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**NHS ENGLAND – PRIVATE BOARD PAPER**

<b>Title:</b> Annual Report and Accounts 2017/18
<b>Rationale for paper being discussed in the Private meeting:</b> The report is not yet finalised
<b>Lead Director:</b> Paul Baumann, Chief Financial Officer
<b>Purpose of Paper:</b> To update Board members on the progress of final approval of the Annual Report and Accounts for 2017/18.
<b>The Board is invited to:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Note the update and confirm that they are content to receive a copy of the final approved report by correspondence.</li><li>• Note the intention to present the Annual Report and Accounts at the Annual General Meeting of the Board on 5 September 2018</li></ul>

## **Annual Report and Accounts 2017/18**

### **PURPOSE**

1. This paper provides an update on the progress of final approval of the Annual Report and Accounts for 2017/18.

### **BACKGROUND**

2. In line with legislation, NHS England and all clinical commissioning groups (CCGs) must produce an annual report and accounts, including a governance statement. The structure and content of the annual report follows requirements set by HM Treasury. CCG annual reports were published via their websites in June 2016.

### **PUBLICATION OF ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS**

3. At their meeting on 24 May, the Board reviewed the draft 2017/18 Annual Report and Accounts for NHS England and confirmed they were content to delegate authority to the Audit and Risk Assurance Committee (ARAC) to undertake a final detailed review and recommend them for signature by the Accounting Officer on 3 July 2018. Members have also had the opportunity to comment on the final report prior to submission to ARAC.
4. The Annual Report and Accounts 2017/18 are now subject to certification by the National Audit Office before the document can be laid before Parliament.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

5. The Board is invited to:
  - Note the update and confirm they are content to receive a copy of the final, approved report via correspondence; and
  - Note the intention to present the Annual Report and Accounts at the Annual General Meeting of the Board on 5 September 2018

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