

Title of the Paper:	Terms of Reference, Professional Standards Committee
Agenda item:	190/11
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Trust Objective:	<div>1. Provide safe patient care</div> <div>2. Improve outcomes and quality of care</div> <div>3. Improve the patient experience</div> <div>7. Attract, retain and motivate an appropriately trained workforce.</div>
<div><b>Purpose</b></div> <div>The Board agreed the constitution of a Professional Standards Sub Committee, to be chaired by a Non Executive Director. The purpose of the Committee is to monitor the upholding of professional standards by all clinical professional groups. The Committee will ensure the oversight of compliance with Royal College standards by all clinical staff and where issues of professional practice are raised, the Committee will ensure that Trust policies are implemented and that matters of concern subject to robust investigation.</div> <div>The Committee will oversee the development of policies related to professional practice and provide advice or referral for matters requiring specialist advice.</div>	
<b>Risk Implications for the Trust</b> <i>(including any clinical and financial consequences):</i>	<b>Mitigating Actions</b> <i>(Controls):</i>
Governance of professional standards is a key component of a Quality Governance system and will mitigate the risks associated with poor practice.	
<b>Level of Assurance that can be given to the Trust Board from the report</b> Sufficient	
<b>Links to BAF, CQC</b> BAF 2598, NHSLA Standard 2	
<b>Legal Implications</b> None	
<b>Recommendation to the Trust Board</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>The Board is asked to approve the Terms of Reference.</li></ul>	