

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING (Open)

Date: 14 June 2017

Item Ref:

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<b>TITLE OF PAPER</b>	<b>Board Assurance Framework 2017/18 – Next Steps</b>
<b>TO BE PRESENTED BY</b>	Margaret Saunders, Director of Corporate Governance (Board Secretary)
<b>ACTION REQUIRED</b>	Discuss and approve the next steps in the development of the Board Assurance Framework(BAF) 2017/18
<b>OUTCOME</b>	To ensure the Board of Directors is fully informed of the next steps in the development of the BAF 2017/18
<b>TIMETABLE FOR DECISION</b>	Reviewed and revised BAF 2017/18 to be presented at the July 2017 meeting of the Board.
<b>LINKS TO OTHER KEY REPORTS / DECISIONS</b>	Strategic Aim 5 – financially viable, effective and well governed organisation
<b>LINKS TO OTHER RELEVANT FRAMEWORKS BAF, RISK, OUTCOMES</b>	Internal Audit Reports on Risk Management Corporate Risk Register Board Assurance Framework Directorate Risk Registers
<b>IMPLICATIONS FOR SERVICE DELIVERY AND FINANCIAL IMPACT</b>	Board Assurance Framework (BAF) links to strategic aims and objectives, corporate (organisational) risk register, directorate risk registers. Plus the regulatory requirements of NHS Improvement.
<b>CONSIDERATION OF LEGAL ISSUES</b>	Compliance with Governance requirements of NHS Improvement including Trust Provider Licence.

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<b>Designation</b>	Director of Corporate Governance (Board Secretary)
<b>Date of Report</b>	5 June 2017



## SUMMARY REPORT

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**Report to:** Open Board of Directors

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**Subject:** Board Assurance Framework 2017/18 – next steps

**Presented by:** Margaret Saunders, Director of Corporate Governance (Board Secretary)

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### 1. Purpose

This paper is designed to update the Board regarding the progress of developing the Board Assurance Framework (BAF) for 2017-18

### 2. Summary

The BAF is a tool which assists the Board to be assured that the organisation is well managed. As a tool it also helps the organisation to capture, report and monitor key risks to delivery of the strategic objective. The BAF records and assesses, identifies and implements corrective actions and reports on progress to the Board.

The BAF also provides assurances that the organisation is able to deliver its objectives, supporting the management of potential and actual risks. It helps the organisation assess the controls it has in place to mitigate the risks and reviews the assurances to check the controls are working.

On 24 May 2017 the Board held a successful workshop, attended by Executive and Non-Executive Directors and colleagues from 360 Assurance. The workshop built on the event held in October 2016, which outlined the principles of the BAF process, and started to populate the organisations BAF for 2017-18 based on the strategic objectives within Shaping the Future, the Trust Strategy Framework. The May 2017 workshop focused on identifying the risks associated with the Trust's strategic objectives and how to articulate those risks.

Workshop attendees focused on the four strategic aims of the Trust, Quality and Safety, People, Future Services and Value for Money, and the 16 strategic objectives, 4 Strategic Objectives under each Aim. Attached Appendix A is the first draft of the BAF, based on the output from the workshop, which includes the Strategic Objectives and the associated risks. The Trust is aware the delivery of the BAF is a collective responsibility with Executive leads having been identified for the delivery objectives, which form the next level of the strategic planning framework.

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### 3 Next Steps

What	When	Who
Progress report to EDG	01.06.17	Director of Corporate Governance (Board Secretary)
Work with EDG colleagues to populate remainder of BAF	02 – 14.06.17	Director of Corporate (Board Secretary) Governance working with EDG colleagues
Cross reference new BAF with 16/17 to ensure ongoing risks not lost	02 – 14.06.17	Director of Corporate Governance (Board Secretary)
Progress report to Board	14.06.17	Director of Corporate Governance (Board Secretary)
EDG to sign off first draft of BAF prior to consultation and final approval at Board	15.06.17	EDG
Share BAF virtually with Board Members – asking NEDs who chair Board Committees to share with their committee members for comment. All comments back by 26 June 2017	16.06.17	Director of Corporate Governance (Board Secretary)
BAF updated to include comments from above 27.06.17 for paper to EDG 29.06.17	29.06.17	Director of Corporate Governance (Board Secretary)
Updated BAF to Audit Committee	11.07.17	Director of Corporate Governance (Board Secretary)
BAF to Board (with oral update from Audit Committee from 11.07.17	12.07.17	Director of Corporate Governance (Board Secretary)

### 4 Actions

Board is asked to:

- note the next steps and timetable for action.

### 5 Monitoring Arrangements

Progress on delivery of the BAF will be monitored by the Board, Audit Committee, EDG and the Trusts Internal Auditors.

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