## Healthier Communities, Outstanding Care



## **Board of Directors - Public**

| Subject:  | Audit and Assurance Committee Annual Report    |                  |    | Date: 4 <sup>th</sup> May 2023 |   |              |  |
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| Approved By:  | Graham Ward, Audit & Assurance Committee Chair |                  |    |                                |   |              |  |
| Presented By:   | Graham Ward, Audit & Assurance Committee Chair |                  |    |                                |   |              |  |
| Purpose   |  |                  |    |                                |   |              |  |
| Consider and receive assurance from the presentation of the Approval                                      |  |                  |    |                                |   |              |  |
| Audit and Assurance Committee Annual Report  Assurance  |  |                  |    |                                | ✓ |              |  |
| Update  |  |                  |    |                                |   |              |  |
| Consider  |  |                  |    |                                |   |              |  |
| Strategic Objectives  |  |                  |    |                                |   |              |  |
| To provide  | To promote and                                 | To maximise the  |    | To continuously                |   | To achieve   |  |
| outstanding   | support health                                 | potential of our |    | learn and                      |   | better value |  |
| care  | and wellbeing                                  | workforce        | ım | improve                        |   |              |  |
| ✓   | ✓  | ✓                |    | ✓                              |   |              |  |
| Identify which principal risk this report relates to:   |  |                  |    |                                |   |              |  |
| PR1 Significant deterioration in standards of safety and care   |  |                  |    |                                |   | ✓            |  |
| PR2 Demand that overwhelms capacity   |  |                  |    |                                |   | ✓            |  |
| PR3 Critical shortage of workforce capacity and capability  |  |                  |    |                                |   | ✓            |  |
| PR4 Failure to achieve the Trust's financial strategy   |  |                  |    |                                |   | ✓            |  |
| PR5 Inability to initiate and implement evidence-based Improvement and innovation                         |  |                  |    |                                |   | ✓            |  |
| PR6 Working more closely with local health and care partners does not fully deliver the required benefits |  |                  |    |                                |   | ✓            |  |
| PR7 Major disruptive incident   |  |                  |    |                                |   | ✓            |  |
| PR8 Failure to deliver sustainable reductions in the Trust's impact on climate change                     |  |                  |    |                                |   |              |  |
| Committees/groups where this item has been presented before   |  |                  |    |                                |   |              |  |
| Audit and Assurance Committee – 16 <sup>th</sup> March 2023   |  |                  |    |                                |   |              |  |
| Acronyms  |  |                  |    |                                |   |              |  |
|   | ICB = Integrated Care Board                    |                  |    |                                |   |              |  |
|   |  |                  |    |                                |   |              |  |

IFRS = International Financial Reporting Standard

HFMA = Healthcare Financial Management Association

## **Executive Summary**

The attached Audit and Assurance Committee Annual Report outlines the principal review areas and activities carried out by the Committee throughout 2022/23.

The Committee is of the opinion that this annual report is consistent with the draft AGS, Head of Internal Audit Opinion and the external audit review and there are no matters that the Committee is aware of at this time that have not been disclosed appropriately.

The report concludes that the Committee has discharged its responsibilities for scrutinising the risks and controls which affect all aspects of the organisation's business.