

**NHS 24
BOARD MEETING**

**21 DECEMBER 2023
ITEM NO 11.3
FOR ASSURANCE**

**KEY POINTS OF THE AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE HELD
ON 30 NOVEMBER 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 30 November 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 30 November 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 Progress Report 2023/24 and noted reports on Core Financial Systems (Non-Pay expenditure) and Strategic Staff Support Review- Capacity and Capability. An update on the recommendations in the latter report will be provided to the February meeting. Scoping is complete for the following audits: Financial Management and Reporting, Clinical Workforce Staffing Levels and Frontline Applications IT Audit. Fieldwork has concluded on the Primary Care Pathways and Resilience Audit. Internal Audit remain on track to deliver the plan in line with the agreed timetable.

A very positive report was provided on the outcome of the audit against the Network Information Systems Regulations 2018 by the Health Competent Authority.

The Committee were assured that good progress continues to be made on all audit recommendations.

2.2 Risk Management

The committee noted the Cyber Risk Register and the process to monitor this key risk area. Following review and comment it was agreed this should be discussed further at the Integrated Governance Committee.

2.3 Corporate Governance Framework

The Committee reviewed the updated Corporate Governance Framework, which takes account of the Blueprint for Good Governance, Second Edition and other key documents which have been finalised over the last 12 months. The Committee recommended that the Board approve the revised framework.

2.4 Financial Assurance

Committee members recognised the challenging financial climate, however, took assurance that risks had been mitigated where possible and that the organisation remained on track to deliver its financial targets this year.