

TRUST BOARD MEETING – Thursday 29 September 2011

Title of the Paper:	Board Assurance Framework
Agenda item:	137/11
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Trust Objective:	Provide Safe Patient Care Improve Outcomes and Quality of Care Be Financially Sound
Purpose The Assurance Framework outlines the status of the organisation's strategic risks	
Risk Implications for the Trust <i>(including any clinical and financial consequences):</i>	Mitigating Actions <i>(Controls):</i>
Failure to ensure the board reviews its key strategic risks may result in a lack of confidence in the processes for managing the organisation's key risks and result in low compliance with NHSLA standards and with Monitor's compliance framework and the requirements set out under CQC regulation.	Engagement with the Board Assurance Framework ensures that risks to the organisation's strategic objectives are appropriately reviewed to ensure their effective management to achieve reduction, mitigation or elimination. It also ensures the risk appetite of the Board is regularly challenged and that a balance can be struck between achievement of the organisation's objectives whilst ensuring key risks are controlled and managed.
Level of Assurance that can be given to the Trust Board from the report Sufficient	
Links to Key Line of Enquiry (KLOE 1 - 5) 4.1 NHSLA Standards, Quality Governance Requirements (inc CQC compliance)	
Recommendation to the Trust Board: The Trust Board members are asked to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Review and note the contents of the Board Assurance Framework agree changes proposed and identify areas for which further assurance is required.	