

## JSNA Workshop / Group discussion

### **A) Setting the scene**

The 2011 guidance "Joint Strategic Needs Assessment: A springboard for action" states:

"A single, agreed picture of true needs is essential for strategic planning"  
*and*

"Information from the voluntary sector, qualitative sources, service providers, the private sector ... will be crucial to the ability of a JSNA to provide an objective assessment of needs and priorities."

### **B) Role of JSNA**

- JSNA process and role of JSNA
- Health and Wellbeing Strategy
- Potential impact and benefit for VCS

### **C) Discussion questions**

1/ If asked, could you provide evidence to demonstrate that there is a need for the service you provide? Could you show if the need is increasing, reducing or remaining constant?

2/ Does your service fit within the local demographic, deprivation or epidemiological breakdown relevant to your service or geographic area?

3/ Do you know what your funding authority thinks is the level of needs in the area your service provides? Do you agree? Could you contribute more to build a wider "picture of need" via the JSNA?

4/ Research - how could you turn an "on the ground" understanding of local needs into evidence to support the overall "picture of need" in your service area?

5/ What examples do you have to influence the emerging 2011 JSNA?

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