

NHS 24 BOARD MEETING

31 AUGUST 2023 ITEM NO 12.3 FOR ASSURANCE

KEY POINTS OF THE AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE HELD ON 17 AUGUST 2023

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Action Required	The Board is asked to note the key points for assurance from the Audit and Risk Committee meeting held on 17 August 2023.

1. Purpose of the report

This report provides the NHS 24 Board with an update on key issues arising from the Audit and Risk Committee meeting held on 17 August 2023.

2. Recommendation

The NHS 24 Board is asked to receive and note the key points outlined.

2.1 Audit

The Committee considered the update on the Internal Audit Plan for 2023/24 and Follow Up report. The Committee noted the progress on actions which was very positive, and assurance was provided on four outstanding actions that work was progressing to complete these before the next meeting.

2.2 Risk Management

A key focus of the meeting was Risk Management with the Committee reviewing a number of key documents – Corporate Risk Register, Strategic Risk Register, Risk Appetite Statement, Risk Management Strategy, Risk Management Framework and the Risk Maturity Action Plan. The Committee noted the papers and, following discussion, made a number of amendments and recommendations. The Committee took assurance from the range and quality of the risk updates provided.

2.3 Audit Scotland Reports

The Committee reviewed a number of recently published Audit Scotland reports and considered the implications for NHS 24:

- Fraud and Irregularity Annual Report 2022/23
- Public Audit in Scotland: Vision and Mission
- Audit Scotland Annual Report 2022/23

These reports are available on the Audit Scotland website.

2.4 Network and Information Systems Regulations (NIS-R)

An update was provided on the national audit that is currently underway in NHS24 using the Public Sector Cyber Resilience Framework. Information and evidence has been submitted to support the 429 controls which are being assessed. Interviews and discussions are now being progressed with a final report expected in September

2.5 Committee Effectiveness

The Committee received a report on the annual review of its effectiveness which was undertaken in July. Overall responses were positive. An action plan will be shared with the Committee at its November meeting.