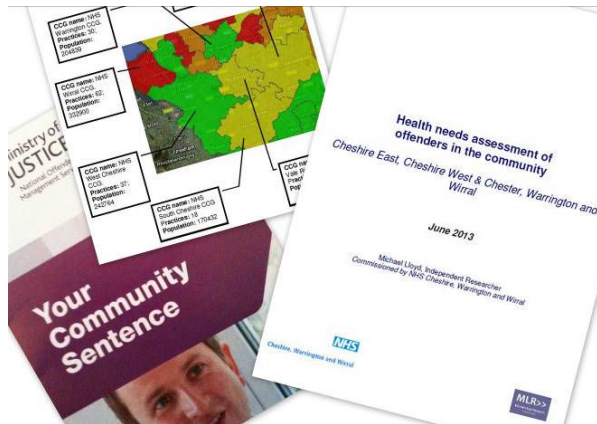


# Health Needs Assessment (HNA) of Offenders

## HNA of offenders in the communities of Cheshire, Warrington & Wirral



### Overview

There is a wealth of research and information on the health of prisoners, but very little relating to the health of offenders in the community.

This study fills a critical evidence gap for local health and criminal justice partners – identifying health needs, primarily through one-to-one interviews and group work with 32 strategic stakeholders and 33 offenders.

#### Client

NHS Cheshire PCT Cluster [abolished 31<sup>st</sup> March 2013]

#### Project deliverables

- Full report
- Research templates
- Presentations to stakeholder groups across NW

#### Location of project

Cheshire, Wirral, Warrington; UK

*“Michael totally immersed himself in negotiating this often hidden health agenda.”*  
Public Health Manager at Cheshire East Council

*“Excellent report – a very useful and long overdue piece of informative research”*  
Assistant Chief Executive, Cheshire Probation Trust

### Aim & objectives

The study was commissioned to inform Cheshire Joint Strategic Need Assessments (JSNAs) and raise the profile of offender health needs at Health and Wellbeing Boards (HWBBs).

Key objectives were to:

- Summarise existing evidence on offender health needs.
- Integrate findings from fieldwork undertaken with offenders and other stakeholders, to present an holistic overview of perceived need.
- Identify characteristics of need relevant to the commissioning of local health services.
- Recommend actions for improvement, bearing in mind the new commissioning landscape.



### Added value & outcomes

- Final report formed the successful business case in a funding application to the Cheshire Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs), to put in place an 18 month county-wide staff secondment to implement recommendations.
- Research materials and templates supplied to client to enable ‘in-house’ repetition of the work.
- Presentation of findings to HWBBs raised awareness across the Cheshire ‘patch’.

### More information

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