1. Purpose of this Report:

The purpose of this report is to present the draft Annual report for 2015/16 (including the Annual Governance Statement) to the Board for approval.

2. Summary of Key Points

Annual Report

The content of the Annual Report has been produced in conjunction with a number of colleagues from across the Trust. An early draft was considered at the Audit Committee meeting on 11 April and initial comments received, which have been incorporated into the final draft. The draft version was sent to the external auditors on 10 May for review. Since then further information has been added on achievement of service developments in 2015/16.

Annual Governance Statement (AGS)

There are three changes from the draft that was submitted to the Audit Committee in April:

- An additional comment has been included that the review of the Board Assurance Framework has been delayed until Quarter One of 2016/17, in response to a comment from Dr Butler;
- Additional information has been included about information governance, providing addition assurance linked to the Information Assurance Framework; and
- Information in breaches in data security has been added, providing the recorded figures for the year and confirming that there were no incidents at level 2 or above for the period 2015/16.

The external auditor will review the AGS and report on:

- any inconsistencies between information reported in the statement and their knowledge of the audited body; and
- any failure to comply with mandatory requirements.

The Chief Executive attended the Audit Committee on 24 May to present the AGS, in his role as Accounting Officer of the Foundation Trust.
Quality Report

The Quality Report, which forms part of the Annual Report, has been submitted under agenda item 13.

3. Committee Consideration

The Committee is asked to consider the draft Annual Report in conjunction with the draft Accounts and the reports prepared by both internal and external auditors.

4. Recommendations:

- That the Board: approve the Annual Report for 2015/16 (including the Annual Governance Statement)