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Date of Trust Board Meeting: 30 May 2018

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Agenda item: Annual Report on Risk Management – 2017/18

1.0 Introduction

The attached paper details a report on the Trust’s Risk Management System from the 1 April 2017 to 31 March 2018. It is based on the criteria within the Risk Management Controls Assurance Standard issued by the Department of Health, Social Services & Public Safety (DHSSPS) in April 2003 and annually thereafter.

Criterion 6 of the standard specifies, “an annual report is produced for the Board to demonstrate the risk management system’s continuing suitability and effectiveness in satisfying the organisation’s risk management policy and strategy”.

It should be noted that wef 1 April 2018, the Controls Assurance Programme will cease to exist. Alternative assurance arrangements for organisational controls are currently being developed and this will include Risk Management.

2.0 Background information

The purpose of the Risk Management Controls Assurance standard is to ensure that all HPSS bodies have the basic building blocks in place for managing risk through development and implementation of a comprehensive risk management system. This standard, together with the Governance and Financial Management Standards, provides the basis for statutory reporting for the Governance Statement as set out by the Department of Finance and Personnel in DAO (DFP) 05/01 and DAO (DFP) 25/03. All three core standards are required to achieve substantive compliance.

Risk management should be recognised within an organisation as an integral part of good practice and should be part of the organisation’s culture. It should be integrated into its philosophy, practices and business plans, and not be viewed or practiced as a separate programme. When this is achieved, risk management becomes the business of everyone in the organisation.

3.0 Brief summary of key points contained in the paper/s

The Trust is required to meet substantive compliance (75-99%) with the Risk Management standard which should be subjected to independent verification on a

yearly basis. Internal Audit carried out this function on behalf of the Trust. The audit took place week during March 2018.

The Trust achieved substantive compliance (93%) in this standard and this was verified by Internal Audit in their report dated April 2018. The score decreased by 1% (94%) from 2016/17 this was due to a limited assurance report in Fire Safety issues.

4.0 Recommendation/s for the Trust Board (please state if the paper/s is for information/noting or for approval by Board members)

To note, for information, the Annual Report on Risk Management for 2017/18.

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Date: 21 May 2018