



Title of Paper: <u>Revised Terms of Reference: Audit Committee</u>		
For Decision	For Discussion	For Noting
Requires majority decision prior to implementation or action.	Requires consideration & debate.	Contains information Members should be made aware.

1.0 Background

As part of the Forward Programme of Work for the Audit Committee, there is provision for an annual review of the Committee’s Terms of Reference to ensure they continue to be appropriate to its remit. The Committee has considered a draft revised Terms of Reference and agreed to table the attached updated document for approval.

2.0 Key Issues

The revised Terms of Reference has also been considered in line with the request made by Mrs O’Hagan at the Trust Board meeting held on 31 May 2023 that Committee Terms of Reference should be reviewed in a holistic way to ensure consistency and avoid duplication.

Mrs McNally leads an annual review of all Committee Terms of Reference and the revised Terms of Reference tabled for approval contains a number of amendments to ensure consistency with other Committees, incorporate provision for escalation of key issues and updating details relating to Committee membership.

If approved by Trust Board, a copy of the Audit Committee Terms of Reference will then be forwarded for DoH.

3.0 Resources Implications (inc Organisational, Financial, Human Resources)

None.

4.0 Impact on Safety, Quality and Experience (SQE)

None.

5.0 Key Risks and Proposals to Mitigate

None.

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