

Council of Governors

Subject:	Annual Report and Accounts 2018/19	Date: 13 th August 2019		
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Purpose				
To provide Council with a copy of the Annual Report and Accounts for 2018/19, due to be formally accepted at the AGM on 23 rd September 2019		Approval		
		Assurance	x	
		Update		
		Consider		
Strategic Objectives				
To provide outstanding care	To promote and support health and wellbeing	To maximise the potential of our workforce	To continuously learn and improve	To achieve better value
X		X	X	x
Overall Level of Assurance				
	Significant	Sufficient	Limited	None
	x			
Risks/Issues				
Indicate the risks or issues created or mitigated through the report				
Financial	N/A			
Patient Impact	N/A			
Staff Impact	N/A			
Services	N/A			
Reputational	N/A			
Committees/groups where this item has been presented before				
Board of Directors – 23 rd May 2019, Audit and Assurance Committee 23 rd May 2019				
Executive Summary				
<p>It is a statutory duty of the council of governors to formally receive the Annual Report and Accounts at the annual general meeting.</p> <p>The Annual Report and Accounts will be formally presented at the AGM on 24th September 2018.</p> <p>The National Health Service Act 2006 states:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The role of the governors is to have an opportunity to comment on the annual report and accounts but they cannot make changes to them. • The council of governors must understand the information in the report. This will ensure it has fulfilled its other statutory duties, for instance, to provide informed feedback to the board of directors and to inform external stakeholders (including any that they represent) on how the trust is performing. Governors should be permitted to ask additional questions on the trust performance as appropriate. • The governors will base their own views of how the trust is performing on the performance information in the report and the response to their subsequent questions, making their understanding of the report an essential part of how governors collectively hold the non-executive directors to account. 				

- The council of governors should also explain to the trust members and the stakeholder organisation that appointed them, how the trust has performed over the previous year. It may do this near the time it receives the report.