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Meeting Title Trust Board (held in Public)	Meeting Date 2 February 2023
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]	17 January 2023

Summary of Key Matters Considered and Decisions Taken

The Committee has held one meeting since its last report to the Board in November 2022. The meeting was held via videoconference and was quorate. The key areas of discussion during the meeting are noted below.

- The Committee received a progress update on the Internal Audit Plan 2022/23 and noted several actions which remain outstanding from previous years. Assurance was provided, that these were on track for completion and the Committee requested a detailed update on any of these which remained outstanding by its next meeting in April 2023.
- The final report for the HFMA Improving NHS Financial Sustainability checklist review was presented. All but one of the Trust's self-assessment scores were validated by audit, reflecting the open and honest approach the Trust had taken to the assessment. A detailed action plan has been developed in areas where there is room for improvement. This will be monitored at the Finance & Investment Committee.
- The Committee received the Annual Report and Accounts of the Yorkshire Ambulance Service Charity, which was recommended to the Board as Corporate Trustee for approval.
- A detailed discussion was held around the Corporate Risk Register and Board Assurance Framework.
- The Committee agreed to undertake a review of effectiveness of both Internal and External audit, for which results will be presented at its next meeting in April 2023.
- Routine reports were received including Counter Fraud progress report, Review of Schedule of Losses and Special Payments and SFI Waivers and Contracts over 100k.

Risks Identified / Matters of Concern and Mitigating Actions

Risks were discussed in relation to Industrial Aciton, resources to support management of serious incidents and attrition in contact centres.

Matters for Escalation to the Board

Resource to Support Management of Serious Incidents

The Committee noted concerns raised by the Quality Committee regarding the challenges around available resource to manage the processes for investigation and reviewing serious incidents.

Sustainability

The Committee highlighted the requirement for the Trust to consider Corporate Social Responsibility & Environment, Social, and Governance and the wider facets that sit under the 'sustainability' umbrella when considering work included within the Internal Audit Plan.

Date of next Committee Meeting	18 April 2023
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