

Board of Directors

Report

Subject: Report of the Audit and Assurance Committee

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The Audit and Assurance Committee met on 10th November 2016. This paper informs members of the significant matters agreed by the Committee for reporting to the Board of Directors:

- To strengthen the internal control process, all board committees should contribute to the annual internal audit plan to ensure areas identified as a potential risk receive appropriate scrutiny and assurance.
- The Standing Orders for the Board of Directors were reviewed as part of the 2 year review cycle. The Standing Orders were approved subject to one minor amendment
- A report will be presented at the Council of Governors on Wednesday 23rd November with regard to the process for appointing the external auditors. Two governors will be nominated to sit on the procurement panel.

Recommendation

The Board of Directors are asked to receive and note this report from 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	Board Risk Committee.