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For the JSNA to be an effective tool it needs to be annually updated. Throughout the year many changes will have occurred in Devon which will have had an effect on service demand and supply. Therefore to ensure that all strategic and planning documents are meeting the needs of the local population, the most up to date information will be required.

An annual update will also allow for improvements to be made to the JSNA. With a continuously changing environment, the JSNA will need to be flexible and responsive so that it can provide the right information to tackle the future challenges faced by NHS Devon and Devon County Council.

To conform to this ideology, NHS Devon and Devon County Council have signed up to an annual cycle (Figure 42) of undertaking a JSNA with engagement and consultation at the heart of the approach. The two partners have decided to produce an annual cycle in order to bring together all aspects of JSNA planning and development into a coherent and unified process.

The annual planning cycle has been adapted since last year in order to take advantage of improvements suggested by the NHS Devon and Devon County Council team. This process of continuous improvement will be factored into the planning process every year in order to ensure that the JSNA is continuously improving.

Figure 42– JSNA Annual Cycle

