Board of Directors

Report

Subject: **Report of the Audit and Assurance Committee**

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The Audit and Assurance Committee met on 19th January 2017. This paper informs members of the significant matters agreed by the Committee for reporting to the Board of Directors:

- The timeline and process for the recruitment and appointment of the external auditors was agreed and this will be proposed at the Council of Governors meeting on 23rd February 2017

- The Annual Accounts, Annual Report and Quality Account timeline was agreed

- A concern was raised regarding 360 Assurance Report – Systems Security /Access Audit – a progress and monitoring report was requested for the next meeting, however the committee were assured the actions were being monitored through the Information Governance meeting.

- The Terms of Reference were reviewed and approved.

- A committee effectiveness review was undertaken and this will be reported at the next meeting.
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Recommendation

The Board of Directors are asked to receive assurance regarding the work of the Board Audit and Assurance Committee.

Relevant Strategic Priorities (please mark in bold)	
Ensure the highest standards of safe care are consistently delivered by, and for, individuals, teams and departments	Ensure that patients experience the very best care, building on good practice and listening and learning from both negative and positive feedback and events
Provide timely access to diagnosis, treatment and care when people need it and safely reduce the time patients spend in hospital	Raise the level of staff engagement through strong leadership, communication, feedback and recognition
Reduce the scale of our financial deficit by reducing costs, improving utilisation of resources and productivity, and achieving best value for money	Work in partnership to keep people well in the community, and enable them to return as soon as they are ready to leave hospital
Develop and implement a programme of work in conjunction with Nottingham University Hospital NHST to create a new combined organisation	

How has organisational learning been disseminated	Through management teams, internal governance structures and the use of the Datix risk register.
Links to the BAF	All BAF Risks are reviewed by the BRC.
Financial Implications/Impact	None specific to this report.
Legal Implications/Impact	None specific to this report.
Partnership working & Public Engagement Implications/Impact	None specific to this report.
Committees/groups where this item has been presented before	N/A