

JSNA – Review of Supporting Documents

This document contains brief synopses of the many reports, assessments and strategies which have informed the 2011 Somerset Joint Strategic Needs Assessment.

In particular, the synopses make particular reference to the main themes in the JSNA, namely Housing and Older People, where they appear in the document, as well as any general needs identified and the types of people affected.

This review was compiled by various members of Somerset County Council and NHS Somerset.

The list will be expanded as further documents relating to health and wellbeing in Somerset are published.



HOUSING FOCUS

Title and date	Making Homes, Helping People, Changing Lives (Somerset Homelessness Review & Prevention Strategy 2008-2011)	Contact:	Not provided
Subject matter:	The strategy is broadly split into 5 main areas; local and strategic context, numbers homelessness in Somerset, types of housing available, resources and priorities. At the end of the strategy there is an action plan for 2008-11.		
Affecting:-	Needs identified, and who is affected	Met Need/ Interventions in place	
General needs	The document specifically focuses on housing.	N/A	
Housing theme	<p>The Aims of the Strategy are identified and discussed:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To achieve positive outcomes in the support for vulnerable people • To tackle the wider causes and symptoms of homelessness • To reduce rough sleeping • To provide more settled homes • To provide a context for tackling homelessness through joint working <p>Emphasises that homelessness is more than just rough sleeping</p>	<p>The strategy identified a number of priorities, including:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve Protocols & Partnerships to Tackle Homelessness • Improved Access to Appropriate Housing • Improved Access to the Private Rented Sector • Homeless Prevention • Floating Support Services 	
Older people theme	Explores the extent to which older people receive the support they need to live independently at home	<p>The Somerset Supporting People Strategy “The Big Picture” covers the period 2005 to 2010 and outlines the strategic approach to the provision of sheltered and supported housing across Somerset. One of the biggest areas of long term services is housing for older people including both sheltered and extra care.</p> <p>A Homeless Prevention Scheme in Mendip ‘Homeshare’. Older & disabled people who wish to remain in their own home but require extra support agree to share their home with anyone who can provide those support needs.</p>	

Title and Date	Housing Related Support Advisory Group (HRSAG) Thematic Workstream Notes July 2011	Contact:	Dave Baxter (SHOG) Penny Guppy (NHS Somerset)
Subject matter:	Meeting notes and recommendations to put to HRSAG. Thematic groups on Older persons, Young Persons, LD and the Socially Excluded. All housing related but as part of wider care and support needs.		
Affecting:-	Needs identified, and who is affected	Met Need/ Interventions in place	
General needs	Mainly focuses on housing need		
Housing theme	<p>Issues are explored and summarised by each group.</p> <p>Young Persons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SCC, District and RSL relationships vital • Recommends publishing Commissioning Intentions Paper to agree Pathway based on need. • Access Points should be accessible and welcoming <p>Learning Disability:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion around eligibility, and the need to prevent greater dependence on funded care. • Ineligible people may benefit from a 'floating' service • Assistive technology & appropriate communication. • Barriers to accessing support via Districts <p>Socially Excluded:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Covers those eligible for support or not • Pathway needs to be multi-agency • Housing is a vital element in meeting needs. • Recommended socially excluded commissioning group be established. 	<p>Asserts the importance of improving existing services and pathways to meet needs of each group, while conscious of reduced funding and changing FACS allocation for individuals.</p> <p>Specific existing interventions include:-</p> <p>County Youth Housing Forum</p> <p>'Safe Places' in West Somerset – roll out across county?</p>	
Older people theme	<p>Older People;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developing Contact Centre and Community Hubs to aid integration of services, using existing buildings • Work with sheltered housing providers to widen support to community – may be chargeable ○ Clients want minimal change but need to be aware of what services are chargeable and free. 	<p>Existing schemes for older people include:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Falls Prevention Service • Domiciliary Care • Voluntary Befriending • Assistive Technology • Active Living Centres 	

Title and Date	Somerset Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessment 14th January 2011	Contact:	DeMontfort University
Subject matter:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Primary Research commissioned from De Montfort University on behalf of Somerset County Council and the five District Councils to understand the accommodation needs of the Gypsy and Traveller Communities in Somerset, and also investigate health and education needs. Based on surveys and three focus groups. 		
Affecting:-	Needs identified, and who is affected	Met Need/ Interventions in place	
General needs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The report emphasised the need to let the community self-define ethnicity. Gypsy and Traveller women were particularly likely to neglect their own health whilst caring for others Concern about the difficulties in receiving onsite treatment and the reluctance of GPs to attend sites. Lack of postcode for some sites affects accessibility to Health care services. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Only 7% interviewed were not registered with a GP but 29% were not registered with a dentist. Although people are accessing GP services there are cultural issues around medical care and screening / immunisation programmes. Highlighted examples of good practice. Long-term health care savings offset cost of taking a mobile unit to a fair picking up health problems of individuals at early stage 	
Housing theme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Predicted shortfall of pitches against demand. Perceived problems accessing site places. Many reasons given for seeking accommodation. Health affected by where they live, be it on roadside, on sites or in houses or flats. Environmental problems associated with poor quality sites exacerbated health conditions Anxiety over accommodation or fear of eviction can lead to problems with physical and mental health, including children who feel excluded and insecure. Overcrowded conditions can lead to conflict between residents and the local authority. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The DCLG Gypsy/Traveller Count for January 2009 showed the total number of caravans for the area as 468 (Mendip - 169, Sedgemoor - 75, South Somerset - 58, Taunton Deane - 148, and West Somerset - 18). Total Gypsy and Traveller population in this Somerset sub-area thought to be 497. <p>Note: these numbers have increased since publication</p> <p>The report states that;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>“there is a complex interplay existed between the psychological well-being of the participants and their families and their accommodation status</i> 	
Older people theme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For those beginning to contemplate their older age, concerns about access to medical care. Risk of injury on poorly repaired or lit pathways/sites Risk if accommodation is hard to keep warm and dry 		
Other comments:	<p>Illiteracy (reading and completing forms) has implications for screening information and access to services. Discussions with local primary health care providers to continue to improve cultural awareness training for health staff.</p>		

Title and Date	Somerset Supported Housing Providers survey August 2011	Contact:	Lucy Nicholls, Somerset Local Information Network
Subject matter:	The Somerset Local Information Network (LiNK) conducted a survey to offer supported housing providers the opportunity to give their views on their client groups and communities. Around a dozen organisations responded.		
Affecting:-	Needs identified, and who is affected	Met Need/ Interventions in place/ Gaps	
General needs	The document is a succinct summary of the findings based on the six questions asked, all of which were related to housing.		
Housing theme	<p>The summary contains an 'answers at a glance' section, followed by more detailed responses.</p> <p>The questions covered:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • what currently does and does not work well in terms of supported housing • perceived gaps in service • what could be improved • what cost savings might be supplied • what factors might influence health and wellbeing for clients over the next three years 	Supported housing providers felt that there was generally good partnership working involving themselves and local authority commissioners, Somerset Partnership and Housing Benefit departments.	
Older people theme	While older people are an important group of people accommodated in supported housing, most of the responses focussed on young people.		

Title and Date	Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessments – SHLAA (2009/2010)	Contact:	District Council Websites																															
Subject matter:	Land availability for new housing																																	
Affecting:-	Needs identified, and who is affected	Met Need/ Interventions in place																																
General needs	No non-housing issues																																	
Housing theme	<p>The SHLAA is an assessment of land availability for possible housing sites, over the next 20 years. Each district's SHLAA identifies numbers of potential dwellings on these sites and compares with the requirements of the former Regional Spatial Strategy (RSS). In summary:-</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>District</th> <th>Years</th> <th>Potential supply (SHLAA)</th> <th>Total requirement (RSS)</th> <th>Outcome</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Mendip</td> <td>2009-2027</td> <td>13,051</td> <td>6,992</td> <td>Adequate supply</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Sedgemoor</td> <td>2006-2026</td> <td>9,527</td> <td>10,200</td> <td>Deficit of 673</td> </tr> <tr> <td>South Somerset</td> <td>2006-2026?</td> <td>26,881</td> <td>19,700</td> <td>Adequate supply</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Taunton Deane</td> <td>2006-2026</td> <td>8,269</td> <td>21,800</td> <td>Deficit of 13,531</td> </tr> <tr> <td>West Somerset</td> <td>2011-2026</td> <td>2,822</td> <td>2,500</td> <td>Adequate supply</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		District	Years	Potential supply (SHLAA)	Total requirement (RSS)	Outcome	Mendip	2009-2027	13,051	6,992	Adequate supply	Sedgemoor	2006-2026	9,527	10,200	Deficit of 673	South Somerset	2006-2026?	26,881	19,700	Adequate supply	Taunton Deane	2006-2026	8,269	21,800	Deficit of 13,531	West Somerset	2011-2026	2,822	2,500	Adequate supply	<p>The RSS was revoked in 2010 and it is now for local councils to decide on approaches to future housing needs.</p> <p>SHLAAs form part of the evidence base for each district's Core Strategy for housing.</p> <p>Taunton Deane BC produced an updated SHLAA in 2010 which stated it had now agreed its Core Strategy 2008-2027 for 16,000 new homes, with the bulk in the Taunton Urban Area.</p>	
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Title and Date	Taunton & South Somerset Strategic Housing Market Assessments 2008 February 2009	Contact:	Fordham Research Dave Baxter, Somerset Housing Officers Group
Subject matter:	Uses analysis of viable sites, ONS projections, the DCLG Needs Model and local Census data to show how additions to the tenure and mix of housing can best make the housing market more balanced. Excludes Mendip.		
Affecting:-	Needs identified, and who is affected	Met Need/ Interventions in place	
General needs			
Housing theme	<p>The comprehensive report incorporates existing information and new research and provides the basis of district housing strategies into the current decade. Amongst other things it identifies particular issues.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Net inflow of households into both HMAs. • Considerable variations in tenure mix • Variations in property types across the area • Second homes in West Somerset. • Main issue is under-occupancy, not overcrowding • Ratio of house prices to incomes is high • Significant gaps in housing ladder • New Build housing tends to be ¼ or 1/3 more expensive than the cheaper housing to buy • Need for affordable housing is greater than can be met by any feasible building programme. • Fordham Housing Needs Index identifies highest rate of need per 1000 to be in Sedgemoor • Market:Affordable housing mix approximately 60:40 • Viable sites tend to be smaller; you need more to generate required volume of affordable housing. • The largest % of h/h type requiring market housing is that of couples without children. 	N/A	
Older people theme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Older persons and related special needs are a growing issue • Retired population concentrated on larger rural towns in Somerset. • Can often afford the larger houses with higher prices, but first-time buyers can't. 		

Title and Date	West of England Strategic Housing Market Assessment 2008 February 2009	Contact:	Heriot-Watt University Dave Baxter, Somerset Housing Officers Group
Subject matter:	Uses analysis of viable sites, ONS projections, the DCLG Needs Model and local Census data to show how additions to the tenure and mix of housing can best make the housing market more balanced. Includes Mendip, but it comprises under 10% of the HMA population, over half of which is in Bristol and South Gloucestershire.		
Affecting:-	Needs identified, and who is affected	Met Need/ Interventions in place	
General needs			
Housing theme	<p>The comprehensive report incorporates existing information and new research and provides the basis of housing strategy into the current decade. Amongst other things it identifies particular issues for Mendip district.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In Mendip, overall increase in new builds was outstripped by growth in households. • Planned growth will not meet projected demand, including social or 'intermediate' affordable housing • Social rented housing as % of all stock has fallen • Relatively high proportion of detached housing in Mendip. • Overall, prices rose faster in rural areas. As people move to towns, there is challenge to find appropriate provision in the villages. • HMA projections for notable growth amongst cohabiting couple and single-person households • House prices predicted to fall 25% from 2007 peak, thus improving affordability until around 2016. • Mendip typical of West of England in terms of new social housing size mix (41% 1-bed flat, 29% 2-bed house) but above average need for 2-4 bed houses in intermediate housing. 		
Older people theme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No direct mention of age in the summary 		

Title and Date	Sedgemoor District Council Housing Strategy 2010-2015	Contact:	Dave Baxter, Sedgemoor District Council
Subject matter:	Local strategy to assess existing and future housing needs and set priorities for future work.		
Affecting:-	Needs identified, and who is affected	Met Need/ Interventions in place	
General needs			
Housing theme	<p>The strategy recognises the role that housing has to play in supporting the wider social, economic and community agendas for Sedgemoor.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Projected increase in older people much greater than in younger age groups. • Household numbers also expected to rise sharply • Increasing number of migrants, particularly from Eastern Europe. • 5000+ extra people will be employed during construction phase of proposed Hinkley Point C. • Opportunities for the short term accommodation to become affordable housing in the future. • Much of the area categorised as Flood Zone 3. • Relative lack of skilled workforce will affect housing needs of the population. • Sub-standard private sector housing <p>Four strategic priorities were identified:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Meeting the housing needs and aspirations of local communities 2. Improving the quality of housing across the district 3. Increasing housing supply in Sedgemoor 4. Addressing the needs of homelessness or potentially homeless people by increasing housing options. 	<p>The points below are the main aims from the action plan to address the four strategic priorities.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Working towards meeting national 'Decent Homes' standard. Reducing crime and the fear of it within housing communities. Reducing anti-social behaviour. Improving the environmental aspects of housing estates. Working in partnership to address the needs of vulnerable clients. 2. Meeting the national 'Decent Homes' standard. Meeting tenants aspirations for their homes and the community and environment. Ensuring all new housing is high quality and well designed. Maximising use of the Council's enforcement powers to protect tenants in the private rented sector from the effects of bad housing and help to regenerate and revitalise town centres. 3. Maximising the delivery of affordable housing across the district by effective use of funding, planning powers, and land use. Bringing more empty properties back into use. Maximising the benefits from the Council's own housing stock. Maximising the benefits from the District's private rented sector. 4. Effective use of homelessness prevention. Provision of quality housing advice and support to those who do become homeless. 	
Older people theme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Projected rise in residents aged over 75 years. • Older people are more likely to have a limiting long-term illness, meaning that they may require some adaptations in order to remain in their house. 	<p>Spending between £2000 and £20,000 on adaptations that enable an elderly person to remain in their own home can save £6,000 per year on care costs and reduce the need for that individual to access supported housing.</p>	

Title and Date	South Somerset District Council Housing and Accommodation Strategy 2008 Update	Contact:	South Somerset District Council
Subject matter:	<p>Update to previous local strategy to assess existing and future housing needs and set priorities for future work. It has now been augmented by more specific strategies on private sector housing (2007-12) and housing requirements for South Somerset and Yeovil (2011). See website for these and other documents: http://www.southsomerset.gov.uk/planning-and-building-control/planning-policy/evidence-base/district-wide-documents/</p>		
Affecting:-	Needs identified, and who is affected	Met Need/ Interventions in place	
General needs			
Housing theme	<p>This is a comprehensive document summarising progress made against targets made in the 2004-7 strategy, identifying current issues and outlining plans for the future. The strategy predates the Taunton and South Somerset Strategic Housing Market Assessment reviewed above.</p> <p>It is structured as follows:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategic approach, including breakdown of capital expenditure and funding sources • Evidence base, including data tables • Current issues, including the emerging Local Development Framework (LDF) and partnership working (Supporting People, rural housing, Resident Social Landlord (RSL) Partnership, etc • Ambitions and Plans, including strategies, development of Homefinder Somerset and Gypsy/traveller provision • Revised Action Plan for 2008-9 	<p>The document includes details of work done or in progress to address housing needs of people in South Somerset as set out in the 2004-7 Action Plan.</p> <p>These include topics such as:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Corporate Plan • Delivery of affordable homes • Survey of housing need • Improving housing conditions and energy efficiency • Bringing empty properties back into use • Reducing homelessness • Bids for government grants 	
Older people theme	Nothing relating specifically to older people.	.	

Title and Date	West Somerset District Council Housing Strategy 2009-12	Contact:	West Somerset District Council
Subject matter:	Local strategy to assess existing and future housing needs and set priorities for future work, incorporating the Housing Vision and Action Plan		
Affecting:-	Needs identified, and who is affected	Met Need/ Interventions in place	
General needs			
Housing theme	<p>The document contains a useful executive summary which outlines how housing relates to different 'visions' identified for West Somerset:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Economic • Social • Environmental. <p>The housing strategy is structured around three themes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • People • Future housing development and increasing the availability of affordable housing • Promoting good housing conditions and energy efficient homes. <p>Within these themes, eight priorities are identified.</p> <p>The detailed Action Plan sets out objectives, timescales and the criteria for evaluating success. Specific proposals (e.g. on affordable housing delivery) are included.</p>	<p>The document focuses on what is proposed to deliver rather than what has been done already</p>	
Older people theme	<p>The strategy incorporates a section recognising the high proportion of older people living in the district and the fact that the population is ageing. It states that existing housing stock may no longer be suitable for meeting older people's needs and that providing advice, support and appropriate housing for older people is one of the main strategic challenges.</p>		

Title and Date	Mendip District Council Housing Strategy 2010-2015	Contact:	Mendip District Council
Subject matter:	Local strategy to assess existing and future housing needs and set priorities for future work.		
Affecting:-	Needs identified, and who is affected	Met Need/ Interventions in place	
General needs			
Housing theme	<p>The strategy recognises the impact of housing on the local area, infrastructure and economy.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High prices in more rural areas make houses unaffordable for many local people. Limited employment opportunities contribute: decline in manufacturing, farming and extraction. • 2009 survey said 15% (7,300) of private dwellings failed to meet the Decent Homes standard. • A shortage of affordable housing, social rented and intermediate. <p>Four strategic priorities are identified:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Preventing homelessness 2. Making better use of existing stock 3. Increasing the supply of well-designed market and affordable housing that is appropriate to the town or village within which it is delivered 4. Improving partnerships and community engagement 	<p>A questionnaire was sent out to a wide range of stakeholders, and the results of this informed the priorities which were identified.</p> <p>Identifies the main aims from the action plan to address the four strategic priorities. They include the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Introduce a system of Enhanced Housing Options. Reduce number of households living in temporary accommodation. Improve partnership working with the Private Sector. Implement the Somerset Homelessness Strategy. 2. Bring empty properties back into use. Reducing the number of tenants living in inappropriately sized accommodation for the household. Increase the number of 'Decent Homes' in the Private Sector. Develop improved 'exit strategies' for supported housing clients. 3. Ensure economy is supported by new housing. Improve understanding of rural housing markets. Increase affordable housing supply to meet local needs. Develop an understanding of future housing need and better understanding of the needs of households with disabilities. Improve the site provision for Gypsies and Travellers. 4. Improve referrals and joint protocols between Agencies. Improve involvement and communication with key stakeholders 	
Older people theme	<p>Recognition of the potential increase in the number of older people in future years, and that existing housing may not meet their needs. People with a medical condition such as dementia may require specialist accommodation and support.</p>	<p>Assist independent living of older people, through adaptations and support for those who wish to continue to live independently. A separate Older Person's Housing Strategy will support this.</p>	

Title and Date	Rural Affordable Housing Project July 2010	Contact:	HCA/DEFRA ruralhousing@hca.gsx.gov.uk
Subject matter:	National report with overarching objective of supporting local authorities and partners' efforts to enable and increase delivery of affordable housing in rural areas. It does so by promoting examples of what currently works (good practice), after engaging with 65 of the most rural areas, including Sedgemoor and South Somerset.		
Affecting:-	Needs identified, and who is affected	Met Need/ Interventions in place	
General needs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Taylor Report (2008) said 90% of existing rural residents want to stay there but 50% of urban residents want to move there. • Investigates both support and delivery ○ Develops the Rural Enabling Guide for local areas to follow. 	Local Investment Plans cater for rural affordable housing need	
Housing theme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ratio of lower quartile house prices to income is relatively high in rural areas, especially in the SW (8.6 compared with 7.3, respectively) • West Somerset and Mendip amongst the 25% least affordable rural areas in England. • Several recommendations around adopting the Rural Enabling Guide, setting up local rural housing partnerships with HCA support, working with parish councils to establish multi-parish strategic plans, with buy-in from elected Members. • Use local data, supplemented by Parish Housing Needs Surveys, to identify priorities, and agree a Rural Communications Plan to inform stakeholders and enable communication channels to local authorities and planning organisations. • Sustainability also important. Villages without affordable housing needed to retain the young will eventually die out and services (shops, etc) will close. 	No mention of specific case studies in Somerset.	
Older people theme	Doesn't deal with them as a separate group.		

Title and Date	The Health Impacts of Cold Homes and Fuel Poverty May 2011	Contact:	Marmot Review Team, University College London & Friends of the Earth
Subject matter:	Focus on one of the key determinants of public health, as established by Sir Michael Marmot's "Fair Society, Healthy Lives" (2010). It highlights how cold housing impacts on a variety of health incomes, how different groups of people are affected by fuel poverty and recommends action to tackle these issues. Commissioned by Friends of the Earth.		
Affecting:-	Needs identified, and who is affected	Met Need/ Interventions in place/ Gaps	
General needs	<p>The report defines Fuel Poverty technically (WHO definition) and generally as the product of 3 factors:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Energy efficiency of the house; • The cost of heating fuel; • Household income. 		
Housing theme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identifies relationship between Excess Winter Deaths (EWDs) and morbidity and low thermal efficiency of housing and low indoor temperature. • Identifies specific direct health impacts on children, adolescents and older people • Also indirect impacts such as children's educational attainment, dietary opportunities, risk of accidents and the benefit on economy of investment in energy efficiency of housing. • Highlights the problem with rural homes, which tend to be older, larger, less well insulated and not connected to mains gas –relevant to Somerset. • Covers basic cost-benefit analysis (eg for NHS spending) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identifies importance of improving energy efficiency of homes, in particular the Warm Front Programme. • Suggests Carbon Emissions Reduction Target (CERT) and Community Energy Saving Programme (CESP), while aimed at low-income areas aren't efficient at targeting <i>households</i> in fuel poverty. • Says Winter Fuel payments also a blunt instrument, omitting the 50% in fuel poverty who aren't aged 60+. • Recommends more energy-focussed Decent Homes Standard and better targeting towards social housing (Home Energy Management Strategy) • Recommends legislative changes to help private tenants' rights and improved funding mechanisms to enable all households to upgrade their home's energy efficiency, regardless of tenure. 	
Older people theme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • States that the over-75s are more vulnerable to the effects of cold housing because of existing conditions. • Effect of social isolation, not going out in cold weather because they can't warm up at home 		
Other comments:	Report makes the case for aligning health and environmental agendas.		

OLDER PEOPLE FOCUS

Title and date	Housing, Health, Care and Support Strategy for Older People in Somerset – Foundation Document - September 2011	Contact:	Nick Day and Gary Hortop, for the Housing Support Unit
Subject matter:	The document summarises existing strategies and research, pulling together data and information from a range of disparate sources. It gives an overview of work which is being undertaken within Somerset to shape services for older people. It is intended at a 'dynamic' document, to be updated periodically.		
Affecting:-	Needs identified, and who is affected	Met Need/ Interventions in place	
General needs	<p>The document gives perspectives from older people about the services they receive, sourced from national and local projects.</p> <p>Outlines key messages from local research:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extra Care Housing Strategy review (Peter Fletcher Associates) • Vision of Sheltered Housing in Somerset (Ridgeway Associates) • Housing and Older People Study (Fordham) • The Needs of Older People (Hastoe HA) 	<p>Provides overview of local strategies and programmes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • District Council Community Strategies • Somerset County Council 'Programmes of Change' • Somerset Assistive Technology Strategy • Somerset Integrated Community Equipment Service • Somerset Dementia Strategy <p>Outlines ongoing work by local groups and services:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Active Living Centres • Age UK Somerset • Care Focus Somerset • Citizens Advice Bureau / Somerset Advice Network • Somerset Older Citizens' Alliance • Carers UK 	
Housing theme	<p>Includes a snapshot (as of March 2010) of the numbers and profile of people using the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Residential and Nursing Care • Sheltered Housing • Home Care services • Extra Care Housing (ECH) <p>County-wide maps indicate the areas of the county with high proportions of older people (including those who have indicated a need for support), plus locations of care homes, sheltered housing, etc.</p>	<p>Gives an overview of existing local housing strategies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • District Council Housing Strategies • 'Thematic Groups' set up by the Housing Related Support Advisory Group (HRSAG) - to look at ways of achieving savings in the overall Supporting People budget. 	
Older people theme	The focus of the report is Older People (see above).	The focus of the report is Older People (see above).	
Other comments:	Many of the documents outlined in this report are included amongst the JSNA Supporting Documents		

Title and Date	Appraisal of Carer Services in Somerset July 2010	Contact:	Viv Streeter, SCC Peter Fletcher Associates
Subject matter:	Somerset County Council and NHS Somerset commissioned Peter Fletcher Associates (PFA) to undertake an appraisal of services for carers against the Somerset Multi-agency Carers Strategy of 2008. The review was undertaken between September 2009 and May 2010. Incorporates consultation with c. 1,500 carers and feedback from voluntary and community organisations and staff involved in carer services.		
Affecting:- General needs	Needs identified, and who is affected	Met Need/ Interventions in place/ Gaps	
	<p>Lengthy and comprehensive report. Identifies problem of estimating true number of carers in Somerset and the estimated £15K a year each carer saves the UK economy. Also highlights:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Problem of rurality and lack of access to services. • Services for carers considered patchy, with geographical variations. Wanted access to advice and information more locally. The need for formal assessment to access services deterred many. • They often feel undervalued, lacking influence, recognition and excluded from decision-making. • But those with specialist support were mostly very satisfied with the service. Training for carers was considered very useful but often inaccessible. • 29 recommendations made. 	<p>Points out that Somerset has over recent years developed a range of high quality carers support services, often cited as innovative and leading in best practice.</p> <p>Examples include:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carers Support Workers, Carers Assessment Workers • a network of carer support groups • a Carer Assessment process • a full-time carers lead • Somerset Multi-agency Carers Strategy • GP Carers Champions. <p>Also identifies a large range of existing services aimed at supporting specialist carers (e.g. caring for young people, Dementia sufferers, Gypsy & Traveller groups, etc)</p>	
Housing theme	Most people say that they want to remain in their own home, even in preference to Extra Care Housing schemes, so the idea of a scheme where the benefits of housing with care and housing support on site could be transferred to people in their own homes has been suggested to boost support for carers.	<p>Extra Care Housing enables couples, where one person is caring for their partner, to remain living together in the same accommodation rather than being split up, but a lack of supply is identified.</p> <p>Rollout of Somerset Assistive Technology strategy and policy which could also benefit carers for people in their own homes.</p>	
Older persons theme	Number of carers aged 85+ providing unpaid care projected to increase by 41% in next ten years.		

Title and Date	Somerset Dementia Strategy 2010	Contact:	None provided
Subject matter:	<p>The Somerset Dementia Strategy aims to provide a framework to implement improved, responsive and quality services for people with dementia and their carers across Somerset and improve health related outcomes. The focus is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to raise awareness and understanding of dementia within the general public • to ensure there is early diagnosis, support and intervention for people with dementia and their carers • to provide a higher quality of care to enable people to live well with dementia. 		
Affecting:-	Needs identified, and who is affected	Met Need/ Interventions in place	
General needs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In Somerset, estimated to be 7,640 people with dementia, 145 aged under 65. Both the number and proportion of people aged over 65 with dementia is set to increase by about 50% in ten years. • The rate of dementia in Somerset is 4.5 per 1000 people, cf 4.0 nationally. It is estimated that 2 in 3 cases are undiagnosed. • All 75 general practices produce a register of patients with dementia (QOF indicator DEMI). 	<p>Existing services include those jointly commissioned with Somerset County Council (SCC):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • specialised residential care (213 placements) • specialist in-reach liaison to acute and community hospitals • carer assessment workers • Active Living Centres (94) <p>SCC also commission services from the private, voluntary and community sector including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Care at Home. • Housing-Related Floating Support Service, commissioned from Mental health charity Rethink. <p>NHS Somerset commission services from Somerset Partnership NHS Foundation Trust. Somerset Care has 26 homes, 8 of which care for dementia patients.</p>	
Housing theme	<p>Nationally two-thirds of all people with dementia live in their own homes in the community.</p> <p>Planned actions which mention housing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ISPs for routine sharing of info between partners involved in home care and housing related. • Considering the potential for housing support, housing-related services and telecare to support people with dementia and their carers 	<p>In order to enable people with dementia to live well with their condition, much is being done that is positive in terms of housing options and assistive technology that are part of mainstream care for people with dementia and that contributes to their independence and safety.</p>	
Older people theme	<p>The Projecting Older People Population Information (POPPI) website estimates the proportion of the population aged 65 and over that have dementia:</p>		
Other comments:	<p>Services referred to provision at the time the strategy was written may have changed due to recent financial constraints.</p>		

Title and Date	Review of the Needs of Older People August 2010	Contact:	Somerset Community Foundation/ Hastoe Housing
Subject matter:	What matters to older people (roughly 65+) and what could be done to improve their lives, particularly by voluntary or community groups. Identified by desk research and telephone conversations with stakeholders and local organisations.		
Affecting:-	Needs identified, and who is affected	Met Need/ Interventions in place/ Gaps	
General needs	<p>Six main themes identified:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access to information: lack of awareness of entitlements; ways of helping them; overcoming barriers (e.g. pride, physical access); • Isolation (Physical and social), especially in remote farming communities; closure of village amenities; respite for carers • Independence: lack of carers; lack of transport; fear of 'going into a home'; loneliness and fear of going out can affect health (mental and physical) • Vulnerability: distrust of young people; distraction burglaries; discrimination by service providers; poor street conditions lead to fear of going out • Healthy Living: Exercise programmes, not enough leisure centre activities for older people; difficulty of accessing them if they do; opportunities to remain active • Fulfilment: Importance of self-worth; make use of their experience and skills; CRB checks and other barriers to volunteering; lack of confidence to speak out in public and be taken seriously 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CAB and other advice bodies already assist people • Government could develop outreach programmes • Train local 'contact points'/ telephone advisory services • Community transport (e.g. dial-a-ride or car share schemes) • Community-run services (shop, post office, library) • Computer training to help people stay in touch • Improving transport to access health care (GP, etc) • Flexible services in their own homes, including funding to adapt homes to enable independent living (assistive technology) • More support for carers • Suggest intergenerational projects to increase understanding • Neighbourhood Watch schemes • Practical assistance with garden, etc (eg community handyman) to deter burglars and rogue traders • Active Living Centres • Singing for the Brain and memory cafes to help wellbeing • University of the Third Age (U3A) groups • Charities/ community groups can arrange volunteer opportunities • Older people's forums • U3A has 4 branches 	
Housing theme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suitability of housing to enable independent living • Large proportion of single-person households • Affordability for younger people (carers?) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adapting homes for independent living • Handymen to improve gardens and deter those wishing to prey on vulnerable homeowners 	
Older people theme	Projected growth in 85+ population, especially amongst men. At least 1 in 3 live alone.		
Other comments:	Conclusions focussed on improving public transport and access to advice and information, and the role the voluntary and community sectors could have in addressing the issues.		

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Title and Date	Somerset Lifestyle Survey 2009	Contact:	Trudi Grant, NHS Somerset
Subject matter:	Lifestyle Survey completed in 2009 by NHS Somerset. This has taken place every 5-6 years since 1987. Postal survey sent to 7,560 randomly selected patients aged 16-74, living in Somerset. Survey covered a range of topics around lifestyle behaviour including physical activity, food, weight, smoking, alcohol, accidents, sun safety and mental health. Some questions were about intake/uptake/usage, whereas others asked about perceptions. Some demographic information was also collected.		
Affecting:-	Needs identified, and who is affected	Met Need/ Interventions in place	
General needs	<p>The survey report summarises with detailed tables responses on various important issues relating to lifestyle behaviour, with trend information where possible. The key issues were:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Physical activity • Salt • 5 a day • Butter/Margarine • Milk. • BMI: 1 in 3 were overweight, rising in line with national trends. • Smoking, including attempts to give up • Alcohol use: 56% of men and 39% of women were drinking unsafe daily levels of alcohol. • Smoke alarm: 9 in 10 had one at home. • Fireguard/stair gate fitted • Falls, including risk factors. • Sun safety, including attitudes tanning and awareness of skin cancer risk factors. • Mental health • Social isolation 	<p>The survey does not detail the range of interventions in place to tackle these issues. The aim of this document is to provide local data, in comparison with national estimates, to inform and focus local strategy and action plan development. The areas particularly identified as requiring continued or increased focus were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Physical activity • High calorific diets • Prevention of smoking in children and young people • Alcohol • Awareness of polypharmacy as a risk factor for falling • Knowledge of the effects of the sun and sun protection measures • Mental health, particularly for young women 	
Housing theme	A small number of the questions were related to housing, such as having a working smoke alarm, and the use of a stair gate and fire guard with toddlers.		
Older people theme	The survey did not cover this age group		

Title and Date	Annual Public Health Report 2010	Contact:	Caroline Gamlin / K. Kumaran
Subject matter:	Annual report of the Director of Public Health. The 2010 report focuses on 5 main topic areas which result in either high numbers of hospital admissions or high rates of premature death (deaths under 75 years).		
Affecting:-	Needs identified, and who is affected	Met Need/ Interventions in place	
General needs	<p>For the five topics, the report notes the number of people (or rate) affected and highlights any inequality issues; that is, where people from more deprived sectors of the population are more likely to be affected.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hypertension • Musculoskeletal conditions • Suicides. • Bowel cancer – link to poor diet • Land transport accidents – affecting young men in particular 	<p>For each of the topics, projects and strategies are detailed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health checks for 40-74 year olds. Medication prescribed and lifestyle issues recommended as appropriate. • Various initiatives and support provided across Somerset through NHS Health Trainers, District Healthy & Active Lifestyle teams, local Leisure Providers and Age Concern Somerset. • The Somerset Suicide Prevention Strategy is a multi-agency strategy based on the national strategy. • NHS Somerset works with partners to continuously audit suicides and deaths from injury of undetermined intent. • Bowel cancer screening programme offers screening for people aged between 60-75 years. Initiatives to improve lifestyles promoted through a range of partners • Somerset Road Safety target those most at risk of an accident, including school children and moped riders. 	
Housing theme	People who live in the most deprived areas experience higher disease/death rates. Housing is one factor which may contribute to deprivation, as measured by the Index of Multiple Deprivation (IMD).	NHS Health Trainers aim to target people living in more deprived areas, and may also be able to signpost towards support for housing-related issues as well as lifestyle issues.	
Older people theme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bowel cancer and hypertension, and therefore the risk of CHD and stroke, increases with age. • The demand for musculoskeletal services is likely to rise as people live and remain active for longer. • Older men still have a high rate of suicide. • The number of serious and fatal injuries for the over 60s have doubled in the last 3 years. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Age Concern Somerset and the Active Living Centres would particularly support this age group around healthy lifestyles. • Somerset Community Health has introduced the Falls Risk Assessment Tool for professionals and patients to use for referral to the Falls Service. • A specific initiative aimed at older people is being considered by the Road Safety Partnership. 	

Title and Date	Cardiology Health Needs Assessment, November 2010	Contact:	Matthew Dominey, NHS Somerset
Subject matter:	Health Needs Assessment covering cardiovascular diseases (CVD). This includes coronary heart disease, stroke, hypertension, peripheral vascular disease, heart failure, atrial fibrillation, pulmonary embolisms and deep vein thromboses.		
Affecting:-	Needs identified, and who is affected	Met Need/ Interventions in place	
General needs	<p>The report includes detail of the main conditions associated with CVD, with prevalence, mortality rates and inequality data.</p> <p>It notes that CVD is the main cause of premature death (<75 years) and is more common in deprived communities. In Somerset around 1,850 deaths occur per year due to CVD.</p> <p>The Quality and Outcomes Framework (QOF) is a system of rewarding achievement by GP Practices on a range of indicators. These include the number of patients with CHD, heart failure, hypertension or atrial fibrillation who are on specific disease registers.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Primary Prevention: stopping smoking, increasing physical activity, preventing obesity, reducing alcohol consumption, etc. All of these are linked to the risk of Coronary Heart Disease (CHD). • The NHS Health Checks programme for 40-74 year olds who have not already been diagnosed for heart disease, stroke, diabetes or kidney disease. • NICE recommends the use of statins for people with a 20% or greater 10-year risk of developing CVD. • Secondary Prevention: the measures described above for Primary Prevention are also applicable for those with existing CVD. • The QOF register enables monitoring of the number of patients with CVD who have blood pressure and cholesterol readings within certain limits, and/or are receiving specific types of medication (e.g. statins, beta blockers). 	
Housing theme	CVD is greater in areas of deprivation. People in lower socio-economic groups tend to suffer earlier and more severe disease. Housing is one area which may contribute to deprivation, and the Living Environment is one of the domains which contributes to the Index of Multiple Deprivation (IMD) score	N/A	
Older people theme	Prevalence of CVD increases with age, particularly hypertension, CHD, and heart failure. Most hospital admissions for heart failure occur in the over-75s. The Needs Assessment does not make specific reference to people in this age group, beyond acknowledging the link between age and CVD.	No specific interventions are mentioned for this age group, although the primary/secondary prevention measures would also be relevant, and these patients should also be on the relevant QOF registers.	
Other comments:	This Health Needs Assessment will support any future Cardiology Strategy that is developed.		

Title and Date	Mental Health Needs Assessment June 2011	Contact:	Louise Finnis / Penny Marno
Subject matter:	The last Mental Health Needs Assessment was produced in 1996. This one aims to understand the mental health and well being of those who live, work and visit Somerset and how this can be improved. It draws on a range of data sources and secondary research. Further work is planned and this will involve consultation with stakeholders and service users.		
Affecting:-	Needs identified, and who is affected	Met Need/ Interventions in place	
General needs	<p>The report examines data including hospital admissions, GP diagnoses and estimated prevalence based on national and local surveys. Variations across the county are also identified. Key issues covered include:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Estimated numbers of people suffering from a common mental health problem at any one time • Self harming – particularly high amongst young women • Psychiatric disorders • Users of services provided by Somerset Partnership NHS Foundation Trust. • Length of hospital stays. • New diagnosis of depression in primary care. • Psychological distress • Dementia Anxiety and depression in urban areas. • GP practice variation in mental health prevalence. • Relationship between mental health and deprivation. • Link to alcohol and drug abuse • Gender differences • Link to social isolation. 	<p>Somerset Partnership NHS Foundation Trust provides memory assessment services which provide information, advice and support for people in early stages of dementia.</p> <p>The document also highlights generic services provided, as well as community-based services including:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rapid Intervention team • Health action Planning Team • Clinical Psychology and psychological therapies service • Psychological Therapy Service (PTS) • Crisis Resolution and Home Treatment teams • Eating Disorders team • Assertive Outreach team • Forensic team • Placement Support team • Aspergers Syndrome team • Psychiatric Liaison teams • Employment Support Service • Somerset Team for Early Psychosis (STEP) 	
Housing theme		Reference to a survey of voluntary sector mental health service providers.	
Older people theme	<p>No specific information available on age 85+. However, the Needs Assessment identifies issues relating specifically to age, such as:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Age profile of those entering Improving Access to Psychological Therapies (IAPT) treatments. • Visits to, and attitudes towards GPs by 65+ age group. • Impact of the ageing population on the demand for mental health services for older people. 		

Title and Date	Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment 2011	Contact:	Tanya Whittle (NHS Somerset)
Subject matter:	The aim of the Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) is to enable NHS Somerset to commission and regulate the provision of high quality pharmaceutical services for the population of Somerset and it will be used to prioritise the commissioning of pharmaceutical services, as well as informing future pharmaceutical applications.		
Affecting:-	Needs identified, and who is affected	Met Need/ Interventions in place	
General needs	<p>The document looks at the impact of the ageing population on demand for prescription items.</p> <p>It also includes findings from a strategic review of premises for primary medical services in 2008/09, identifying:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • current surgeries that were too small and prevented the development and expansion of services • current surgeries that were of poor quality because of issues inherent in the site, design or type of building • rural communities without their own surgery and where residents had to travel long distances to access services, in turn hampering development of sustainable communities 	<p>Identifies 94 community practices and 24 dispensing practices which serve rural areas.</p> <p>In line with the JSNA and commissioning plans, and subject to financial constraints, the PCT intends to further commission:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • provision of Emergency Hormone Contraception in Minehead, one of the most deprived communities in Somerset • smoking cessation services across the county • primary care alcohol screening and advice services • methadone maintenance provided by trained pharmacists 	
Housing theme	The Assessment notes that the current down-turn in the economy has added to the uncertainty around the viability and timing of proposed housing developments in the county, with knock-on effects on demand for new or enhanced pharmacies.		
Older people theme	<p>Incorporates results of a questionnaire distributed to people at pharmacies seeking views on service provision.</p> <p>It highlights the potential for increasing role of pharmacies to support the management of long term conditions with an increasingly elderly population.</p> <p>Also the issues of public transport reliance for older people and the need for people to visit the pharmacy on behalf of older people.</p>		
Other comments:	Refers to the Department of Health publication 'Choosing Health through Pharmacy; A Programme For Pharmaceutical Public Health 2005-2015', which sets out a vision for the role of pharmacies in achieving public health objectives. With additional local information, the PNA lists in order of potential public health impact the priorities for pharmacy nationally and locally.		

Title and date	Adult Alcohol Treatment Needs Assessment - 2010	Contact:	Somerset Drug and Alcohol Partnership (DAP)
Subject matter:	<p>The needs assessment can be split into 4 main sections:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understanding the prevalence of alcohol use in Somerset • Understanding alcohol use amongst vulnerable populations • Reviewing effectiveness of services • Identifying gaps in current service provision to inform future service delivery 		
Affecting:-	Needs identified, and who is affected	Met Need/ Interventions in place	
General needs	18 year olds and over living in Somerset who have problems with alcohol misuse.	The needs assessment reviews current service provision for people aged 18 or over who misuse alcohol in Somerset.	
Housing theme	The document includes an analysis of Treatment Outcome Profiles (TOP), showing changes in housing need through the client's treatment journey.	Not covered	
Older people theme	Not covered	Not covered	
Other comments:	<p>The document is not currently available but will appear on the Somerset DAP website at a later date. http://www.somersetdaat.org.uk/information-for-professionals/sdap-plans-strategies-and-other-documents/</p>		

Title and date	Adult Drug Treatment Needs Assessment - 2010	Contact:	Somerset Drug and Alcohol Partnership
Subject matter:	<p>The needs assessment can be split into 4 main sections:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understanding the prevalence of drug use in Somerset • Understanding drug use amongst vulnerable populations • Reviewing effectiveness of services • Identifying gaps in current service provision to inform future service delivery 		
Affecting:-	Needs identified, and who is affected	Met Need/ Interventions in place	
General needs	The document covers those aged 18 years and over living in Somerset who have problems with drug misuse.	The needs assessment reviews current service provision for people 18 years old or over in Somerset, who have drug misuse problems.	
Housing theme	<p>The Needs Assessment identifies the number of people living in supported housing who cited a drug problem as their primary or secondary reason for needing support. This data has been split by length of time in supported housing and treatment outcomes.</p> <p>Treatment Outcome Profiles (TOP) shows changes in housing need through the client's treatment journey.</p> <p>Geographic analysis using the Index of Multiple Deprivation 2007 has been undertaken to identify if adults in treatment for drug use are more likely to live in the 'most deprived' areas of Somerset.</p>		
Older people theme	Not covered	Not covered	
Other comments:	<p>This report will appear at a later date on the Somerset DAP website http://www.somersetdaat.org.uk/information-for-professionals/sdap-plans-strategies-and-other-documents/</p>		

Title and date	Somerset Young People's Substance Misuse Needs Assessment – November 2010	Contact:	Somerset Drug and Alcohol Partnership
Subject matter:	<p>The needs assessment can be split into 4 main sections:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understanding the prevalence of substance misuse amongst young people in Somerset • Understanding drug use amongst vulnerable young people • Reviewing effectiveness of services • Identifying gaps in current service provision to inform future service delivery 		
Affecting:-	Needs identified, and who is affected	Met Need/ Interventions in place	
General needs	The document covers young people living in Somerset with substance misuse issues.	The needs assessment reviews current service provision for young people with substance misuse issues.	
Housing theme	<p>The Needs Assessment identifies the number of young people in supported housing who have contact with drug/alcohol services and the number who cited a drug/alcohol problem as their reason for needing supported housing. This information is broken down by age and gender.</p> <p>It also incorporates data from the Target Substance Misuse Workers for children 'looked after' by the local authority.</p>	Not covered	
Older people theme	Not covered	Not covered	

Title and Date	Hidden Harm in Somerset – December 2010	Contact:	Somerset Drug and Alcohol Partnership (DAP)
Subject matter:	<p>Hidden Harm is defined as “parental substance misuse (drugs and alcohol) and its actual and potential effects on children”. The aim of the needs assessment was to establish a baseline position for Somerset, which along with national guidance and existing multi agency protocols would allow an effective and co-ordinated response to the Hidden Harm agenda to be put in place.</p> <p>The needs assessment contains the results of an audit carried out in September 2010. The aim of the audit was to try and estimate the number of children living with an adult who is misusing drugs or alcohol. This data has been broken down by age of child, family structure, household structure and agencies/services known to the family.</p>		
Affecting:-	Needs identified, and who is affected	Met Need/ Interventions in place	
General needs	The report covers children living with parents who misuse drugs or alcohol.	Not covered	
Housing theme	<p>It contains some information on location of child, for example whether the child is ‘looked after’ by the local authority.</p> <p>Analysis using geo-demographic segmentation has been done to look at ‘higher risk’ household types.</p> <p>Geographic analysis using the Index of Multiple Deprivation 2007 has been undertaken to identify if hidden harm is more likely in the ‘most deprived’ areas of Somerset.</p>	Not covered	
Older people theme	Not covered	Not covered	
Other comments:	<p>The full report is not currently available. However, the 2008 report ‘Hidden Harm: Identifying a way forward for Somerset’ can be read or downloaded from the Somerset DAP website at http://www.somersetdaat.org.uk/information-for-professionals/sdap-plans-strategies-and-other-documents/</p>		

Title and Date	Somerset LINK Patient Transport Report August 2011	Contact:	Lucy Nicholls, Somerset Local Information Network
Subject matter:	Feedback from patient transport users, collated from comments provided to Patient Advice and Liaison teams (PALs) in Yeovil and Musgrove Park hospitals and LINK, via a new postal and online survey. The survey was targeted at members of specific service users, members of Mendip Community Transport and Compass Disability as well as readers of local newspapers and newsletters. It followed changes to eligibility criteria which mean that many more now have to pay for access to hospital treatment.		
Affecting:-	Needs identified, and who is affected	Met Need/ Interventions in place/ Gaps	
General needs	<p>Five recommendations were made:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Treat patients in the community where possible – people can't afford to pay for PT or taxi and many can't drive. May miss appointments. • Single point of access for booking patient transport • Information - Online • Information – Patient Transport Directory • Give consideration for carers, both those who can't easily leave home or those who need to accompany the patient 	<p>SW Ambulance Service NHS Trust operates most services for the NHS Patient Transport Service but fewer people are now eligible for free transport.</p> <p>Increasing reliance on volunteers</p>	
Housing theme	None specifically, but supports the importance of retaining community services, especially in rural areas where accessibility is relatively poor.		
Older people theme	<p>Again, nothing specific but one in five survey respondents were aged 85+. The report:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • contains comments from users who voiced their opinions about the PTS (mostly favourable) and the high cost of reaching their hospital. • reinforces the common issue of accessing information – GPs as well as patients. Not just knowing where to look but also available in an appropriate medium/format (eg large print) • highlights the need to consider carers (as above). 		

Title and Date	Local Alcohol Profiles 2011	Contact:	NHS Somerset or www.lape.org.uk
Subject matter:	Annual collection of indicator data relating to alcohol and its impact on health compiled by the North West Public Health Observatory. There is a profile for every local authority, including the five which comprise Somerset, as well as the county itself (as the Primary Care Trust).		
Affecting:-	Needs identified, and who is affected	Met Need/ Interventions in place	
General needs	<p>Each profile can be read online or downloaded as a PDF summary, and comprises four sections:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A 'spine' chart comparing the area with the regional and national averages • Annual trends for key measures • Actual figures and where the area ranks amongst all areas in the country. • Metadata – detail on the measures used. <p>The measures cover issues such as:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alcohol-specific and alcohol-related mortality rates and hospital admissions by gender • Alcohol-related crimes • Synthetic estimates of drinking levels • Months of life lost through alcohol-related deaths 	Not covered	
Housing theme	Not covered.		
Older people theme	None of the measures relate specifically to older people		

Title and Date	Local Health Profiles 2011	Contact:	NHS Somerset or Association of Public Health Observatories website www.healthprofiles.info
Subject matter:	Annual collection of indicator data relating to health, produced annually by the Public Health Observatories in England working in partnership. They are commissioned by the Department of Health. There is a profile for every local authority, including the five which comprise Somerset as well as for the county as a whole.		
Affecting:-	Needs identified, and who is affected	Met Need/ Interventions in place	
General needs	<p>Each profile can be downloaded as a PDF summary, and each area can be compared with others using the online interactive mapping tool.</p> <p>Each profiles focuses on health inequalities, with a particular focus on life expectancy at birth and GCSE attainment by ethnic groups. There are also trends for mortality and early death rates for cancer and heart disease/strokes.</p> <p>In all, there are 32 indicators included within the profiles, grouped by five themes:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our communities • Children and young people's health • Adults' health and lifestyle • Disease and poor health • Life expectancy and causes of death <p>The front page includes a handy summary of issues facing the area covered.</p>	Not covered	
Housing theme	Not covered.		
Older people theme	The only measure relating specifically to older people is the direct standardised hospital emergency admission rate for hip fractures amongst those aged 65 and over.		

Title and Date	Child Health Profiles 2011	Contact:	NHS Somerset or http://www.chimat.org.uk/profiles
Subject matter:	The Child Health Profiles complement the Health Profiles developed by the Association of Public Health Observatories (APHO). They are produced by the Child and Maternal Health Observatory (ChiMat) working with South West Public Health Observatory (SWPHO).		
Affecting:-	Needs identified, and who is affected	Met Need/ Interventions in place	
General needs	<p>Profiles for Somerset and other top-tier authorities can be downloaded as a PDF summary. Data for every local authority, including the five districts within Somerset, can be compared with others using the online interactive mapping tool.</p> <p>In all, there are 32 indicators included within the county profile, and 22 in the District interactive profile, grouped by the five Every Child Matters themes:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be healthy • Stay safe • Enjoy and achieve • Make a positive contribution • Achieving economic wellbeing <p>The front page of the Somerset profile includes a handy summary of issues facing the county, followed by comparisons for all indicators between Somerset and all other authorities within the South West. There are specific charts on MMR immunisations and obesity.</p>	Not covered	
Housing theme	Not covered.		
Older people theme	Not covered		

GENERAL FOCUS

Title and date	Somerset Economic Assessment March 2011	Contact:	Carrie-Ann Hiscock, Somerset County Council
Subject matter:	A summary of business, employment, income and skills factors affecting Somerset.		
Affecting:-	Needs identified, and who is affected	Met Need/ Interventions in place	
General needs	<p>Somerset needs improvements to its skills base, especially at higher level and is recognised as a cold spot in terms of higher education provision.</p> <p>Somerset has a high proportion of the South West's skills shortages and a growth in skills gaps</p> <p>Transport infrastructure is weak, especially in West Somerset.</p>	Not covered	
Housing theme	<p>A really good section on housing which suggests that labour market development and growth may be constrained by lack of suitable housing. Section 4 has a full write up, but key themes are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Short supply of affordable homes, especially flats and apartments which may be suited to young people and those on lower incomes. • In West Somerset, the ratio of lowest quartile house price to lowest quartile earnings is 9.8 to 1. Somerset as a whole is 7.7 compared to 6.3 for England. • High proportion of owner-occupation. The low level of rented housing is a key weakness for an area where affordability of ownership is such a problem. 	Not covered	
Older people theme	Not covered.		

Title and Date	Place Survey 2008 Somerset, October 2009	Contact:	Partnership Intelligence Unit, SCC
Subject matter:	<p>Statutory survey covering a range of issues ranging from overall satisfaction with locality and councils to use of services and perceptions of what is important to them and what needs improving.</p> <p>Self-completion questionnaire with sample of 7,284 adults aged 18+, conducted by research agency BMG and commissioned by Place Survey consortium of Somerset public service partners. Output includes a full report by BMG and a separate summary entitled 'Somerset Says'.</p>		
Affecting:-	Needs identified, and who is affected	Met Need/ Interventions in place/ Gaps	
General needs	<p>Report very heavy on detail, with a summary of findings relating to the aims of the then Sustainable Community Strategy. Main points include:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Somerset generally at or better than average on most measures of satisfaction. • Particularly favourable for volunteering, overall satisfaction with place, use of recycling centres. • There have been improvements in perception of anti-social behaviour and personal safety • Activities for teens, road/pavement repairs (especially amongst older people) and traffic congestion (especially Taunton Deane) are key priorities for improvement. • Public transport becoming more of an issue. 	Not applicable	
Housing theme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Affordable decent housing both relatively important and in need of improving. • Particularly high priority in West Somerset and amongst under-25s and those in private rental or social housing. 		
Older people theme	<p>The survey included responses from 297 aged 85+.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attach high priority to pavement/road repairs and public transport. • Less likely to feel they are in good health. • Less likely to feel safe after dark. • High satisfaction with health services and support for independent living for elderly. 		

Title and date	Community Safety Strategic Assessment 2010	Contact:	Partnership Intelligence Unit, Somerset County Council
Subject matter:	To identify priorities to inform a joint strategy and action plan.		
Affecting:-	Needs identified, and who is affected	Met Need/ Interventions in place	
General needs	<p>Document identifies key issues facing Somerset</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reducing the harm caused by drugs – the number of U18s arrested for drugs offences rose sharply in 2009/10. Limiting the damage of alcohol on our community – rate of U18s hospital admissions due to alcohol is high, esp. in Taunton Deane. Priorities for tackling crime - recession poses a direct threat to crime levels, to public satisfaction and confidence because of the probable impact on unemployment and reduced living standards. Safeguarding Vulnerable People - reduced social care due to public sector cuts may increase pressure on parents and carers and leave families, children in need, and vulnerable adults at risk. Hinkley Point C – anticipated 5,000+ migrant workers may lead to increase in incidents of hate crime. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ASB/Crime - Reducing the overall level of acquisitive crime continues to be a priority for the police and targeting the theft of metal in the East of the county particularly. Overall burglary numbers are declining but not reflected in non-dwelling burglaries – this continues to be a priority for the police. It continues to be a priority to address the level of Anti-Social Behaviour in the county. Road Safety Partnership has targeted a reduction in casualties amongst 16 to 24 year olds, with some success. Road Safety Partnership will continue to prioritise a reduction in the number of fatalities and serious injuries occurring in collisions on Somerset's roads. Services will continue to plan and prepare for the considerable impact of the Hinkley Point C redevelopment on civil unrest, increased demand for public services and increased crime and road safety casualties. Substance Misuse - a range of interventions will be rolled out including the use of alcohol workers delivering brief interventions in hospital and in custody settings. 	
Housing theme	No issues identified.		
Older people theme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Safeguarding Vulnerable People – reduced social care due to public sector cuts may increase pressure on parents and carers and leave vulnerable adults at risk. Road Safety - the percentage of fatal or seriously injured (KSI) casualties involving drivers 60 years and over is increasing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Road Safety - an educational package has been developed in response to an increase in KSIs amongst older people, especially accidents involving drivers aged 60+. 	

Title and Date	DSFRS Draft Corporate Plan and Strategy 2011/12-2012/14	Contact:	Nick Manning, Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue
Subject matter:	Forward plans for Fire and Rescue Services in Somerset		
Affecting:-	Needs identified, and who is affected	Met Need/ Interventions in place	
General needs	<p>There is a stated commitment to 'engage with people and local communities to make living in their homes safer, particularly with those identified as being the most vulnerable', with no more detail about who the people are and proposed methods of engagement.</p> <p>The strategy also includes a commitment to 'work with Local Authority Children's Services and the Police to reduce anti-social behaviour and its consequences by using appropriate interventions and community-based scheme with targeted individuals to prevent them entering the Criminal Justice System'.</p>		
Housing theme	Nothing specific		
Older people theme	Nothing specific		
Other comments:	Very focused on priorities for fire and rescue services so little in the report which assesses needs around health and wellbeing		

Title and Date	Somerset Financial Inclusion Strategy 2011-13	Contact:	Peter McGuire (Money Matters in Somerset)
Subject matter:	The strategy focuses on a multi-agency approach to support people who lack access to basic financial services and/or the essential skills to manage their finances.		
Affecting:-	Needs identified, and who is affected	Met Need/ Interventions in place/ Gaps	
General needs	<p>The report identifies the ways that financial exclusion interacts with other forms of deprivation, not just income but also lack of access to services (such as banks, shops, mains gas, etc)</p> <p>Has statistics on how many people don't have bank accounts or home insurance policies, and do take out loans with massive interest rates.</p> <p>Details how financial exclusion could be aggravated by reductions in public expenditure, from Supporting People and Local Housing Allowance to bus subsidies and funding for voluntary sector.</p>	<p>Outlines what is already been done and further ways to address the problems:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local Credit Unions • Loan guarantee scheme • Financial skills training in schools, Children's Centres and amongst social tenants, working with social landlords • Improved information and access to financial advice at various access points • Working with JobCentre Plus and District Councils to minimise impact of benefit changes and Council Tax arrears collections from vulnerable people 	
Housing theme	<p>Identifies ways in which changes to Local Housing Allowance will affect 8,000 private rented tenants</p> <p>States that social housing tenants are disproportionately affected by financial exclusion</p> <p>Recommends closer partnership with social landlords – reducing financial exclusion reduces rent arrears problems which in turn reduces financial pressures on the landlords themselves.</p>	<p>Example: Taunton Citizens Advice Bureau and Yarlinton Housing Group are working in partnership to deliver Money Workshops to improve tenants' awareness about money issues that affect their day to day lives.</p>	
Older persons theme	<p>Includes Help the Aged research on financial exclusion reveals issues of mistrust, fear of losing control, worries about safety and security, etc.</p> <p>Also highlights how rapid changes in delivery of mainstream financial services affect older people.</p>		

Title and Date	Citizens Advice in Somerset – Impact Report 2011	Contact:	Helen Scadding, Citizens Advice
Subject matter:	The report outlines the work and positive impact of the four independent Citizens Advice Bureaux (CAB) in Somerset: Mendip, Sedgemoor, South Somerset, and Taunton and District. The West Somerset Advice Bureau is not a member of Citizens Advice.		
Affecting:-	Needs identified, and who is affected	Met Need/ Interventions in place/ Gaps	
General needs	<p>The report gives statistics on enquiries handled, staffing and funding.</p> <p>Identifies the most common areas of advice sought by members of the public: Disability Living Allowance (DLA), Council Tax Benefit and Housing Benefit.</p> <p>Identifies that people in the most deprived areas are more than twice as likely to seek advice as those in the least deprived areas.</p> <p>Highlights that people rarely experience simple single problems, but often multiple inter-related issues.</p>	<p>Examples of positive CAB interventions/outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • families have been prevented from homelessness • people are able to manage their household finances more effectively • people are more likely to remain independent in the community thanks to additional income raised through accessing legal entitlements. <p>The report also lists specific interventions that can improve public health and contains a number of case studies of positive interventions around different issues.</p> <p>Research has shown that advice can lead to direct improvements in patients' health and wellbeing, especially regarding mental health.</p>	
Housing theme	Housing Benefit is one of the most common areas of advice sought.	<p>The report includes a Housing Case Study, noting positive outcomes for a client who received a notice of eviction:</p> <p>In partnership with Mendip District Council, Mendip CAB delivers three homelessness prevention projects.</p>	
Older persons theme		The report includes a Debt Case Study, noting positive outcomes for an 84 year old client struggling to manage her finances.	

Title and date	Children & Young People's Needs Assessment – July 2010	Contact:	Somerset County Council www.six.somerset.gov.uk/somersetchildrenstrust
Subject matter:	The Somerset Children's Trust undertook a thorough and comprehensive analysis of the needs of children and young people within the county. This Needs Assessment built upon previous needs assessments and is a key component of the strategic commissioning process.		
Affecting:-	Needs identified, and who is affected	Met Need/ Interventions in place	
General needs	<p>The report and Executive Summary highlight key facts and figures, followed by the strengths and areas of development under the five outcomes of the Government's Every Child Matters framework:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Being healthy • Staying safe • Enjoying and achieving • Making a positive contribution • Achieving economic wellbeing <p>These themes cover issues such as healthy schools, lifestyles, road safety, child social care, behaviour, child poverty and the importance of encouraging engagement and participation with this age group.</p> <p>There are also some useful maps showing for each District the location of schools, Pupil Referral Units, Children's Centres and social care offices</p>	<p>The needs assessment notes the effectiveness of interventions including:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) • Common Assessment Framework • Child Death Review and Serious case Reviews • Extended schools provision • Sure Start Children's Centres • The 2009 September Guarantee offer of a learning opportunity for al 16 and 17 year-olds in Somerset <p>It also notes the improvement in GCSE attainment, persistent absence rates and rates of the offending of Children Looked After.</p>	
Housing theme	The document includes details of foster carer households and the nine residential units catering for the most vulnerable young people.	Not covered in this report.	
Older people theme	Not covered in this report	Not covered in this report	
Other comments:	Linked to the Somerset Children and Young People's Plan, Somerset's Participation and Engagement Strategy 2009-2012 and Child Poverty Needs Assessment 2010-11 (also available from SIne website).		

Title and date	Child Poverty Needs Assessment – January 2011	Contact:	Somerset County Council
Subject matter:	<p>This assessment of need covers the principal building blocks of the national strategy to end child poverty by 2020. In particular, it aims:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> to provide evidence and context for developing the Local Authority's strategic approach to tackling child poverty to give a greater understanding of the distribution and drivers of child poverty in Somerset to build on existing understanding of local levels and concentrations of deprivation and make the links between child poverty and other factors. 		
Affecting:-	Needs identified, and who is affected	Met Need/ Interventions in place	
General needs	<p>The report starts by defining child poverty and places it in a national context, including findings from various reports, including the DWP's 2009 review of literature on 'Living with poverty'.</p> <p>It contains a wealth of tables, charts and maps, with clear summaries of the key issues relating to child poverty, comprising:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> deprivation and health inequalities working and earnings patterns skills and qualifications vulnerable groups access to services key issues for each district 	<p>Mentions of initiatives such as:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Somerset Young Carers Project Traveller Education Service NHS South West Healthy Schools Plus (HS+) pilot Children's Centres Extended Schools programme Somerset University Project 	
Housing theme	<p>There is a whole section dedicated to the issue of housing and how access to adequate housing is an important element of a strategy to address child poverty.</p> <p>Includes data on Council Tax bands, social housing, lone-parent households, fuel poverty and Child Wellbeing Index, identifying local areas with the greatest levels of need.</p>	Not covered in this report.	
Older people theme	Not covered in this report	Not covered in this report	
Other comments:	Linked to the Children and Young People's Needs Assessment 2010 (also available from SINE website).		