



Paper Ref
 TB21.072

Meeting Title Trust Board Meeting in Public	Meeting Date 25 January 2021
Reporting Committee	Audit Committee
Committee Chaired By	Andrew Chang: Non-Executive Director
Lead Executive Director	Kathryn Vause: Executive Director of Finance
Date of Last Committee Meeting[s]	6 January 2022
Summary of Key Matters Considered and Decisions Taken	
<p>The Committee has held one meeting since its last report to the Board in October 2021. The meeting was held via videoconference and was quorate.</p> <p>Due to the current extreme pressures faced by the service the Audit Committee took all papers as read and discussions were held by exception.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members reviewed assurance reports on progress regarding Internal Audit and Counter Fraud plans. • The Committee received a progress report on the Internal Audit plan and management actions arising from Internal Audit Reviews. There had been improvements in the completion of outstanding actions and assurance provided in relation to risks of those actions which remained open from 2019. Clarification was sought regarding the timescales for removing access to financial systems following a period of inactivity. The Committee agreed the deferral of the Performance Management Review. • The YAS Fraud, Bribery and Corruption Policy was presented for comment and feedback, this would then be taken via the internal approval process. The Counter Fraud Plan was reviewed noting the ongoing work with the Trust to assess compliance with the new Counter Fraud Standards. • The Committee focussed on the Corporate Risk Register and Board Assurance Framework. The Committee praised management for the dynamic approach to risks management in the current circumstances and welcomed the comprehensive report and were assured of the process in place to support Risk Management. A discussion was held around differences between patient safety and patient harm noting that risks relating to these areas were regularly considered and discussed, in the Quality Committee meetings. • An overview of the key themes and trends arising through the Freedom to Speak up process were shared, and a discussion held around the work undertaken internally to triangulate information for learning and benchmarking against sector peers. • Routine assurance reports were received regarding losses and special payments, and Wavers and Contracts over £100,000. 	
Risks Identified / Matters of Concern and Mitigating Actions	
None	
Matters requiring Board level consideration and/or approval	
None	
Date of next Committee Meeting	12 April 2022