

### Chair's Report: Audit Committee

Date of Meeting	27 May 2015 8 July 2015
Chair	David Booker – 27 May Sheenagh Powell – 8 July

#### Areas of note from the Committee Discussion

The Audit Committee met on:

- 27 May when the agenda related mainly to consideration and approval of the CCG's 2014/15 annual accounts and associated documents. All relevant officers, including the CCG Chair and Chief Clinical Officer, were in attendance. Good levels of assurance and value for money ratings were confirmed by Internal and External Auditors.
- 8 July when a full and appropriate agenda was considered. Attendance was good with all relevant organisations and officers being represented. The Committee would like the Governing Body to note:
  - Review of Committee Terms of Reference, including membership of the Committee.
  - Submit Audit Committee Annual Report to the Governing Body to note.
  - Managing risks of Commissioning Support changes.
  - Update on changes to the NHS England CCG Assurance Framework and revision to CCG Assurance Framework to be presented again at the September Committee meeting.
  - Update on Information Governance and noting the Information Governance Work Plan.
  - Received External Audit update which highlighted the CIPFA briefing papers 'Moving ahead with integration' and the consultation on regulation of auditors, Financial Reporting Council, May 2015.
  - Received the Annual Audit Letter, to be circulated to the Governing Body
  - Received Internal Audit update with a detailed review of outstanding audit recommendations; only one high priority recommendation remained outstanding.
  - Noted the Security Management Briefing for Clinical Commissioning Groups and resolved this would be taken forward internally.
  - Discussed co-commissioning and how counter fraud should be considered.

## Areas of escalation

The Audit Committee would like to highlight to the Governing Body the following:

- The Committee has requested to see a risk assessment and planned mitigations for the transition of commissioning support services. The lead manager is Tracey Preece who will provide an update to the next Audit Committee in September.
- The Committee agreed there was a need to identify a lead manager to take forward and oversee the security plan. Rachel Potts will take this forward to identify a board level lead.
- The Committee discussed the revision of the Governing Body Assurance Framework in the light of the recently published NHS England CCG Assurance Framework and the subsequent discussions held at the July Governing Board workshop. The timescale for a revised assurance framework was agreed as September 2015. Rachel Potts is the lead manager for the framework.

## Urgent Decisions Required/ Changes to the Forward Plan

None.