

# Audit Committee

## Assurances

1. Regular review of BAF – new approach provides improved format for assurance.
2. Five Internal Audit reports – Nurse validation; and Budgetary Control & Reporting (high assurance); Safer Staffing; Risk Management Framework; and Cost Improvement Programmes (all significant assurance).
3. Committee recommended approval of 2018/19 Charitable Funds annual report and accounts.
4. Strong engagement with local counter fraud team.
5. Litigation report demonstrated strong controls and assurance – 8 cases closed and 11 new cases received in last 6 months.

## Areas for further development

1. One Internal Audit report – CAMHS (limited assurance) was discussed in November – seven recommended actions due for completion by end of December.
2. Follow-up on 16 internal audit recommendations where the original agreed action dates have elapsed.
3. New format of effectiveness review of Audit Committee using maturity matrix accepted - 2020 version to be developed further.
4. Internal Audit plan will include CQC-related audit work in preparation for 2020 re-inspection.
5. Streamlining of policies and procedures underway and review of in-date strategies (again CQC-related).