

<b>Name of Meeting:</b>	Audit and Risk Committee
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	22 October 2019
<b>Prepared by:</b>	Andrew Dumbleton, Chair of Committee/Non-Executive Director

<b>Highlights from the meeting</b>	
<p>Andrew Gold, Chair, was in attendance as part of his round of attending all committees periodically.</p> <p>A number of points were discussed around governance reporting and accountability and the role of this committee and that of other sub-committees of the Board.</p> <p>Following on from the meeting of this Committee in July it was agreed that Committee Chairs, or members of committees if Chairs were not available, would meet prior to the Audit and Risk Committee to discuss key points of note arising from other Committees.</p> <p>The Committee received the Clinical Annual Audit Report and Process Review which was discussed. The process around monitoring of actions was also discussed and also the involvement of the Quality and Safety Committee in this. An update is to be provided in due course.</p> <p>An update was provided by External Audit on planning for the 2019/20 year. It was noted that the accounting treatment for a specific matter had been discussed with the external auditors who agreed with the Trust's proposed accounting treatment.</p> <p>The audit of Airedale NHSFT Charitable Funds for the year ended 31 March 2019 was underway and the audit opinion was expected to be issued in November 2019.</p> <p>The Committee received a brief counter-fraud update from the internal auditor on potential issues which had been emerging in other organisations. It was agreed that a presentation would be provided at the next meeting.</p>	
<b>Assurances gained at the meeting</b>	
<p>The Committee received internal audit reports in a number of areas which indicated significant assurance which was pleasing.</p>	
<b>Challenges from the meeting</b>	
<p>There were some challenges to the internal auditor around the grading system in their reports and how specifically appropriate it was to the Trust. Further discussions will be held on this.</p>	
<b>New / Emerging risks</b>	
<p>Limited assurance was provided by our internal auditor on certain HR processes and on certain reporting arrangements in the Care Environment.</p> <p>Plans have been put in place to rectify and timescales for achievement. Progress will be reported back to the Committee.</p>	