



**Council of Governors Meeting: Thursday 5 October 2017**  
**CoG2017.26**

Title	Annual Audit Letter and Annual Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2017
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Status	For information and review
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## Summary

1.	A draft of the Annual Audit Letter for the year ended 31 March 2017 was submitted to the Audit Committee on 24 May 2017, when the Audit Committee recommended approval of the Annual Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2017.
2.	The OUH NHS Foundation Trust's external auditors, Ernst & Young's Annual Audit Letter to Governors for the year ended 31 March 2017 will formally be presented to Governors at the Annual General Meeting [AGM] of OUH NHS Foundation Trust on 11 October 2017.
3.	The Annual Report and Annual Accounts 2016/17 will formally be presented to the AGM on 11 October 2017.
4.	A copy of the draft Annual Audit Letter for the year ended 31 March 2017 is <b>attached</b> hereto. It is understood that there should be no substantive change made to the draft text. This also includes the Auditors' External Assurance on the Trust's Quality Report 2016/17.
5.	<p>In respect of the Auditors' External Assurance on the Trust's Quality Report 2016/17, it should be noted that the conclusion includes a double negative, so the conclusion is effectively that</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Quality Report has been prepared in line with the criteria set out;</li> <li>• The Quality Report is consistent with sources specified in NHSI's detailed requirements; and</li> <li>• The indicators have been reasonably stated.</li> </ul> <p>This is the best conclusion that can be given by the external auditors.</p>
6.	<p>A copy of the Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2017 can be found at</p> <p><a href="http://www.ouh.nhs.uk/about/publications/documents/ouh-nhs-ft-full-accounts-2016-17.pdf">http://www.ouh.nhs.uk/about/publications/documents/ouh-nhs-ft-full-accounts-2016-17.pdf</a></p>
7.	<p><b>Recommendation</b></p> <p>The Council of Governors is asked:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To note the draft Annual Audit Letter for the year ended 31 March 2017, on the understanding that there should be no substantive change made to the draft text.;</li> <li>2. To note the Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2017, found at</li> </ol> <p><a href="http://www.ouh.nhs.uk/about/publications/documents/ouh-nhs-ft-full-accounts-2016-17.pdf">http://www.ouh.nhs.uk/about/publications/documents/ouh-nhs-ft-full-accounts-2016-17.pdf</a>; and</p>

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|  | <p>3. To note that Governors have the opportunity to consider these documents in advance of the AGM on 11 October 2017, and are invited to notify the office of the Trust Board Secretary of any questions they may have on either the Annual Report and Accounts, or the Annual Audit Letter for the year ended 31 March 2017, in advance of the AGM on 11 October 2017.</p> |
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