

**Audit & Assurance Committee Chair’s Highlight Report to Council of Governors**

<b>Subject:</b>	Audit & Assurance Committee (AAC) Report	<b>Date:</b> 10 <sup>th</sup> May 2022
<b>Prepared By:</b>	Graham Ward – AAC Chair	
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<b>Purpose</b>		
	<b>Assurance</b>	

<b>Matters of Concern or Key Risks to Escalate</b>	<b>Major Actions Commissioned / Work Underway</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <u>Non-Clinical Policies</u> – there are a large number of these that are out of date across all executive directors and as a priority these need reviewing, updating as appropriate and approving.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <u>Clinical Policies</u> – Quality Committee has been asked to provide assurance that Clinical Policies are up to date and approved.</li> </ul>
<b>Positive Assurances to Provide</b>	<b>Decisions Made</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <u>Head of Internal Audit Opinion</u> – an interim opinion of Significant Assurance was given by 360 Assurance.</li> <li>▪ <u>Draft Annual Accounts</u> – received and discussed, all to time and draft results as expected.</li> <li>▪ <u>Draft Annual Report and Quality Account</u> – both progressing well.</li> <li>▪ <u>Register of Conflict of Interest Breaches Report</u> – no breaches identified during 2021/22</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <u>Internal Audit Plan 2022/23</u> – Proposed change to plan to include a further Maternity Standards review to be undertaken in 2022/23 at request of Chief Nurse with Medical Research review being pushed back a quarter to Q1 2023/24 was agreed subject to receiving details for the request from the Chief Nurse (to be circulated outside of meeting)</li> </ul>
<b>Comments on Effectiveness of the Meeting</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ All papers were of a high quality and clear which helped the meeting run smoothly.</li> </ul>	