



MEETING TITLE Public Trust Board		MEETING DATE 4 June 2013	
TITLE of PAPER		Annual Governance Statement	PAPER REF 2.3
STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE		All	
PURPOSE OF THE PAPER		The purpose of this paper is to present the Annual Governance Statement for financial year 2012/13.	
For Approval		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	For Assurance <input type="checkbox"/>
For Decision		<input type="checkbox"/>	Discussion/Information <input type="checkbox"/>
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RECOMMENDATION		It is recommended that the Trust Board receives and accepts the Annual Governance Statement 2012/13	
RISK ASSESSMENT			Yes No
Corporate Risk Register and/or Board Assurance Framework amended			<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Resource Implications (Financial, Workforce, other - specify)			<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Legal implications/Regulatory requirements			<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Quality and Diversity Implications			<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
ASSURANCE/COMPLIANCE			
Care Quality Commission Registration Outcome(s)		All	
NHSLA Risk Management Standards for Ambulance Trusts		All	

ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 The purpose of this paper is to present the Annual Governance Statement for financial year 2012/13.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The Trust's Accountable Officer is required to provide assurance about the stewardship of the organisation through the completion of an Annual Governance Statement.
- 2.2 The Annual Governance Statement gives a sense of how successfully the Trust has coped with the challenges it faced and of how vulnerable the Trust's performance is or might be. This statement draws together position statements and evidence on governance, risk management and internal control.
- 2.3 The Annual Governance Statement refers to the Board's committee structure; the Board's performance, including an assessment of its own effectiveness; and to how the Board ensures that required standards have been achieved.
- 2.5 Section 5.11 of the Annual Governance Statement provides a Head of Internal Audit opinion, which describes an overall opinion of significant assurance.
- 2.6 The Annual Governance Statement has been completed in line with the guidance provided by NHS Chief Financial Controller.

3. RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 It is recommended that the Trust Board receives and accepts the Annual Governance Statement 2012/13.

4. APPENDICES

- 6.1 Appendix 1 – Annual Governance Statement 2012/13