

BHSCT Board Update from Committees

Date of Trust Board for consideration of this report.	9 January 2025
Name of Trust Board Committee	Assurance Committee
Chair of Trust Board committee (as at date of the report)	Mr Joe McVey, non-executive director
Required frequency of meetings (as indicated by Terms of Reference for the Steering Group)	4 times per year
Meeting dates in the year prior to the Trust Board meeting	<p>27 February 2024</p> <p>14 May 2024</p> <p>23 July 2024 (agreed minutes of the meeting are attached for information)</p> <p>12 November 2024</p> <p>Is Compliant with requirement in the Terms of Reference</p>
Date of last review of the Terms of Reference of the Trust Board Committee	The extant Terms of Reference were last reviewed in January 2020, and will be reviewed in the context of the ongoing review of the Board Assurance Framework, with a revised draft due to be at the Board in April 2025
<p>Summary Report from the Chair of the Trust Board Committee</p> <p>Mr Joe McVey chaired his first meeting of the Assurance Committee on 12 November 2024, the meeting having previously been chaired by Mr Gordon Smyth.</p> <p>At its most recent meeting the Chairman noted that in the wider context of the review of Trust Board operations, a number of “tests of change” were being tried at that meeting. This was part of a work in progress and the Chairman indicated that he would welcome the input of all in the coming weeks.</p> <p>The Chairman noted that all papers as circulated on Convene would be taken as read by those attending.</p> <p>As has been the practice in recent years, the Committee reviewed key risks from the Board Assurance Framework Risk Document, considered presentations from a number of Directorates in relation to their key risks, considered a report from the Risk and Governance Department,</p>	

considered updates from Steering Groups which report to the Assurance Committee and considered other reports.

The Committee also noted the ongoing work in relation to a review of the Assurance Framework. The ongoing work and agenda for this Committee will be principally determined by the outcome of the review of the Board Assurance Framework.

Annual Reports for consideration by the Trust Board (if any).	None
Matter(s) for consideration by the Trust Board and recommended actions for the Trust Board (if any).	It is recommended that the Trust Board progress at pace the review of the Integrated Assurance Framework.
Date of report	28 December 2024

NB Any report to the Trust Board should be no longer than 10 pages in length.