Sherwood Forest Hospitals **NHS**

NHS Foundation Trust

Board of Directors

Report

Subject: **Report of the Board Risk Committee**
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The Board Risk Committee (BRC) met on 14th February 2017. This paper summarises the key items on the agenda for the attention of the Board of Directors:

- The overall Trust risk profile remains stable, which indicates that there is a robust framework in place that is also flexible enough to be responsive to the emergence of new risks

- The Committee received a report on risk management within the Finance department, presented by the Chief Financial Officer; the areas of greatest financial risk within the Trust at present are the delivery of future control totals (which features on the Significant Risk Register) and the implications if local demand reduction schemes affect income before costs are reduced – planning arrangements are in place and kept under regular review

- Progress has been made to address the Significant risks relating to the backlog of Ophthalmology outpatients and the vulnerability of the WinPath IT system servers; Significant risks remain in relation to Medicine Division capacity and flow, and Acute Medicine finances

- An emerging risk has been identified in relation to the required migration by the Trust to NHS Mail 2; the Resilience Assurance Committee (RAC) are sighted on this risk from a business continuity perspective and an update from NHIS has been requested to the next meeting of the Board Risk Committee

- The Board Assurance Framework (BAF) was reviewed following updates made by the Lead Directors; no residual risk ratings for any Principal Risks have changed; it was noted that the introduction of IR35 legislative changes represented a challenge and risk to business continuity, given the potential impact on the locum and interim market

- The Committee considered that Principal Risk AF8 – Senior leadership stability – could be removed from the BAF once Chair & Chief Executive posts have been filled

- A draft 3 year Internal Audit Plan was presented by 360 Assurance for consideration prior to its approval by the Audit & Assurance Committee – it was agreed that the Risk Manager would coordinate feedback on behalf of the Committee to enable the plan to be finalised

- The Committee reviewed its effectiveness in accordance with its Terms of Reference, using the Health Check template; no areas for improvement were identified

- No items were identified for escalation to the Board