

NHS 24 BOARD MEETING		17 JUNE 2021 ITEM NO 12.3 FOR ASSURANCE	
KEY POINTS OF THE AUDIT & RISK COMMITTEE HELD ON 3 JUNE 2021			
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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 3 June 2021.		

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 3 June 2021.

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 Azets will issue an unqualified opinion on the Annual Report and Accounts for 2020/21.

Following full and detailed discussion of the Annual Report the Committee requested some amendments/rewording within the report which was agreed and made the recommendation that they are approved by the NHS 24 Board at the June Board meeting.

2.2 Internal Audit

The Committee noted that the focus for 2021/22 Audit Plan is based on areas of risk. The Committee are content with the Audit Plan however are aware it may be necessary to revisit the timing or content throughout the year based on any future effects of COVID-19. The Committee agreed that the Digital Review previously scheduled for this plan will now happen in 2022/23 and has been replaced with Staff Wellbeing and Staff Rostering. There is spare capacity within the plan and subject to further discussion, that capacity might be used to review our cyber security arrangements.

The Committee reviewed and discussed the Internal Audit Annual Report noting that the overall opinion for 2020/21 is that reasonable assurance can

be given on the overall adequacy and effectiveness of the organisation's framework of governance, risk management and control.

2.3 Statutory Accounts

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

2.4 Risk Management

The Committee noted the actions/comments arising from the recent workshop discussions relating to risk management and that internal audit would be undertaking a further risk maturity assessment on our risk management arrangements this financial year.

2.5 Committee Terms of Reference

The Committee agreed to several changes within the Terms of Reference noting there is national work underway to standardise these across NHS Scotland.