Pete Flavell, Chief Executive Officer, Healthwatch, gave a presentation on the summary of the key findings and conclusions of the recent Perinatal Mental Wellbeing Survey.  The presentation provided insight and information on the issues to be addressed in this area.

The Chief Executive officer advised the board that the term “Perinatal” is defined as the year of pregnancy and two years after the birth of the child. He also highlighted that the number of people in ethnic minority groups that had contributed to this survey was very small.

Members were advised that the survey had been reopened to encourage more ethnic minority groups to complete the survey to address the balance in the data.

The Chair congratulated Healthwatch on their excellent work and commented that focus on prevention and early intervention is important. In respect of the feedback in the survey that availability of information is to be improved. Members discussed how provision of information to new parents could be more joined up and shared via new channels.

The Chair motioned that this agenda item should come back to this Board for a further update next year. The Board moved to vote and this was agreed.

**RESOLVED:**

1. The key findings of the survey report be noted.
2. It was noted that these findings will be taken forward and considered by the current joint Children’s Review.
3. It be agreed that Healthwatch provide a further Perinatal Mental Health update next year

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