

Strategic Needs Assessment

Formerly the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA)

SSNA Stands for Sefton Strategic Needs Assessment formerly known as the JSNA stands for 'Joint Strategic Needs Assessment'. It is a blueprint for the way Sefton Council and the local NHS identify and understand the health, well being and social care needs of people who live in Sefton. The purpose of JSNA is to pull together in a single, ongoing process all the information which is available on the needs of our local population ('hard' data i.e. statistics; and 'soft data' i.e. the views of local people), and to analyse them in detail to identify:

- a) the major issues to be addressed re health and well-being,
- b) the actions that we as local agencies will take to address those issues; and
- c) provides the basis for all the key strategies and plans produced by the Council and the local NHS to help them get the right services from the right providers.

This then allows us and other relevant service providers to:

- Be better informed and prepared to meet the needs of a changing population now and in the future;
- Work more effectively together to reduce the health inequalities between people in the better off and those in the less well off parts of Sefton; and
- Provide value for money.

For more information and documentation on the Sefton Strategic Needs Assessment click on this link:

<http://www.sefton.gov.uk/default.aspx?page=11805>