

Council of Governors

Subject:	Annual Report and Accounts 2019/20	Date: 11 th August 2020								
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Purpose										
To provide Council with a copy of the Annual Report and Accounts for 2019/20, due to be formally accepted at the AGM on 28 th September 2020		<table border="1"> <tr> <td>Approval</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Assurance</td> <td>x</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Update</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Consider</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	Approval		Assurance	x	Update		Consider	
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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 – 22 nd June 2020, Audit and Assurance Committee 22 nd June 2020										
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 28th September 2020.</p> <p>In March 2020 NHSI wrote to the Trust informing them that due to the estimated impact of COVID-19 there would be amendments for the year-end accounts and submission dates for the Annual Report.</p> <p>The Trust was informed there were two options for when the Trusts Annual Report and Accounts can be laid before Parliament.</p> <p>Option A: by Wednesday 1st July 2020 Option B: by Friday 21st August 2020</p> <p>The Trusts accounts were audited by the 25th June deadline and the Annual Report was finalised, therefore the Trust submitted in line with Option A, Wednesday 1st July 2020. There is no requirement for a Quality Report to be included in the Annual Report and Accounts for 2019/20.</p>										

The National Health Service Act 2006 states:

- 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.