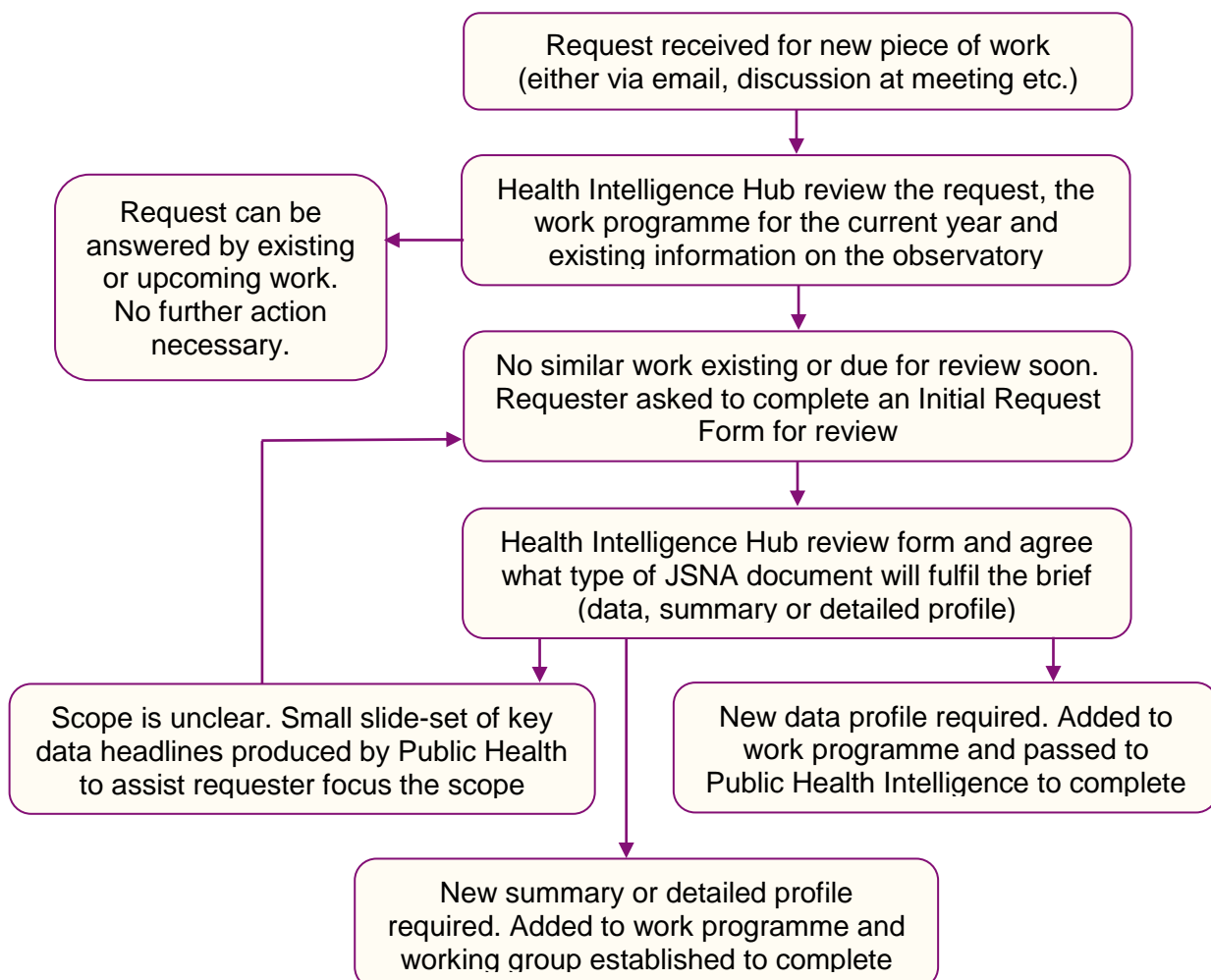
This work programme is drafted by the Public Health Intelligence Hub and reviewed annually by the Health and Wellbeing Board.

New pieces of work not on the work programme can be added to the JSNA on request where a particular need is identified that requires more detailed inspection.

These pieces of work may then become a part of the regular rolling work programme following the annual review or exist as a stand-alone document within it.

Any requests for a new piece of work require completion of the Initial Request Form (see [Appendix 1](#)) which begins to identify the purpose, scope, audience and stakeholders for the project. This will assist the Public Health Intelligence Hub when they review requests to prioritise work.

The process for requesting new JSNA content is as follows;



5. EVALUATING THE JSNA

Each year, the Health and Wellbeing Board is responsible for reviewing the JSNA in order to give the Council the opinion of the Board on whether the Council is discharging its duty to have regard to the joint strategic needs assessment and joint health and wellbeing strategy in discharging the Council's functions. This review consists of;

- Evaluating whether the JSNA in its current format is still fit for purpose and is being used in decision-making.
- Evaluating whether the JSNA is a part of corporate strategic and commissioning guidelines.
- Identifying areas of change.
- Reviewing and approving the work programme for the following year.

APPENDIX 1: INITIAL REQUEST FORM

Croydon JSNA: Initial Request Form

The Croydon JSNA can be found on the [Croydon Observatory](#) and an annual work programme is in place in Croydon to refresh the documents it contains.

Any new pieces of work must be requested using this form to begin to identify the purpose, scope, audience and stakeholders for the project. Please answer the below questions in as much detail as you can to help us prioritise your request.

It is expected that all JSNA projects are developed in partnership with key stakeholders. Those requesting a new JSNA product are likely to be the lead for that project. Leads are responsible for engaging with appropriate stakeholders to provide key information and data sets and identifying governance arrangements for sign-off / taking forward recommendations and actions. Each JSNA product should have a nominated person within the Public Health team to support the project as one of the key stakeholders. The Public Health lead will input information as needed, assist with shaping the product and provide a critical eye and insight as necessary.

No.	Question	Response
1	Who is requesting a new project? <i>Who is the key lead for this work and who will be responsible for signing off the final product?</i>	
2	What is the aim of this piece of work? <i>Please be as specific as possible; what would you consider the purpose of this project is? What are the key questions the project should seek to answer? What areas would you say are in and out of scope? Think about what information you currently don't have that is preventing you from making informed decisions / plans.</i>	

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3	<p>What will the work inform? <i>Please detail any commissioning decisions / strategies / plans / action plans / gaps in knowledge etc. that you hope to be informed by this project</i></p>	
4	<p>Who is the target audience of this piece of work? <i>Who are the key people or groups that the project is aimed at? Who will take forward any key recommendations from this work?</i></p>	
5	<p>What are the timescales? <i>Do you have a date for when this should be completed? Will it inform other documents that already have clear timescales? Do you have any suggested timelines for start date, key milestones and completion?</i></p>	
6	<p>Who are the key stakeholders? <i>Who are the contacts or organisations that should be involved in the project? What are the different levels of involvement that may be required from different partners? Is a steering group appropriate to lead on this work?</i></p>	
7	<p>What are the key datasets? <i>What local or national datasets capture the information you need to review? Who has access to these datasets?</i></p>	