

## Cover report to the Trust Board meeting to be held on 7 April 2022

<b>Trust Board paper K</b>	
<b>Report Title:</b>	<b>Audit Committee – Committee Chair’s Report</b> (formal Minutes will be presented to the next Trust Board meeting)
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<b>Reporting Committee:</b>	<b>Audit Committee</b>
<b>Chaired by:</b>	Mike Williams – Non-Executive Director
<b>Lead Executive Director(s):</b>	Lorraine Hooper – Chief Financial Officer
<b>Date of meeting:</b>	18 February 2022
<b>Account of key public matters considered by the Committee and any related decisions made:</b>	
<p>This report provides a summary of the key public issues considered at the Audit Committee on 18 February 2022:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Matters arising report</b> – the Non-Executive Director Audit Committee Chair undertook a detailed review of the outstanding matters arising from previous Audit Committee meetings during which it was agreed that the following items would be marked as discharged/complete and removed from the progress log: item 5, item 7, item 11, item 12, and item 14. Substantive progress reports would be sought in respect of the following items for the next meeting: item 8, item 9, item 10, item 15, item 16, and item 17. Items 18 and 19 (relating to implementation of the Procure to Pay Policy) would be retained on the matters arising log going forwards.</li> <li>• <b>Statutory Recommendations Progress update</b> – the Deputy Financial Improvement Director introduced paper F, detailing the status of the Statutory Recommendations relating to Financial Reporting, Governance and Financial Sustainability (as at 13 January 2022). He drew members’ attention the main areas of progress relating to the timetable for finalising the 2019/20 and 2020/21 Annual Reports and Accounts, budget management training compliance, recruitment to new posts within the restructured Finance Directorate, journal controls, progress of the External Audit work for 2020/21, confirmation of the External Audit Opinion for 2019/20, and the arrangements for eliminating the underlying financial deficit as part of the Medium Term Financial Plan;</li> </ul> <p><b>Items for noting:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Quality Committee Minutes 23 December 2021</b> – received and noted as paper I;</li> <li>• <b>People and Culture Committee Minutes 23 December 2021</b> – received and noted as paper J;</li> <li>• <b>Finance and Investment Committee Minutes 23 December 2021</b> – received and noted as paper K</li> <li>• <b>Charitable Funds Committee Minutes 17 December 2021</b> – received and noted as paper L.</li> </ul>	
<b>Public matters requiring Trust Board consideration and/or approval:</b>	
<p><b>Recommendations for approval:-</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None</li> </ul> <p><b>Public items highlighted to the Trust Board from this meeting:-</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Progress with responding to the Statutory Recommendations.</li> </ul>	
<b>Public matters referred to other Committees:</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None</li> </ul>	
<b>Date of next meeting:</b>	25 March 2022