

Trust Board Meeting: Thursday 1 November 2012
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Title	Board Sub-Committee Appointments
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Status	For approval
History	Previous related paper presented to Trust Board in September (TB2012.93)

Board Lead	Sir Jonathan Michael, Chief Executive			
Key purpose	Strategy	Assurance	Policy	Performance

Summary

1	This paper sets out details of changes to Board Sub-Committee Appointments.
2	The Board is asked to Approve the changes to Board Sub-Committee Appointments to the Audit Committee and the Finance & Performance Committee.

Introduction

1. The purpose of this paper is to confirm changes to appointments to the Board Sub-Committees which reflect Dame Fiona Caldicott's recommendations after consultation.

Background

2. There is a formal requirement for every NHS Board to establish an Audit Committee which originated in the Codes of Conduct and Accountability, issued by the Department of Health in April 1994 and re-issued in 2004 and which remain in place today.
3. The Audit Committee supports the Trust Board in reviewing the governance and assurance process on which the Trust Board places reliance. As such the role of the Audit Committee is significant in the assurance process. Therefore the role of the Chair of the Audit Committee is recognised as being a significant Non-Executive Director commitment which, on authorisation as a Foundation Trust, receives additional remuneration.
4. The Audit Committee is currently chaired by Mr Alisdair Cameron. Due to existing commitments Mr Cameron has indicated that he wishes to resign as Chair of the Audit Committee although wishes to remain a member of that Committee.
5. It is proposed that Mrs Ann Tutt, who is a Chartered Accountant and is currently the Vice Chair of the Audit Committee, takes on the role of Chair of the Audit Committee with Mr Chris Goard, who is currently a member of the Audit Committee, taking on the role of Vice Chair. Mr Alisdair Cameron will remain a member of the Audit Committee.
6. To facilitate this change Mrs Ann Tutt, who is currently the Chair of the Finance & Performance Committee, will become the Vice Chair of that Committee and Mr Chris Goard, who is currently the Vice Chair of the Finance & Performance Committee will become the Chair of that Committee.

Recommendation

The Trust Board is asked to:-

- Agree the proposed changes to the Audit Committee and the Finance & Performance Committee.

Helen Potton
Interim Head of Corporate Governance

Sir Jonathan Michael
Chief Executive

