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Extraordinary Audit & Assurance Committee Chair's Highlight Report to Trust Board

Subject:	Audit & Assurance Committee (AAC) Report	**Date:** 20th July 2023
Prepared By:	Graham Ward – AAC Chair	
Approved By:		
Presented By:	Graham Ward – AAC Chair	
Purpose		
	Assurance	

Matters of Concern or Key Risks to Escalate	Major Actions Commissioned / Work Underway
▪ Clinical Audit – The team is now at full strength, but they now need engagement and a clinician to overview/sponsor	▪ Procurement Annual Report – to include a section on the contract management benefits next year.

Positive Assurances to Provide	Decisions Made
▪ Counter Fraud – Very useful update that included benchmarking data and actions taken by SFH as a consequence of previous fraud investigations. ▪ Internal Audit – 2023/24 implementation rate increased to 85%. ▪ Data Security & Protection Toolkit – recommendations and agreed actions were discussed on this moderate assurance internal audit report and progress against actions noted. ▪ Risk Committee – committee assured by the work undertaken at the Risk Committee. ▪ Contract Management – the good progress made in implementing contract management was noted ▪ Procurement Annual Report – committee was assured by the work undertaken and results delivered by Procurement over the last year and planned for this current year. A particular note was made on the increased collaborative procurements being undertaken.	▪ Single Tender Waivers – approved. ▪ Losses & Special Payments – below approval threshold but nevertheless approved for completeness.

- Register of Interests Report – progress noted, though there are still 473 employees who haven't registered yet (43.4%).

Comments on Effectiveness of the Meeting

- All papers were of a high quality and clear which helped the meeting run smoothly.