

**STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIRS BOARD REPORT**

<b>NHS Greater Glasgow &amp; Clyde</b>	<b>Paper No. 21/35</b>
<b>Paper Title</b>	<b>Standing Committee Chairs Board Report</b>
<b>Meeting:</b>	<b>Board Meeting</b>
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	<b>29 June 2021</b>
<b>Purpose of Paper:</b>	<b>For Assurance</b>
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<b>Name of Reporting Committee</b>	<b>Audit &amp; Risk Committee</b>
<b>Date of Reporting Committee</b>	<b>22 June 2021</b>
<b>Committee Chairperson</b>	<b>Allan MacLeod</b>

**1. Purpose of Paper:**

The purpose of this paper is to inform the NHS Board on key items of discussion at **NHS GGC Audit & Risk Committee**.

**2. Recommendation:**

The Board is asked to note the key items of discussion at the recent meeting of the **Audit & Risk Committee** on **22 June 2021** as set out below and seek further assurance as required.

**3. Key Items of Discussion****3.1 Internal Audit**

- For Assurance
- The Audit & Risk Committee noted that the agreed Internal Audit Programme for 2020/21 had been delivered, the scope and findings of which allowed the auditors to conclude;

“NHSGGC has a framework of governance and internal control that provides reasonable assurance regarding the effective and efficient achievement of objectives.”

Two areas were highlighted by Azets which would require reflection within the Governance Statement, Risk Management and Records Management and this has been acknowledged by the Chief Executive. The auditors also reported on the excellent progress made by management in implementing agreed audit recommendations despite the continuing challenging circumstances.

- The Audit & Risk Committee noted assurance from the reports.

### **3.2 Corporate Risk Register**

- For Approval
- The Audit & Risk Committee received a presentation by Azets on the ongoing work to revise and update the Corporate Risk Register. The register had been condensed, following 1-1 meetings with risk owners, from 37 to 19 and it was agreed that these risks, together with those proposed to be closed, will now be presented to the appropriate standing committee for confirmation/ownership. It was agreed that the Corporate Risk Register would be presented on an annual basis to the full Board's October meeting. It was further agreed that any significant changes and emerging issues would be highlighted to the Board throughout the year.
- The Audit & Risk Committee were content to approve the revised Corporate Risk Register and agreed actions outlined above.

### **3.3 Draft Internal Audit Plan 2021/22**

- For Approval
- The Audit & Risk Committee considered and commented on a proposed audit programme for 2021/22 presented by Azets. It was agreed that a fully refreshed plan would be brought back to the committee's next meeting for approval but in the meantime to allow the programme to progress with four audit reviews in order to commence work on the 2021/22 Plan.
- The Audit & Risk Committee would look to approve an updated Internal Audit Plan 2021/22 at the Committee's next meeting.

### **3.4 NIS Directive Audit Report**

- For Assurance
- The Audit & Risk Committee reviewed the NIS Directive Audit Report presented by the Board's Director of eHealth, William Edwards. The Committee raised concerns around the findings from this initial desk-top exercise and looked forward to the impact of the on-site follow-up visit scheduled for August 2021, which was expected to better reflect the actual situation in relation to cyber security.
- The Audit & Risk Committee noted that many of the points made within the report did not accurately reflect the actual position, shortcomings not

uncommon in desk-top audits, and looked forward to receiving an update at a future meeting following the visit from the auditors in August 2021.

### **3.5 Fraud Report**

- For Assurance
- The Audit & Risk Committee reviewed the Annual Fraud Report presented by the Director of Finance. The Committee were pleased to note that there continued to be no new emerging issues within the Board. The Committee were assured that there was an appropriate and effective system of fraud control in operation within NHSGGC.
- The Audit & Risk Committee noted assurance from the report.

### **3.6 Internal Audit Contract**

- For Approval
- The Audit & Risk Committee were asked to extend the current Internal Audit contract with Azets for a further year to May 2023 to align with the revised timelines for awarding External Audit contracts and thereby avoid a potential clash of interests. The Committee were also asked to agree to the commissioning of an external assessment of the internal audit provision to be undertaken during 2021/22 in line with professional best practice, the findings of which would also be valuable in setting future contract specifications for this service provision.
- The Audit & Risk Committee were content to agree to both proposals, to extend the current Internal Audit contract by a further year to May 2023 and to the commissioning of an external assessment of the internal audit provision to be undertaken during 2021/22.

## **4. Issues for referral to other Standing Committees or escalation to the NHS Board.**

The revised Corporate Risks will be referred to the appropriately identified Standing Committee for confirmation/ownership.

## **5. Date of Next Meeting:**

The next scheduled meeting is 14 September 2021.