How we can help you assess population health needs

Health needs assessments (HNAs) look in detail at the population health needs of particular groups or health-related topics and make recommendations about how these needs can be addressed. NHS Midlands and Lancashire CSU (MLCSU) uses rich data from across health, care and the wider determinants of health to provide detailed analysis and recommendations, allowing you to carry out informed HNAs, improve health, and reduce inequalities.

Our HNA support is highly adaptable offering a range of optional insight modules:

1. Risk factors and profile of population at risk

2. Gap analysis of expected and actual prevalence

3. Patient profile within specific populations

4. Patient pathway through primary and secondary care

5. Demand and capacity: mapping of current services

6. Outcome measures and dashboards

7. Tailored population health management (PHM) analytics.

Why choose MLCSU

Tailored support

Our novel approach offers a variety of support that can be tailored to needs, budgets, timescales, and areas of concern. This flexibility ensures that you get exactly what you need without unnecessary expenditures.

Detailed analysis

We carry out in-depth analysis and provide insights on specific health-related topics. Our reports include an analysis of the topic, a review of relevant literature and best practices, and targeted recommendations, offering valuable information to guide decision-making.

Further insight and tools

Upon request, we can also provide insight on outcome measures, develop a dashboard to suit your needs or design a bespoke package of PHM analytics.

What we offer

1. Risk factors and profile of population at risk

This report describes the factors known to increase risk of developing poor health (related to a specific issue) and maps the populations at greatest risk. It provides insight to help inform prevention and treatment.

2. Gap analysis of expected and actual prevalence

This report compares expected and actual prevalence of a specific health issue. The analysis helps identify areas of best practice and those that need improvement.

3. Patient profile within specific population

Looking at a specific population of diagnosed patients, this report builds a patient profile using local patient-level data and analyses how this differs from published evidence. The findings can help you understand the population better and inform patient care and education.

4. Patient pathway through primary and secondary care

We provide a map of patient pathways (for specific health issues) through primary and secondary care, and profile the patients on those pathways. The results highlight potential inequalities and identify areas for intervention including lower performing organisations and patient education.

5. Demand and capacity: mapping of current services

The report assesses the current healthcare services available and profiles the patient demand by age, sex, ethnicity and deprivation. This helps in ensuring that services are adequately delivered in the right areas and in accordance with patient need.

6. Outcome measures and dashboards

The service includes support for selecting and developing outcome measures and analytical dashboards, essential tools for continuous monitoring and improvement of healthcare services.

7. Tailored PHM analytics

Beyond the predefined modules, we offer a tailored package of analyt-ics, providing further customisation and ensuring that all client-specific questions and concerns are addressed.

How you'll benefit

Understanding your populations:
The HNA approach will allow you to fully understand the health needs of your population in question, and whether your population experiences different outcomes when benchmarked against comparable populations.

Supporting intelligence-led, evidence-based decision making:
The HNA output can inform changes to service delivery, policy development, and system-wide prioritisation.

A unique product suited to your requirements:
You have the flexibility to select the optional insight modules allowing you to build a product that meets your needs, budget, and timescales.

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