


Agenda Item: 6.10	
Healthwatch Telford and Wrekin Board Meeting	
Date of meeting:	06 July 2016
Title:	Mental Health Report
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For Decision	
Executive Summary:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
Financial Implications:	None specifically
Equality and Diversity:	None specifically
Public Engagement:	None specifically
Legal Impact:	None specifically
Recommendations:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board members are recommended to note the contents of this report.
Is there a need to consider inclusion in the Corporate Risk Register?	No

Throughout the year mental health has been becoming more of a highlighted issue and with changes in the local structure has become more relevant. Our involvement this year has increased as we have been involved in Steering groups and meetings surrounding the new Mental Health Strategy proposed by Francis Sutherland (Commissioner for Mental Health Services). Our involvement and input into this along with clinicians, Telford and Wrekin and service users has helped to output a strategy with outcomes that fall in line with what is happening in the local area.

Another significant ongoing area of work has been on the newly formed Telford Mental Health Forum, which we sit on. This is a group of private, voluntary and public sector providers who all engage with individuals with Mental Health issues. We have worked hard this year on delivering a 'Mental Health Works Conference event' held at the Park Inn in spring. This was to raise awareness and engage local businesses around the issue of mental health in the workplace and mental health in general. We continue to work with the Telford Mental Health Forum as this is an ongoing project to promote and better the services and awareness across the borough.