

## NHS ENGLAND – BOARD PAPER

**Title:**

Report of the Audit and Risk Assurance Committee to the Board

**Lead Director:**

David Roberts , Interim Chair, Audit and Risk Assurance Committee

**Purpose of the paper:**

To update the Board of the meeting of the Audit and Risk Assurance Committee held on 29 June 2016

**The Board is invited to:**

Note the report

# REPORT OF THE AUDIT AND RISK ASSURANCE COMMITTEE TO THE BOARD

**REPORT TO THE BOARD FROM:**                      **Audit and Risk Assurance Committee**

**COMMITTEE CHAIR:**                                **David Roberts**

**DATE OF COMMITTEE MEETING:**                **29 June 2016**

## **MATTERS FOR THE BOARD'S ATTENTION**

1.     Progress on Internal Audit Programme and Head of Internal Audit Opinion
  - i.     The Committee received the final Head of Internal Audit Opinion which had been updated since the meeting in May. The Committee will have a Quarterly Review of Progress on the key actions identified in the HoIAO.
  - ii.    The Committee noted the work carried out by Deloitte on SBS Data Processing.
  - iii.   The number of overdue internal audit recommendations has increased since the last meeting due to year-end deadlines crystallising. The metrics for measuring the status of actions are to be reconsidered and a detailed rebasing of overdue actions will take place to ensure that they are still relevant. National Directors will be invited to attend ARAC on a rolling prioritised basis, to present status of Internal Control, outstanding IA position/ progress and the top 5 Internal Control issues and mitigating actions.
  - iv.    The Committee approved the updated Internal Audit Workplan for 2016-17.
  
2.     Annual Report and Accounts
  - i.     The Committee received a version of the Annual Report and Accounts which is substantially complete. There have been a number of changes since the draft was submitted to the previous meeting.
  - ii.    The final approval was delegated to the Chief Executive, Chair of the Board and Chair of the ARAC.
  - iii.   Subject to the final approval it is expected to lay the final document before Parliament on or about 13 July 2016.
  
3.     Risk Deep Dives
  - i.     The Committee received a verbal update on the FYFV with detailed discussion to be held with the Board. The Committee also received a risk deep dive on specialised services.
  
4.     NHS Shared Business Services

The Committee received an update on a SBS data processing matter.
  
5.     Committee Annual Report to the Board
  - i.     The Committee Annual Report to the Board was noted. The Committee Terms of Reference are appended to the report and include a change to the qualification requirements of the Chair of the Committee.

## **ITEMS FOR THE BOARD`S INFORMATION AND ASSURANCE**

6. In summary, Risk & Governance elements are in place but need to be embedded, whilst further work is required to further detail and embed Internal Controls in certain areas. This will be a focus for ARAC going forward.

## **PROGRESS AGAINST THE COMMITTEE`S ANNUAL WORK PLAN**

7. The Committee reviewed the workplan which covers the period up to June 2017. The plan will remain under continual review by the Committee.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

8. The Board is asked to note the report.

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