

Corporate Governance Statement (FTs and NHS trusts)

The Board are required to respond "Confirmed" or "Not confirmed" to the following statements, setting out any risks and mitigating actions planned for each one

Corporate Governance Statement	Response	Risks and Mitigating actions
1 The Board is satisfied that the Licensee applies those principles, systems and standards of good corporate governance which reasonably would be regarded as appropriate for a supplier of health care services to the NHS.		Confirmed. No material risks identified. Assurances include Annual Report (declaration of compliance with Code of Governance and Annual Governance Statement, both are subject to independent review and scrutiny by External Audit as part of the year end external audit). CQC Inspection of 'Well Led' Domain assessed as 'Outstanding'.
2 The Board has regard to such guidance on good corporate governance as may be issued by NHS Improvement from time to time		Confirmed. No material risks identified. Key documents are highlighted/circulated to the Board through the Chief Executive Update report, items to note and agenda items.
3 The Board is satisfied that the Licensee has established and implements: (a) Effective board and committee structures; (b) Clear responsibilities for its Board, for committees reporting to the Board and for staff reporting to the Board and those committees; and (c) Clear reporting lines and accountabilities throughout its organisation.		No material risks identified. The CQC reviewed the effectiveness of the Board and confirmed Committee structure as part of the 'Well Led' review, assessed as 'Outstanding'. There are a wide range of controls in place, including: an approved Scheme of Delegation, Standing Financial Instructions, Board approved committee structure and terms of reference in place, a Board member appraisal process is in place, agreed Executive portfolios and clear organisational structure/reporting lines.
4 The Board is satisfied that the Licensee has established and effectively implements systems and/or processes: (a) To ensure compliance with the Licensee's duty to operate efficiently, economically and effectively; (b) For timely and effective scrutiny and oversight by the Board of the Licensee's operations; (c) To ensure compliance with health care standards binding on the Licensee including but not restricted to standards specified by the Secretary of State, the Care Quality Commission, the NHS Commissioning Board and statutory regulators of health care professions; (d) For effective financial decision-making, management and control (including but not restricted to appropriate systems and/or processes to ensure the Licensee's ability to continue as a going concern); (e) To obtain and disseminate accurate, comprehensive, timely and up to date information for Board and Committee decision-making; (f) To identify and manage (including but not restricted to manage through forward plans) material risks to compliance with the Conditions of its Licence; (g) To generate and monitor delivery of business plans (including any changes to such plans) and to receive internal and where appropriate external assurance on such plans and their delivery; and (h) To ensure compliance with all applicable legal requirements.		Confirmed. No material risks identified. There are a range of systems and/or processes in place which evidence the Trust's on-going compliance with this requirement, including: - Trust Board meetings - Routine Integrated Board Reports - Regular meetings of the Trust Executive Team, Executive Risk Group, Finance, Quality, Audit and People Committees. - Board approved terms of references and schedules of business. - Board approved Annual Plan. - Regular detailed Board finance report. - Board Assurance Framework and Risk Registers. - External and Internal audit annual opinion and Internal Audit annual plan approved by the Audit Committee.
5 The Board is satisfied that the systems and/or processes referred to in paragraph 4 (above) should include but not be restricted to systems and/or processes to ensure: (a) That there is sufficient capability at Board level to provide effective organisational leadership on the quality of care provided; (b) That the Board's planning and decision-making processes take timely and appropriate account of quality of care considerations; (c) The collection of accurate, comprehensive, timely and up to date information on quality of care; (d) That the Board receives and takes into account accurate, comprehensive, timely and up to date information on quality of care; (e) That the Licensee, including its Board, actively engages on quality of care with patients, staff and other relevant stakeholders and takes into account as appropriate views and information from these sources; and (f) That there is clear accountability for quality of care throughout the Licensee including but not restricted to systems and/or processes for escalating and resolving quality issues including escalating them to the Board where appropriate.		Confirmed. No material risks identified. There are a range of systems and/or processes in place which evidence the Trust's on-going compliance with this requirement, including: - Trust Board composition includes Chief Executive Officer, Chief Operating Officer, Medical Director, Director for Business, Development and Enterprise, Finance Director and Executive Chief Nurse - Annual Quality Account produced - Patient/staff stories presented at Board meetings as a regular agenda item - Board line of sight as part of Leadership Spotlight on Services - Positive external stakeholder feedback (re Quality Account) - Routine Integrated Report to Trust Board (including SIRT reporting) - Quality Committee meetings to seek assurance over quality of care including scrutiny of SIRTs and Never Events - Clinical Audit Plan - Mortality Surveillance Group
6 The Board is satisfied that there are systems to ensure that the Licensee has in place personnel on the Board, reporting to the Board and within the rest of the organisation who are sufficient in number and appropriately qualified to ensure compliance with the conditions of its NHS provider licence.		There are a range of controls in place to mitigate staffing risks, including: Directorate Ward staffing reviews and a single centralised bank for nursing and midwife posts.

Signed on behalf of the Board of directors, and, in the case of Foundation Trusts, having regard to the views of the governors

Signature

Name Dame Jackie Daniel

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Name Sir John Burn

Further explanatory information should be provided below where the Board has been unable to confirm declarations under FT4.

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