

Whittington Health Trust Board

23 Oct 2013

Title:	Report from the Audit and Risk Committee		
Agenda item:	13/141	Paper	8
Action requested:	For information		
Executive Summary:	<p>At the meeting on 12 September, the committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reviewed and agreed interim progress reports from both external audit and internal audit. The latter included substantial assurances on the Trust’s cash management and Board Assurance Framework. • Gained assurance on the status of the Electronic Patient Records (EPR) project. • Reviewed and provided improvement suggestions on the latest versions of the Corporate Risk Register and Board Assurance Framework. The Committee felt that there is still much work to do to embed integrated risk management across the Trust. It emphasised its intention to continue to monitor the implementation of risk management in the divisions, thus complementing the Quality Committee’s ongoing focus on the management of substantive clinical risks. • Debriefed Ernst & Young (E&Y), following their recent engagement with the Trust, to gain an additional independent perspective on the most important risks that the trust face going forward. From E&Y’s perspective, these were: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Board governance – respective roles of executive and non-executive directors ○ Engagement of clinical leaders in Trust management ○ Engagement with commissioners ○ HR weaknesses – number of interim managers, use of agency, slow recruitment processes ○ Political engagement ○ Design and implementation of Cost Improvement Programmes (CIPs) 		
Summary of recommendations:	For noting		

Fit with WH strategy:		The Audit Committee is responsible for monitoring risks to the delivery of Whittington Health strategy					
Reference to related / other documents:		N/A					
Date paper completed:		14 October, 2013					
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Date paper seen by any other group/which	N/A	Equality Impact Assessment complete?	N/A	Risk assessment undertaken?	N/A	Legal advice received?	N/A

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