

## Board of Directors (in Public) Item 6.2

**Subject:** Assurance Committee Annual Reports 2021/22  
**Date of Meeting:** Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2022  
**Prepared by:** Karan Wheatcroft, Interim Chief Governance Officer  
**Presented by:** Julian Farmer, Audit Committee Chair  
**Purpose of Report:** For Approval

BAF Ref	Impact on BAF
All	The report provides assurance that Assurance committees have operated effectively during 2021/22.

<b>Level of assurance (please tick one)</b> <i>To be used when the content of the report provides evidence of assurance</i>					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Acceptable assurance</b> Controls are suitably designed, with evidence of them being consistently applied and effective in practice	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Partial assurance</b> Controls are still maturing – evidence shows that further action is required to improve their effectiveness	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Low assurance</b> Evidence indicates poor effectiveness of controls

### 1. Executive Summary

Each Assurance Committee has reviewed its Terms of Reference and produced an Annual Report as part of the annual evaluation process required by the Trust's Board Assurance Framework (BAF) Policy. The Audit Committee has reviewed each report to assess the extent to which each Committee has operated effectively and in accordance with its Terms of Reference during 2021/22 and to provide assurance and any recommendations for change to the Board of Directors. The opportunity to review all reports together has allowed the Audit Committee to consider any areas of duplication or gaps and to triangulate any themes from the assurances received.

The Audit Committee concluded that each of the Assurance Committees had operated effectively in 2021/22 and supported recommendations made in respect of amendments to Terms of Reference for the Board's consideration and approval.

Attachments are as follows:

- Audit Committee – annual report and terms of reference (minor amendments proposed)
- Quality Committee – annual report and terms of reference (minor amendments proposed)
- Integrated Performance Committee (IPC) – annual report and terms of reference (no amendments required)
- People Committee – annual report and terms of reference (no amendments required)

## **2. Recommendations**

The Board of Directors is asked to:

- i) Support the recommendation of the Audit Committee that each Assurance Committee has operated effectively in 2021/22 and in accordance with the Terms of Reference delegated by the Board.
- ii) Review and approve the amendments to the Audit Committee and Quality Committee Terms of Reference (indicated as tracked changes).
- iii) Review and confirm that the Terms of Reference for IPC and People Committees will remain extant.