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Title	Yorkshire Ambulance Service Governance Rationale			Paper Ref	7.2
PURPOSE (X)		Information		Strategic Objective	Business Plan Objective
Approval	x	Decision			
Assurance	x	Discussion		All	All
Purpose of the paper	The purpose of this paper is to seek approval of the Foundation Trust Governance Rationale which is a supporting document to the Foundation Trust Constitution.				
Recommendation	That the Trust Board: approves the Foundation Trust Governance Rationale.				
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RISK ASSESSMENT				Yes	No
Changes to the Corporate Risk Register and/or Board Assurance Framework					No
Resource Implications					No
Legal implications				Yes	
ASSURANCE/COMPLIANCE					
CQC Registration Outcome(s)	Auditors' Local Evaluation		NHSLA Risk Management Standards for Ambulance Trusts		
All	N/A		N/A		

**YORKSHIRE AMBULANCE SERVICE NHS TRUST
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Governance Rationale

1. PURPOSE/AIM

The purpose of this paper is to seek approval of the Foundation Trust (FT) Governance Rationale which is a supporting document to the Foundation Trust Constitution.

2. BACKGROUND/CONTEXT

As previously reported to the Trust Board (20 August 2012), YAS must submit its FT Governance Rationale to the Strategic Health Authority (SHA). At this point, neither the SHA (nor later, Monitor, the FT Regulator) would expect the document to change prior to FT Authorisation.

The document submitted for Trust Board approval incorporates the changes indicated by the Trust Board at recent meetings.

3. RISK ASSESSMENT

It is noted that it is vital for YAS to demonstrate it is prepared to become a Foundation Trust and operate in accordance with the Monitor Code of Governance and any relevant statutory requirements, including the 2006 Act and the Monitor Code of Governance.

4. RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Trust Board approves the Foundation Trust Governance Rationale.

5. APPENDICES/BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Yorkshire Ambulance Service' Foundation Trust Governance Rationale.