

1.	Meeting:	Health Select Commission
2.	Date:	11 July 2014
3.	Title:	Healthwatch – Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services Report
4.	Directorate:	Healthwatch Rotherham

5. Summary

This report informs Members of the outcomes of the work carried out by Healthwatch with parents and families to consider RDaSH Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services.

6. Recommendation

That Members:

- **Note the contents of the report.**
- **Agree to consider CAMHS as part of their work on mental health and wellbeing during 2014-15.**

7. Proposals and Details

From November 2013 to February 2014 Healthwatch received 14 comments from parents and children with regard to services from Rotherham, Doncaster and South Humber Trust (RDaSH) Children and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS), the majority of which expressed concern or dissatisfaction. On the basis of this information the Healthwatch Board decided to carry out a more detailed piece of work to ascertain people's views. The methods employed were:

- a survey
- a public two day event gathering views on themed topics
- a review of the Healthwatch Rotherham Database

The final report from this piece of work is attached at Appendix 1.

8. Finance

No direct financial implications from this report.

9. Risks and Uncertainties

It is important that service users and their families have access to high quality mental health services. Healthwatch provides an independent route for service users and their families to raise any issues and concerns with regard to local services.

10. Policy and Performance Agenda Implications

RMBC Corporate Plan: Helping to create safe and healthy communities
Health and Wellbeing Strategy

11. Background Papers and Consultation

Appendix 1 CAMHS Report contains details of the engagement carried out with service users and their families.

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