

Whittington Health Trust Board

27 November 2013

Title:	Report from the Audit and Risk Committee		
Agenda item:	13/158	Paper	9
Action requested:	For information		
Executive Summary:	<p>In the course of its meeting on October 24, the committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussed the use of procurement tenders and alternative approaches to assuring value for money from purchased goods and services. The committee noted that significant items of external spend still have low assurance on value for money (VFM) and asked for a procurement strategy to be developed that addresses this. The committee also approved, subject to minor comments, a change to the Trust's standing financial instructions on procurement. • Briefly reviewed the latest versions of the Board Assurance Framework (BAF) and Corporate Risk Register. The committee was concerned to note that, on this occasion, the BAF had not first been discussed at Executive Committee and asked for this to happen before the next meeting. • Heard an update on the Trust's efforts to improve and assure data quality. The Committee heard that some 30 key items of regularly reported Board-level performance data will be quality assured by the end of December and the full set of data (roughly 60 items) by the end of March 2014. • Heard an update on the implementation of the information governance (IG) toolkit and was assured that this would be fully implemented by the end of March 2014. Risks remain, however, over the ability of the Trust to meet the 95% target for IG training. • Heard from two divisions – Integrated Care and Acute Medicine (ICAM) and Surgery, Cancer and Diagnostics (SCD) – regarding their progress in embedding integrated risk management. Both divisions have made some progress, though SCD is held back by the lack of a dedicated risk manager. • Heard an update on the implementation of the electronic patient record (EPR), five weeks after the go-live date. The committee heard that the biggest issue remained the impact on reporting. 		

Summary of recommendations:		For noting					
Fit with WH strategy:		The Audit Committee is responsible for monitoring risks to the delivery of the Whittington Health strategy.					
Reference to related / other documents:		N/A					
Date paper completed:		November 6, 2013					
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Date paper seen by any other group/which	N/A	Equality Impact Assessment complete?	N/A	Risk assessment undertaken?	N/A	Legal advice received?	N/A

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