

Agenda item: 19.60aiii

<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Annual Audit Letter</b>
<b>Presented by:</b>	<b>John Ingham, Chief Finance Officer</b>
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<b>Submitted to:</b>	<b>WNCCG Governing Body</b>
<b>Date:</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> August 2019</b>

**Purpose of paper:**

For information and noting.

**Executive Summary:**

Please find attached the BDO Annual Audit Letter for the CCG for the year ended 31 March 2019.

The purpose of the Annual Audit Letter is to communicate to the members and external stakeholders, including members of the public, the key issues arising from the external audit work that BDO carried out in the audit of the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2019.

The CCG's responsibility is to ensure that it has in place proper arrangements for the conduct of its business and that public money is safeguarded and properly accounted for.

The Auditor's responsibility is to plan and carry out an audit that meets the requirements of the National Audit Office's Code of Audit Practice (the Code). The Code requires the Auditors to review and report on:

- The financial statements, regularity of income and expenditure and auditable parts of the remuneration and staff report;
- Whether the CCG has made proper arrangements for securing economy, efficiency and effectiveness in its use of resources.

The Annual Audit Letter has been reviewed by the CCG's Audit Committee.

**Recommendation to Governing Body:**

The Governing Body is asked to receive the BDO Annual Audit Letter and note the findings therein.

<b>Key Risks</b>	
<b>Clinical:</b>	N/A
<b>Finance and Performance:</b>	The Annual Audit Letter sets out the External Auditors findings and comments on the CCGs financial performance.
<b>Impact Assessment (environmental and equalities):</b>	The Annual Audit Letter comments on the CCGs future financial position and plan.
<b>Reputation:</b>	The CCG is required to complete an annual report and accounts, failure to do so will be a breach of statutory requirements.
<b>Legal:</b>	
<b>Resource Required:</b>	N/A
<b>Reference document(s):</b>	N/A
<b>NHS Constitution:</b>	N/A
<b>Conflicts of Interest:</b>	N/A

## GOVERNANCE

<b>Process/Committee approval with date(s) (as appropriate)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Audit Committee 2019; and</i></li> <li>• <i>Governing Body August 2019</i></li> </ul>
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