

AUDIT AND RISK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE UPDATE	
Date of meeting	13 th February 2019
Attendees	Mrs M Perry (Chair), Cllr W Zaffar, Miss K Dhami, Ms D McLannahan, Mr D Baker (items 1-4), Mrs N Coombe, Mr M Gerrard, Mr A Hussain, Mr B Vaughan.
Apologies	Apologies were received from Ms Dutton and Mrs Gardner
Key points of discussion relevant to the Board	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Following management assessment the conclusion reached was that no material uncertainty exists and the Trust is a going concern. The 2018/19 accounts will be prepared on that basis. This position was supported by the External Auditors. • The 2019/20 Internal Audit Plan represents key areas of risk identified by the Executive, including IT governance, quality and safety governance (including mortality) and people governance (rostering, recruitment, PDR and agency processes). Data quality and core assurances [BAF, risk management and financial systems] are also included. The Plan was accepted and is awaiting final sign-off by the CEO. • External Audit called out two emerging accounting issues: extended asset lives and consideration of impairment in relation to Midland Met. • Five finalised Internal Audit reviews were considered: Safer staffing, charitable funds (<i>reasonable assurance</i>), income and debtors (<i>partial assurance</i>), asset management (<i>reasonable assurance</i>) and creditors (<i>partial assurance</i>). Plans exist to action the gaps in control identified.
Positive highlights of note	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A consistent reduction in over 60 day NHS Creditors.
Matters of concern or key risks to escalate to the Board	None
Matters presented for information or noting	Local Counter Fraud Specialist Progress Report
Decisions made	None
Actions agreed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A written update on the Data Quality Improvement Plan, including kite mark status, to be presented at the next meeting.

Mrs Marie Perry

Chair of Audit and Risk Management Committee

For the meeting of the Trust Board scheduled for 7th March 2019

