



TRUST BOARD

Title: KEY ISSUES AND ESCALATION POINTS
Name of Committee: Audit Committee
Committee Chair: Geoff Lambert
Meeting Date: 11 January 2021

Summary of key messages:

The following key reports were covered at the last meeting:

- Internal Audit Progress Report, follow-up report internal audit report on bench-marking Board Assurance Frameworks
- External Audit update
- Waivers and Special payments
- Local Counter Fraud Service (LCFS) progress report
- The Board Assurance Framework (BAF)
- Conflicts, Hospitality, Gifts and Commercial Sponsorship Policy for approval

Committee received updates on the BAF outlining changes made since the previous reporting to the Committee. The updated assurance matrix outlined areas which are paused due to COVID-19, noting that the risks relating to Covid-19 were reviewed weekly by the Trust Incident Management Team and approved by Trust Executives.

There were only minor amendments with the policy which required approval including increasing the minimum value to £50 and the reference to the procurement service supplier.

During the meeting an update from External Audit was acknowledged that the continued impact of COVID-19 has had on public sector audit services across the country, and to inform the Board that there could again be a repeat to last year with the delay in the timetable for audit sign off of the Accounts.

Escalation Points:

There were no points for escalation to the Board.

Emerging Risks/Issues:

None

Examples of Outstanding Practice or Innovation:

None

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