

Summary of issues considered by the Audit Committee on 7 December 2017 Chair's Report

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Agenda Item No: 12.4

Trust Board Report

Meeting Date:	29 January 2018
Title:	Summary of issues considered by the Audit Committee on 7 December 2017.
Executive Summary:	This report sets out the more significant matters which the Audit Committee discussed at its most recent meeting, in order to provide information and assurance to the Trust Board.
Action Requested:	To note the report
Report of:	Mr Roger Dunshea, Non-Executive Director and Chair of the Audit Committee
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Resource Implications:	None
Public or Private: (with reasons if private)	Public Session
References: (e.g. from/to other committees)	To receive and consider reports from Internal Audit, External Audit Local Security Management Specialist (LSMS) and Counter Fraud . To review other sources of assurance including third party assurances
Appendices/ References/ Background Reading	None
NHS Constitution: (How it impacts on any decision-making)	In determining this matter, the Board should have regard to the Core principles contained in the Constitution of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Equality of treatment and access to services + High standards of excellence and professionalism + Service user preferences + Cross community working + Best Value + Accountability through local influence and scrutiny

Background Details

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The agenda included a presentation on Cyber security, the internal audit progress report, recent security report and fraud protection and investigations. The committee also reviewed the BAF/TRR developments.

- **Cyber security**

A useful and thorough update was provided by the head of ICT and lead specialist on cyber security. We were briefed on the latest controls and safe guards in place. Vigilance and system protection remain critically high priorities .

- **Updates from QGAC, F&PC and TMC on increasing risks that require new controls , mitigation or third party audit.**

The chairs of the committees gave an update on the key risks for which they are responsible. There was one item raised for the consideration by the internal auditors with regard to cash flow risk. This will be picked up by Grant Thornton.

- **Internal audit progress report**

The committee reviewed the five recent audit reports and noted only the one on risk management had been given a significant level of assurance. The others on consultant job planning, CQC sources of assurance, implementation of the recommendations arising from clinical incidents and recruitment, had all been given a partial assurance rating. The committee will seek assurance that actions are being implemented to improve matters. The committee noted that there were now significant delays in implementation of previous internal audit reports. The committee asked for a progress report by the end of December and for those responsible to attend the next meeting of the committee.

- **Board Assurance Framework and SRR**

The committee reviewed the development of the BAF and TRR. There remains concerns over the oversight and leadership of the BAF development and this was to be referred to the executive directors for discussion.

- **External Audit**

The committee received a progress report and technical update from KPMG. The committee was also provided with some useful performance benchmark comparative data.

- **Counter fraud**

The committee received the latest report on case investigations and actions to prevent fraud and raise awareness. The committee asked for greater clarity on planned completions dates for investigations.

- **Losses and Compensation payments.**

The Committee recommended the paper for Board approval.