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REPORT TITLE: Audit Group Summary, May 2016.
DECISIONS TO BE MADE: None.

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Continue to improve the quality of services		Improve patient experience	
Reduced unwarranted variations in services		Reduce the inequalities gap in North Lincolnshire	
Deliver the best outcomes for every patient		Statutory/Regulatory	X

Executive Summary (Question, Options, Recommendations):
On the 25th May, 2016 the Audit Group met to review and approve, on behalf of the Governing body, the Annual Report and Accounts.

The Interim Chief Finance Officer, External Audit and Internal Audit informed the Group of the work, assurance processes and scrutiny that informed the production of the Annual Report and Accounts.

The Audit Group approved the Annual Report and Accounts including the Annual Governance Statement after a review of Assurances.

Equality Impact	N	
Sustainability	N	
Risk	Y	Recognises impact of risk management.
Legal	Y	Delegated approval of accounts.
Finance	Y	Delegated approval of accounts.

Patient, Public, Clinical and Stakeholder Engagement to date									
	N/A	Y	N	DATE		N/A	Y	N	DATE
Patient:					Clinical:				
Public:					Other:				

Audit Group Summary, May 2016

At this time of year the Audit Group is focussed on the Year End accounts for 2015/2016. A meeting on 25th May was held specifically to review and approve, on behalf of the Governing Board, the Annual Report and Accounts and the Annual Governance Statement with a regular meeting on the 20th April.

Annual Report and Accounts

The Annual Report and Accounts including the Annual Governance Statement were approved after a review of Assurances.

The reports were tabled at the meeting. The group had previously reviewed the month 9 hard close and the new GP member had a pre-meeting briefing from the Interim CFO. The finance function was commended on the timely completion to a tight deadline set by NHS England. We found that there were no unexpected results or exceptional issues that required challenge. The Interim CFO presented the assurance process and scrutiny of results throughout the year and confirmed that the year-end was in line with results from previous months.

KPMG, our external auditor, presented a review of the Audit and subject to a final review of changes a clean audit report will be issued. There are no unadjusted audit differences.

Internal Audit presented their annual review and we have received Significant Assurance that there is a generally sound system of internal control designed to meet the organisation's objectives, and that controls are generally being applied consistently

Other Items

Draft Guidance has been received on Conflict of Interest Management and the potential role of the Audit Group and specifically the chair. Ongoing discussions with management are taking place and it is hopeful that we will be an early adopter.

The group has been updated by proposed changes to risk management and welcomes a more dynamic BAF. It has requested that the Assurance map be updated with the changes.

We have requested that a method of communicating the scrutiny of accounts, performance and financial governance be agreed recognising the changes in process.