

# Audit Committee

Assurances	Areas for further development
<p>2 meetings held (in May and June).</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Draft and final versions of the 2019/20 Annual Report and Accounts, Internal Audit Head of Audit Opinion and External Auditors Statement scrutinised and approved for submission to Trust Board.</li> <li>2. COVID-19 update presented.</li> <li>3. 2020/21 draft Internal Audit plan considered.</li> <li>4. Audit Committee Annual Report submitted to Trust Board.</li> <li>5. Significant assurance report received from Internal Audit on the Trust's Governance Framework.</li> <li>6. Other governance assurance reports included Bi-annual Report on Litigation, Annual Gifts and Hospitality Register, approval of revised Claims Handling Policy, Annual Information and Data Assurance Report and 3 waivers to SFIs.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Further consideration of draft 2020/21 Internal Audit plan to be considered throughout the year in light of COVID-19 and CQC inspection reports.</li> <li>2. Consideration of routine local counter fraud items to build on strong performance in 2019/20.</li> <li>3. Recovery programme workstream to be considered from an Audit Committee perspective (e.g. results of Corporate Governance Survey).</li> </ol>

**The Committee received and approved the Annual Report 2019/20 for the activities of the Committee and provided assurance to the Board that they had fulfilled the duties outlined within the Terms of Reference.**