

Northern Health and Social Care Trust Board Meeting in Public - Cover Sheet

Subject:	Mid Year Assurance Statement		Date of Meeting: 24 October 2024	
Prepared By:	Governance Team			
Approved By:	Executive Team and Audit Committee			
Presented By:	Owen Harkin, Director of Finance			
Purpose				
The Trust as a Department of Health (DoH) Arm's Length Body is required to submit a mid-year Assurance Statement to the Department. The function of this Statement is to enable the Accounting Officer to attest to the continuing robustness of the organisation's system of internal governance. Trust Board is required to approve the statement for final submission to DOH.			Approval	✓
			Assurance	✓
			Update	
			Noting	
Strategic Objectives				
Build Northern Partnerships and Integrate Care	Continue to improve Outcomes & Experience	Deliver value by optimising Resources	Nurture our People, Enable our Talent & Build Our Teams	Improve population Health & address health & social care inequalities
	✓			
Risk				
Dysphagia (Principal Risk 952)	Dysphagia noted as an internal control divergence in the Mid Year Assurance Statement			
Information Security (Principal Risk 909)	Cyber Security noted as an internal control divergence in the Mid Year Assurance Statement			
Failure to Breakeven (Principal Risk 28)	Financial Breakeven Position noted as an internal control divergence in the Mid Year Assurance Statement			
Acute Psychiatric Bed Capacity (Corporate Risk 892)	Acute Mental Health Inpatient Bed Pressures noted as an internal control divergence in the Mid Year Assurance Statement			
Lack of Available Care Placements (Corporate Risk 902)	Residential childcare and placement availability noted as an internal control divergence in the Mid Year Assurance Statement			
Estates Backlog Maintenance (Corporate Risk 1152)	Estate Risk noted as an internal control divergence in the Mid Year Assurance Statement			
Committees/groups where this item has been presented before				
Audit Committee 21 st October 2024 Executive Team 10 th October 2024				

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Acronyms

SPPG – Strategic Planning and Performance Group
PHA – Public Health Agency
NIMDTA – Northern Ireland Medical and Dental Training Agency
RQIA – Regulation and Quality Improvement Authority
DoH – Department of Health
NAO – National Audit Office

Executive Summary

The mid-year assurance statement sets out the overall assurance and accountability arrangements surrounding the role of the Accounting Officer of the Trust. The organisation's business planning and risk management, and governance framework, remain as set out in the Governance Statement signed on 27 June 2024. The purpose of the mid-year assurance statement is to attest to the continuing effectiveness of the system of internal governance.

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