

**Board Meeting in Public
Tuesday, 06 June 2023**

Title of Report	Audit, Risk and Governance Committee Report	Agenda No.	3.6.1
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Presented for (tick all that applies)	<input type="checkbox"/> Approval <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Assurance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information <input type="checkbox"/> Update	
Purpose of the report and key issues			
This report is submitted to the Board to draw attention to the main items discussed at Audit, Risk and Governance Committee on Friday 19 May 2023.			
Previously Considered by			
N/A			
Recommendation	The Board is asked to note the report.		
Risk(s) identified (Link to Board Assurance Framework Risks)			
Strategic Objective(s) this paper relates to: [Click on all that applies]			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Collaborate with partners <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Invest in people and culture <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Drive innovation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Modernise our operations <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grow and diversify our donor base			
Appendices:	None		

1. Background

This report is submitted to the Board to draw attention to the main items discussed at Audit, Risk and Governance Committee (ARGC) on 19 May 2023

2. Governance

Tissue and Eye Services Insurance

The Committee agreed the recommendation that the organisation should continue to self-insure in the Tissue and Eye Services which is not covered by NHS Resolution. A schedule to conduct reviews of all areas that are not covered by NHS Resolution will be discussed at the next meeting.

Conflicts of interest Policy

The Committee agreed to recommend an updated the Policy for approval by the Board.

3. Risk

Board Assurance Framework/ Risk Management Update

The Committee received an update on progress with Risk Management following the Board Seminar in March.

NHSBT-05 Financial Strategic Risk

The Committee noted that the financial risks had been consolidated into one Financial Strategic Risk. A schedule of deed dives into each risk will be prepared.

Annual Risk and Business Continuity Report 2022/3

The Committee received the Annual report summarising the work undertaken in the year and proposed activity for the upcoming year. The Risk and Business Continuity Management Review had been amalgamated into a single document.

Mandatory Training

The Committee noted the work underway to improve compliance with Mandatory Training. A further review will be done in September 2023.

Compliance with Functional Standards

The Committee received a report on Compliance with Functional Standards. The compliance status against most of the Functional Standards was scored as partially met. An audit was underway on functional standards, a summary would be provided at the next meeting. The audit would focus on the standards applicable to the organisation and whether there were gaps in compliance and the action plans in place to address those gaps.

4. Audit

Review of Internal Audit Report and Opinion

GIAA provided the annual audit opinion on the adequacy and effectiveness of the organisations risk management, control and governance arrangements. For 2022-23 GIAA assigned a limited opinion meaning that there were *'There are significant weaknesses in the framework of governance, risk management and control such that it could be or could become inadequate and ineffective'*

The Committee accepted the opinion and requested that the Executive Team come up with three or four items for improvement in the 2023-2024 and this would be discussed at a future meeting.

2022/23 Annual Report and Accounts

The Committee noted the progress with 2022/23 Annual Report and Accounts and timeline for completion, and arrangements for final approval.

External Audit

The Committee received the External Audit report and noted that all planned work and interim audits had been completed with no significant issues found.

5. Other

5.1.1 The committee received an update on Counter Fraud.

5.1.2 The Committee agreed stock write offs related to obsolete test kits. The total loss was £153.7k. Assurance was to be sought to ensure that there were no gaps between future procurement of new machines and stock control processes.