



TRUST BOARD

Title: KEY ISSUES AND ESCALATION POINTS
Name of Committee: Extraordinary Audit Committee
Committee Chair: Geoff Lambert
Meeting Date: 24 May 2019

Summary of key messages:

The committee were presented for approval the following reports relating to the financial year 2018/19:

- Annual Report and Accounts
- Head of Internal Audit Opinion
- External Audit Annual Report
- Local Counter Fraud Service (LCFS) Annual Report

The committee were briefed on the contents of the Annual Report which had been produced in line with the Trust's established approach to co-production and incorporating the feedback received from External Audits regarding recommendations for the content.

The Annual Accounts were approved without qualification by the External Auditors, and represented a true and fair view of the financial performance of the Trust for the year 2018/19.

The Head of Internal Audit opinion had been presented to the previous meeting of the Audit Committee and was provided for information in its final form which contained no amendments of materiality.

The LCFS Annual Report provided an annual summary against the NHS Counter Fraud Authority's anti-fraud standards, based on the work performed in line with the agreed annual plan. This work resulted in completing the Self Review Tool (SRT) to assess the Trust's compliance against the standards set, and this resulted in an "Amber" rating which is in line with previous years. The Annual Report included the SRT and action plan.

Escalation Points:

None

Emerging Risks/Issues:

None

Examples of Outstanding Practice or Innovation:

None

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