

Audit Chair's Highlight Report to Board

Subject	Audit and Assurance Report	Date: 14/09/23
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Purpose:		
	Assurance	

Matters of Concern or Key Risks to Escalate	Major Actions Commissioned / Work Underway
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Governance arrangements for MSK Services – clarity of way forward needed 	
Positive Assurances to Provide	Decisions Made (include BAF review outcomes)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Internal Audit – Further improvement in implementation Head of Internal audit stage 1 memo Audit reports submitted to Board Sub-Committees Risk Committee report – Committee assured by the work of the Committee External Audit progress – at very early stages 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Single tender waiver - approved Losses and special payments – below approval threshold, but approved for completeness HFMA Audit output – proposal had been to repeat the exercise to provide further assurance on controls, however Committee approved proposal that the new Regional NHSE controls document superseded this Committee Terms of Reference were approved with the minor amendments proposed
Comments on Effectiveness of the Meeting	
High quality papers, good level of discussion, overall was very assuring meeting	