

<b>To:</b>	Public Trust Board
<b>From:</b>	Jayne Warner, Trust Secretary
<b>Date:</b>	5 May 2016
<b>Essential Standards:</b>	

<b>Title:</b>	Draft Annual Governance Statement				
<b>Author/Responsible Director:</b> Jayne Warner Trust Secretary/Jan Sobieraj Chief Executive					
<b>Purpose of the Report:</b>					
All NHS Trust Accountable Officers are required to give assurance about the stewardship of their organisations and include an Annual Governance Statement in the organisation’s annual report and accounts.					
<b>The Report is provided to the Board for:</b>					
Decision		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Discussion		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Assurance		<input type="checkbox"/>	Information		<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Summary/Key Points:</b>					
The statement draws together position statements and evidence on both corporate and quality governance, risk management and control.					
The Statement includes the Interim Head of Internal Audit Opinion providing limited assurance on the Trust’s system of internal control. The draft statement has been submitted to KPMG who in their role as external auditor to the Trust will review the Statement and report on:					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Inconsistencies between information reported in the statement and their knowledge of the Trust; and</li> <li>• Any failure to comply with relevant requirements</li> </ul>					
This will be reviewed with the Annual Accounts at the Audit Committee on 31 May 2016 prior to formal submission.					

**Recommendations:**

The Board is asked to agree the draft annual governance statement for inclusion with the annual accounts and annual report 2015/16 subject to amendments required by External Audit.

<b>Strategic Risk Register</b>	<b>Performance KPIs year to date</b>
<b>Resource Implications (eg Financial, HR)</b>	
<b>Assurance Implications</b>	
<b>Patient and Public Involvement (PPI) Implications</b>	
<b>Equality Impact</b>	
<b>Information exempt from Disclosure</b>	
<b>Requirement for further review?</b>	