

Report to:	Trust Board
Title of report:	Audit Committee Report to Trust Board
Date of meeting:	26 May 2017
Status:	For Discussion
Chairperson:	Mr Geoff Hayward, Non Executive Director
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Purpose	This report summarises the assurances received, approvals and decisions made by the Audit Committee.
Background	This committee meets at least quarterly and takes scheduled reports from the Trust Internal and External Audit Providers according to an established work programme.
Business undertaken	Approval of Accounts The Committee considered and authorised the signing of the annual accounts, the annual governance statement and the annual report.
	ISA 260 The Committee received the ISA 260 report from External Audit advising of an unqualified audit opinion on the accounts.
	Head of Internal Audit Opinion The Committee received the HOIA Opinion which provided the Trust with a limited assurance. The opinion recognised the progress made by the Trust but highlighted the management of the arrangements for risk and the follow up of audit actions as specific areas where improvements were needed.
Risks to refer to risk register	Strategic Risk Register /BAF not reviewed at this meeting. No additional risks to highlight.
Key decisions taken	None
Issues to escalate to Board	None
Challenges and exceptions	None identified
Future exceptional items	

Attendance

Voting members

Mr Geoff Hayward (Chair)

Mrs Penny Owston

Mrs Gill Ponder

Mrs Kate Truscott

In attendance

Ms Karen Brown, Interim Director of Finance and Corporate Affairs

Mr Tony Crawley, KPMG

Mr Simon Gascoigne, Deputy Director 360 Assurance

Mr Colin Hills, Associate Director of Finance

Mr Mike Norman, KPMG

Mrs Jayne Warner, Trust Secretary