
Public Board Meeting, 28 January 2010

Briefing on changes to structure for Risk Management

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Background

The Trust has undertaken further review of its structures for managing risk, taking into account in-year feedback from Internal Audit, findings following the recent Historic Due Diligence exercise and from feedback following a diagnostic assessment of readiness for NHSLA Level I assessment.

In October, the Board agreed to the establishment of a sub-committee with responsibility Risk Management and in particular for ensuring robust processes are in place to manage the organisation's risks. This Committee, chaired by a Non Executive Director, met for the first time on November 26 and there was considerable discussion about the remit and focus for the group. The Audit Committee Chair subsequently requested a further meeting of Non Executive directors, together with the Chief Executive and the Director of Patient Safety, the Medical Director, to review the scope and its relationship with the Audit Committee. The Chair designate of the Audit Committee participated in this discussion.

Action

Subsequent to this meeting the Terms of Reference were updated and the Committee re-named from General Governance Committee to *Integrated Risk and Governance Committee*. The terms of reference are attached, together with the updated organisational structure to reflect the changes.

Recommendation

The Board is asked to note

- that these new arrangements have been reflected in the Trust's Risk Management Strategy
- that the Integrated Risk and Governance Committee will oversee progress in implementing the Strategy.

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