

**NHS 24
BOARD MEETING
19 DECEMBER 2024
ITEM NO 11.3
FOR ASSURANCE**

**KEY POINTS OF THE AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE HELD
ON 21 NOVEMBER 2024**

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Action Required:

The Board is asked to note the key points for assurance from the Audit and Risk Committee meeting held on 21 November 2024.

1. Purpose of the report

This report provides the NHS 24 Board with an update on key issues arising from the Audit and Risk Committee meeting held on 21 November 2024.

2. Recommendation

The NHS 24 Board is asked to receive and note the key points outlined.

2.1 Audit

The Committee considered the update on the Internal Audit Progress Report 2024/25 and noted the report on Financial and Strategic Alignment and Sustainability. Scoping is yet to begin for the following audits: Patient Experience, this will be presented to February meeting and Staff Training and Development Audit that will be presented to the June 2025 Committee. Internal Audit remain on track to deliver the plan in line with the agreed timetable. With the introduction of the Global Internal Audit Standards Azets will be holding a webinar and an update will be provided at the next meeting.

The Committee were assured that good progress continues to be made on all audit recommendations.

2.2 Risk Management

The Committee noted the Corporate Risk Register and also the Digital Transformation Programme (DTP): Risk Update Report which provided assurance on risk management processes in place. The Committee were content that risks are being managed effectively within the organisation. Following review and comment it was agreed that a Board Workshop on risk management in the near future would be useful.

2.3 Corporate Governance Framework

The Committee reviewed the updated Corporate Governance Framework and agreed this document would continue to be reviewed and updated annually. The Committee recommended that the Board approve the revised framework which will be presented to the December Board meeting.

2.4 Financial Assurance

Committee members recognised the challenging financial climate, however, took assurance that risks had been mitigated where possible and that the organisation remained on track to deliver its financial targets this year.