



Agenda item 3.iii

Report to:	Board of Directors	28 March 2019
Report from:	Chair of the Audit Committee	
Principal Objective/ Strategy and Title	GOVERNANCE: To update the Board of Directors on discussions at the Audit Committee meeting on 14 March 2019	
Board Assurance Framework Entries	All	
Regulatory Requirement	NHS Foundation Trust Code of Governance Scheme of Delegation/ToR	
Equality Considerations	Equality has been considered but none believed to apply	
Key Risks	Insufficient information or understanding to provide assurance to the Board	
For:	Information	

1. Significant Issues of interest to the Committee

The Audit Committee met on 14 March 2019.

2. Key Decisions taken by the Audit Committee

Following the decision at the 23 January Committee to widen the register of interests to include Consultants who could be considered influencers, the committee approved a revised Managing Conflicts of Interest policy.

The committee reviewed and approved a self-assessment of the Trusts performance against the NHS Counter Fraud Authority standards noting that a number of actions were in place to turn amber ratings into green in Q1 19/20 and also that one rating would remain amber as long as the Trust had no cases of fraud against which it had successfully applied sanction and/or financial redress.

The committee also reviewed and approved the draft Head of Internal Audit Opinion for 2018/19.

3. Other Items of note

The committee reviewed the Trust's draft Annual Report and in particular the Annual Audit Committee report. It was noted that a revised draft Annual Report will be circulated to committee members around 28 March 2019.

The committee also discussed the feedback received from NHS Improvement following their observance of the 23 January meeting.

Following the meeting all three committee members met in private with representatives from both the Trust's Internal and External Auditors.

4. Recommendation

The Board of Directors is asked to note the contents of this report

David Dean
Chair Audit Committee
28 March 2019