Paper Title: Update on Key Items of Discussion at Governance Committee

Recommendation:

That the Board note the key items of discussion at the recent meeting of the Audit and Risk Committee Meeting of 10th September 2019, as noted below:

Key Items of Discussion:

1. Internal Audit Plan

The Committee received an update from Mr Chris Brown, Scott-Moncrieff, which detailed progress of the Internal Audit Plan as at September 2019. Three reviews had been undertaken since the last meeting of the Committee in June, those being; IT Security; Property Transaction Monitoring; and Management Action Follow Up.

In addition, the Committee approved the recommendation made to defer the Health and Safety Audit to June 2020.

2. IT Security Review

The Committee received an update from Mr Chris Brown, Scott-Moncrieff, which provided an overview of the IT Security Review Report. The Review had highlighted the need to improve the operation of the controls in regard to access to the various IT systems in use.
An action plan has been agreed with IT Management and will be taken forward to address the audit recommendations.

3. IT and Cyber Security Presentation

The Committee received a presentation by Mr William Edwards, Director of eHealth, and Mr Calum Morrison, Head of Operations, which outlined the Policy Framework and approach to IT Security and Cyber Security. In addition, Mr Edwards described the legislation and events; the Public Sector Action Plan (PSAP); NHSGGC 10 Steps to the Network Information System (NIS); Education and Cyber Awareness.

The Committee noted the actions being taken to improve cyber security controls, the formal arrangements with CISCO in this regard and the significant amount of internal resource applied to this critical issue.

The Committee were assured by Mr Edwards’ presentation that there was a high level of awareness of issues and identification of vulnerabilities, and that the team were proactively managing cyber security risks, with increasing awareness across all staff groups a particular focus.

4. CNORIS Quarter 4 Report

The Committee received an update from Mr James Hobson, Assistant Director of Finance, which provided an overview of the CNORIS insurance pool run by NHS National Services Scotland (NSS) on a non-profit making basis, funded by contributions from Boards. He highlighted that membership of the scheme had been extended to include Health and Social Care Partnerships (HSCPs). He noted three particular areas of potential future claims in respect of Mesh Implants; Historical Child Abuse Inquiry Scotland; and the UK Contaminated Blood Inquiry.

The Committee noted that there were no emerging concerns from quarter 4 and were assured by the internal controls in place to minimise risk.