

<p>NHS 24 BOARD MEETING</p>		<p>20 JUNE 2019 FOR ASSURANCE</p>	
<p>KEY POINTS OF THE AUDIT & RISK COMMITTEE HELD ON 30 MAY 2019</p>			
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Action Required		The Board is asked to note the key points for assurance from the Audit & Risk Committee meeting held on 30 May 2019.	

1. Purpose of the report

This report provides the NHS 24 Board with an update on key issues arising from the Audit & Risk Committee meeting held on 30 May 2019.

2. Recommendation

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

2.1 External Audit Annual Report and NHS 24 Annual Report and Accounts

The Committee reviewed and discussed the External Audit Annual Report noting Scott-Moncrieff will issue an unqualified opinion on the Annual Report and Accounts for 2018/19.

The Committee noted some areas for improvement such as review of the asset register and user access for NHS 24 ledger and Pecos system. The Committee is assured this work is progressing through the proper channels.

Following full and detailed discussion of the Annual Report and Accounts the Committee make the recommendation that they are approved by the NHS 24 Board at the June Board meeting.

2.2 Internal Audit Annual Report

The Committee reviewed and discussed the Internal Audit Annual Report noting that the overall opinion for 2018/19 is that reasonable assurance can be given on the overall adequacy and effectiveness of the organisation's framework of governance, risk management and control.

The Committee also noted that the general conclusion of the internal audit reports reviewed at the meeting were positive and recorded significant assurance in the review of Governance and reasonable assurance in the areas of GDPR and Phase 1 of the Service Delivery Model.

The Committee also approved the Internal Audit Plan for 2019/20.

2.3 Corporate Risk Management Report and Risk Management Annual Report

The Committee reviewed the Corporate Risk Management Report and took assurance from a detailed review of a number of specific technology risks. The Committee reviewed the Risk Management Annual Report noting a number of areas of significant progress in-year and approved the report.

2.4 J Sturrock Report – NHS Highland

The Committee discussed the J Sturrock Report – NHS Highland and took assurance a Short Life Working Group has been established with EMT Members and a response letter is being prepared for submission to Scottish Government by 28 June 2019.