

Council of Governors

Subject:	Final Annual Report 2020/21	Date: 10 th August 2021		
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Purpose				
To receive the Final Annual Report 2020/21,			Approval	
			Assurance	x
			Update	
			Consider	
Strategic Objectives				
To provide outstanding care	To promote and support health and wellbeing	To maximise the potential of our workforce	To continuously learn and improve	To achieve better value
			X	
Overall Level of Assurance				
	Significant	Sufficient	Limited	None
		X		
Risks/Issues				
Financial	Compliance with NHSi guidance to ensure transparency of organisation with regard to Financial Performance			
Patient Impact	Compliance with NHSi guidance to ensure transparency of organisation with regard to patient care and engagement			
Staff Impact	Compliance with NHSi guidance to ensure transparency of organisation with regard to workforce and engagement			
Services	Compliance with NHSi guidance to ensure transparency of organisation with regard to services provided			
Reputational	Compliance with NHSi guidance to ensure transparency of organisation for public and stakeholders			
Committees/groups where this item has been presented before				
Audit and Assurance Committee 11 th June 2021 Extraordinary Board Meeting 11 th June 2021				
Executive Summary				
In light of the pressures caused on the NHS as a result of the response to COVID-19 NHSE/I have published revised guidance with regard to the publication of the Annual report for 2020/21. In summary the changes are:				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The annual report is no longer required to include a performance analysis section with the performance report. This means there is no longer a requirement to include performance measures, environmental measures, information about social, community, anti-bribery and human rights issues, important events since the end of the financial year end affecting the trust or details of any overseas operations. • The annual report is no longer required to include a Quality Report, there is a requirement to still produce the Quality Accounts, but these aren't to be included in the Annual Report and will be submitted separately. • The staff sickness disclosure in the staff report can be replaced with a link to where the information will be available on line. 				

- The model annual governance statement has been updated to reflect the change to preparation of quality reports.

The attached final report reflects the above revised guidance where appropriate.

As part of the external audit process KPMG have reviewed the report, as stated below.

- Inconsistencies between information reported in the statement and their knowledge of the Trust; and
- Any failure to comply with relevant requirements

KPMG identified areas for strengthening and these have been included in the final version.

The Annual Report and Accounts 2020/2021 were submitted on 29th June 2021 and confirmed as laid before Parliament on 6th July 2021.

They have now been published on the Trust website and will be presented at the AGM in September 2021