



## Does your JSNA know about you?



### What's it all about?

JSNA stands for Joint Strategic Needs Assessment. The Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) is a way to find out what kinds of services everyone living in your area needs.

Every 2 or 3 years people from health services, local council and other groups like the police collect information about the people who live in their area.

This includes lots of information like:

- How many children and young people live in the area
- How many carers and people with learning disabilities live in the area
- How long people are living for
- What kinds of services people might need



This kind of information and much more goes into a big report.

This helps everyone think about what is important for local people and what services should do in the area.

**For example:** Doing this JSNA might show that more people are dying of cancer in this area than they do in the rest of the country.



The council and local NHS might then decide to spend money on helping people to eat healthily, exercise or stop smoking.

## Why is it important now?



Local areas have been doing a JSNA since 2008.

But they are going to be more important in the future. They will be more important in the future because the government say that each area has to decide what services they need to help the people in their area.

This means lots of the decisions and targets about what should happen will be decided by the local Council and NHS.

**Important:** The information in the JSNA will play a big part in making decisions about what services there are in your area.

It will help the Council and local groups decide how the money is spent on supporting local people.

It is really important that the JSNA includes the right information about people with learning disabilities and their family members and carers.

People with learning disabilities and their families and carers often experience poor health or experience poor life chances like getting a job.

## What you can do?



You can find out more about the JSNA in your area by looking on the Council or PCT website.

You could ask your Learning Disability Partnership Board how they are involved in the JSNA.

## What we will do next?



To help make sure that people with Learning Disabilities and their families know about the JSNA Inclusion North is going to make a guide that explains more about the JSNA. We are going to do this with people from Newcastle Learning Disability Partnership Board and the Council.

More information about this will be will be out soon.