

## Board of Directors

**Subject:** Audit and Assurance Committee Annual Report 2015/16  
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**Executive Summary:**

The attached Audit and Assurance Committee Annual Report outlines the principal review areas and activities carried out by the Committee throughout 2015/16. The report highlights areas of concern and/or for improvement, and those where significant progress has been made.

Audit and Assurance Committee members have approved the report for submission to the Board of Directors for assurance.

**Recommendations**

Board members are requested to note the contents of the report for assurance.

**Relevant Strategic Objectives (please mark in bold)**

<b>Ensure the highest standards of safe care are consistently delivered by, and for, individuals, teams and departments</b>	Ensure that patients experience the very best care, building on good practice and listening and learning from both negative and positive feedback and events
Provide timely access to diagnosis, treatment and care when people need it and safely reduce the time patients spend in hospital	Raise the level of staff engagement through strong leadership, communication, feedback and recognition
<b>Reduce the scale of our financial deficit by reducing costs, improving utilisation of resources and productivity, and achieving best value for money</b>	Work in partnership to keep people well in the community, and enable them to return as soon as they are ready to leave hospital
Develop and implement a programme of work in conjunction with Nottingham University Hospital NHST to create a new combined organisation	

<b>How has organisational learning been disseminated</b>	Not applicable
<b>Links to the BAF and Corporate Risk Register</b>	Not applicable

<b>Details of additional risks associated with this paper</b> <i>(may include CQC Essential Standards, NHSLA, NHS Constitution)</i>	Not applicable
<b>Links to NHS Constitution</b>	Not applicable
<b>Financial Implications/Impact</b>	Not applicable
<b>Legal Implications/Impact</b>	Not applicable
<b>Partnership working &amp; Public Engagement Implications/Impact</b>	Not applicable
<b>Committees/groups where this item has been presented before</b>	Audit & Assurance Committee
<b>Monitoring and Review</b>	Not applicable
<b>Is a QIA required/been completed? If yes provide brief details</b>	Not applicable