

Committee Updates

Non Executive Directors

Council of Governors, 5th December 2023

Audit Committee
E-meeting: 10th October 2023
Presented by: Julian Farmer, Audit Committee Chair

What we looked at	What we found
Mid year Assurance Committee reports	All the Committees are delivering their terms of reference and have very clear sight of the key issues falling within their remit.
Risk Management system developments and KPIs	Good progress is being made in developing the InPhase system. Work on developing the Risk KPI report will be available for the Committee's review at its January 2024 meeting.
Losses and Special Payments	No special payments made and debtors position being actively monitored and addressed. One loss reported – high cost drug due to fridge breakdown. The Committee noted the arrangements had been strengthened to help avoid a reoccurrence of the situation.
Tender waivers	All waivers made in accordance with the designated policy. Noted procurement training is being rolled out across the Trust to ensure effective arrangements are in place for aspects of procurement.
Compliance with the Provider Licence	.New checklist was agreed and the focus on the risk around operational performance and recovery was noted.
Third part assurances	All the Trust's outsourced service providers have soundly operating controls within the services they provide to LHCH.
The wider system governance arrangements	The Committee received an update on how governance arrangements were developing within the ICS with a focus on their impact on LHCH. Detailed arrangements are at an early stage and a further update will be provided to the Committee in six months time.

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Internal Audit plan delivery	Noted that delivery of the plan is on track and that a cross system piece of work was planned with a focus on baseline controls within providers systems for using bank and agency staff.
External Audit update	No issues to report at this stage of the audit year – the audit plan for 2023/4 will be presented to the Committee at its March meeting.
NEDs meeting with the auditors in private	The auditors confirmed there were no issues they wished to raise with the NEDs in private.

Update to be provided at CoG