

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

Subject:	Report from Audit Committee		Date of Meeting: 27 March 2025																			
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Purpose																						
To provide Trust Board with an update from the meeting of the Audit Committee held on 19 th February 2025			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																		
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Risk – please note if links to any principal, corporate or divisional risk																						
Not Applicable																						
Committees/groups where this item has been presented before																						
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Acronyms																						
DOH: Department of Health BSO: Business Services Organisation HIA: Head of Internal Audit																						
The following business was addressed by Audit Committee: - The HIA presented a paper on Definitions and Terminology used in BSO Internal Audit. This outlined the various required standard definitions used by Internal Audit in our reports and explained the standard terminologies used in our BSO audit reports. The application is consistent across all HSC organisations - The Internal Audit Progress Report for the year to date was presented. - The following audits were reported on: <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Charitable Funds 2024/25</td> <td>Satisfactory</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Management of Contracts with Voluntary Organisations 2024/25</td> <td>Satisfactory</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Management of Client Monies and Cash & Valuables in Social Services Settings 2024/25</td> <td>Split Assurance</td> <td>5 of 7 homes satisfactory assurance 2 of 7 homes limited assurance</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Management of General Surgery Triage</td> <td>Unacceptable</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Management of Medical Locums 2024/25</td> <td>Limited</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Occupational Health 2024/25</td> <td>Satisfactory</td> <td></td> </tr> </table> - The Committee received management updates and assurances with respect to: - Management of General Surgery Triage 2024/25 - Management of Medical Locums 2024/25 - A further update was received in respect of Job Planning					Charitable Funds 2024/25	Satisfactory		Management of Contracts with Voluntary Organisations 2024/25	Satisfactory		Management of Client Monies and Cash & Valuables in Social Services Settings 2024/25	Split Assurance	5 of 7 homes satisfactory assurance 2 of 7 homes limited assurance	Management of General Surgery Triage	Unacceptable		Management of Medical Locums 2024/25	Limited		Occupational Health 2024/25	Satisfactory	
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NIAO presented to Audit Strategy for 2024/25 highlighting Audit Risks and the plan in place with External Audit colleagues to deliver the Audit Programme in line with required timescales. • It was also noted that this would be Kathy Mackenzie's last meeting as Chair of Audit Committee and Paul Douglas would take up this role from May. . |
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