

Audited accounts: 2024/25 submission checklist for providers

We have prepared this checklist to help NHS trusts and NHS foundation trusts with what they need to prepare and submit for the audited accounts submissions due by 30 June at noon. As usual, this document contains no new information and is issued to assist providers who may find it helpful.

Key reminders for 2024/25

- We do not require any hard copies to be sent to us in the post.
- We will accept electronic signatures in pdf documents (whether a scan of a physical signature, or insertion of an electronic signature). Discuss with your external audit team to ensure the required processes are in place to give evidence to auditors that signatures have been properly applied.
- Please refrain from using the ampersand (“&”) character in your file names.
- From 2024/25 changes to auditing standards which define how local auditors interact with the NAO for the national audits may lead to local auditors delaying issuing their audit completion certificate until after the national accounts are complete. This does not prevent local auditors signing audit reports (opinions) on individual NHS body accounts for the 30 June deadline. This change therefore does not impact on providers meeting submission requirements on 30 June. We are separately seeking to avoid delays in providers laying (FTs only) and publishing annual reports (see separate update).
- The NAO Audit Code continues to require auditors to conclude on use of resources / value for money (VFM) arrangements prior to concluding on the financial statements audit. All audit reports submitted on 30 June should contain a VFM conclusion.

Audited accounts submission checklist

	Link if applicable: <u>NHS trusts</u>	Requirement			Link if applicable: <u>NHS FTs</u>
		NHS trusts and FTs	NHS trusts only	FTs only	
Key things to check in the annual report and accounts / other documents					
1	AGS and year end statements guidance for NHS trusts Word doc version of pro forma statements (NHS trusts)	Annual governance statement: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Does the conclusion section clearly identify the significant internal control issues (not risks) arising in the statement, or clearly state that there are no significant internal control issues?Has this been reflected on TAC51 of the PFR form? PFR form: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Have the responses in TAC01 Confirmations been reconsidered following finalisation of accounts? Confirmation question 3 should be updated.			AGS guidance in FT ARM Word doc version of pro forma statements (NHS FTs)

Signatures in the annual report and accounts / in other documents for submission				
2	<p>Guidance in the DHSC GAM for NHS trusts</p> <p>AGS and year end statements guidance for NHS trusts</p> <p>Word doc version of pro forma statements (NHS trusts)</p> <p>NHSE accounts timetable</p>	<p>NHS trusts - signatures</p> <p>Annual report and accounts, per GAM para 3.16:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Performance report (chief exec) Accountability report (chief exec) Statement of financial position (chief exec) <p>Annual report and accounts, per GAM para 3.15 and NHSE guidance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Annual governance statement (chief exec) Statement of chief executive's accountable officer responsibilities (chief exec) Statement of directors' responsibilities (chief exec and finance director) <p>Accompanying submissions to NHSE, per NHSE accounts timetable (both trusts and FTs):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Confirmations tab from TAC schedules (in PFR form) printed and signed by chief exec – electronic signature or typing the Chief Executive's name in the box is sufficient to confirm their approval Certificate on consistency of TAC schedules – available in pro forma statements document (chief exec and finance director) 	<p>NHS foundation trusts – signatures</p> <p>Annual report and accounts, per FT ARM directions (pages 14 to 16):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Performance report (chief exec) Accountability report (chief exec) Remuneration report (chief exec) Annual governance statement (chief exec) Statement of financial position (chief exec) Statement of accounting officer's responsibilities (chief exec) Foreword to accounts (chief exec) 	<p>FT ARM</p> <p>Word doc version of pro forma statements (NHS FTs)</p> <p>NHSE accounts timetable</p>
What you need from your auditor (in advance of 30 June)				
3	NHSE accounts timetable	<p>For submission to NHSE by the trust, per NHSE timetable letter:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Auditor's audit completion report to those charged with governance ('ISA260 report') – electronic format Audit report (containing audit opinion) on the accounts – signed, electronic format Auditor report on the summarisation schedules (TAC schedules) – signed, electronic format <p>Additionally, between trust and auditor (not required for submission to NHSE):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Auditor will require signed letter of management representations 		NHSE accounts timetable
What you need to submit in electronic form				
4	NHSE accounts timetable	<p>Electronic submissions on the Portal, deadline 30 June noon (numbers below correspond to the row in the table for 30 June entry in accounts timetable):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Audited accounts - any reasonable file type (likely Word / Excel / pdf) – if submitted in Excel, please ensure links are broken before uploading Signed Statement of Financial Position (might be included in (1) if the accounts are uploaded in pdf format) – pdf * Signed Statement of Accounting / Accountable Officer responsibilities –pdf* Submission of month 12 PFR form, containing audited TAC schedules – original Excel file. Please ensure that 'Audited accounts' is selected on the cover of the PFR file before uploading. Version must be 1.24.12.2A. Remember to <u>break links</u>, <u>unshare the workbook</u> and <u>remove automatic backups</u> if applicable before uploading. Signed print out of the confirmations tab from the TAC schedules (electronic signature or typed name of Chief Executive in TAC form box to 		NHSE accounts timetable

		<p>confirm approval is sufficient) – pdf</p> <p>6) Full text of the annual report (does not need final formatting) - Word or pdf expected</p> <p>7) Signed pages from the annual report – see row 2 of this checklist document. Note that the annual governance statement is particularly important. – pdf *</p> <p>8) Auditor's audit completion report to those charged with governance ('ISA260 report')– pdf expected</p> <p>9) Signed audit report (audit opinion) on the accounts – pdf *</p> <p>10) Signed chief executive and finance director certificate on the summarisation schedules (TAC schedules) – pdf</p> <p>11) Signed auditor report on the summarisation schedules – pdf</p> <p>* If these signed pages are included in the upload of the accounts and/or the annual report, they do not need to be additionally uploaded separately.</p> <p>PFR form submitted on the NHS provider portal (outbox).</p> <p>All other electronic submissions uploaded to the NHS provider portal outbox and submitted as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Financial year: FY2024-25 • Activity: In Year Returns • Template Type: Accounts submissions • Period: M12 <p>Please refrain from using the ampersand (“&”) character in your file names.</p>	
Also, don't forget....			
5	NHSE accounts timetable	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • While NHS trusts and FTs make all the submissions to NHS England, your auditor is also required to make some submissions to the National Audit Office. This includes them submitting the final month 12 PFR form, including the audited TAC schedules. Please ensure that you and your auditor agree on the final version of the PFR form – and that the file the auditor submits to the NAO is the same as you submit to us. This includes having run the latest fixer. Please double check that all audit adjustments have been reflected in the PFR form TAC schedules – forgetting to update disclosures like financial instruments is a common error. • Arrangements and deadlines for NHS FTs to lay their annual report and accounts document before Parliament will be communicated separately. 	NHSE accounts timetable