

<b>Report to:</b>	Trust Board
<b>Title of report:</b>	Audit Committee Report to Trust Board
<b>Date of meeting:</b>	13 <sup>th</sup> July 2017
<b>Status:</b>	For Discussion
<b>Chairperson:</b>	Mr Geoff Hayward, Non Executive Director
<b>Author:</b>	Mrs Jayne Warner, Trust Secretary

<b>Purpose</b>	This report summarises the assurances received, approvals and decisions made by the Audit Committee.
<b>Background</b>	This committee meets at least quarterly and takes scheduled reports from the Trust Internal and External Audit Providers according to an established work programme.
<b>Business undertaken</b>	<p><b>External Audit Annual Audit Letter</b> Received by Trust for publication on website. The Committee noted the fee impact of additional work created in final accounts audit by the cyber attack.</p>
	<p><b>Internal Audit</b> Committee challenged Internal Audit to review 17/18 audit plan to identify any potential change of focus to link to 5 key priority areas for the Trust. In light of this committee agreed deferral of three reviews and approved bringing the recruitment and retention audit forward.</p> <p>The Committee noted that the efficiency and productivity advisory report had one high risk issue relating to slippage in plans for identifying schemes on 2017/18.</p>
	<p><b>Counter fraud</b> The Committee noted that counter fraud awareness training take up remains high.</p>
	<p><b>Costing Assurance Review</b> The Committee noted the action plans in place to implement patient level costing and noted that the Trust was behind other Trusts in terms of progress made to date.</p>
	<p><b>Committee Self Assessment</b> Committee were asked to complete the self assessment checklist and return to the Trust Secretary. Responses would then be summarised and presented to the Committee.</p>
<b>Risks to refer to risk register</b>	No additional risks to highlight.
<b>Key decisions taken</b>	Approval of counter fraud bribery and corruption policy
<b>Issues to escalate to Board</b>	Continuing risk of limited assurance Head of Internal Audit Opinion Statement and need to focus on SRR/BAF and agreed audit actions.

<b>Challenges and exceptions</b>	None identified
<b>Future exceptional items</b>	

**Attendance**

*Voting members*

Mr Geoff Hayward ( Chair)

Mrs Gill Ponder

*In attendance*

Mr Neil Morton, Deputy Director of Finance

Mr Simon Gascoigne, Deputy Director 360 Assurance

Mr Colin Hills, Asst Dir of Finance

Mr Mike Norman, KPMG

Mrs Glynis Onley, Client Manager 360 Assurance

Mr Pete Riches, LCFS

Mrs Jayne Warner, Trust Secretary