

The Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital



NHS Trust

Annual Accounts 2010/11



Putting Patients First

STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES IN RESPECT OF THE ACCOUNTS

The directors are required under the National Health Service Act 2006 to prepare accounts for each financial year. The Secretary of State, with the approval of the Treasury, directs that these accounts give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the trust and of the income and expenditure, recognised gains and losses and cash flows for the year. In preparing those accounts, directors are required to:


- apply on a consistent basis accounting policies laid down by the Secretary of State with the approval of the Treasury;
- make judgements and estimates which are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the accounts.

The directors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the trust and to enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with requirements outlined in the above mentioned direction of the Secretary of State. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the trust and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The directors confirm to the best of their knowledge and belief they have complied with the above requirements in preparing the accounts.

By order of the Board

9/6/2011 Date..... ..... Chief Executive

9/6/2011 Date..... ..... Finance Director



INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SHREWSBURY AND TELFORD HOSPITAL NHS TRUST

We have audited the financial statements of The Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital NHS Trust for the year ended 31 March 2011. These financial statements have been prepared under applicable law and the accounting policies set out in the Statement of Accounting Policies.

This report is made solely to the Board of Directors of The Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital NHS Trust, as a body, in accordance with Part II of the Audit Commission Act 1998. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Board of the Trust, as a body, those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Board of the Trust, as a body, for our audit work, for this report or for the opinions we have formed.

Respective responsibilities of Directors and auditor

As explained more fully in the Statement of Directors' Responsibilities, the Directors are responsible for the preparation of financial statements which give a true and fair view. Our responsibility is to audit, and express an opinion on, the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland). Those standards require us to comply with the Auditing Practices Board's Ethical Standards for Auditors.

Scope of the audit of the financial statements

An audit involves obtaining evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements sufficient to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or error. This includes an assessment of: whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the Trust's circumstances and have been consistently applied and adequately disclosed; the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by the Directors; and the overall presentation of the financial statements.

Opinion on financial statements

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the financial position of The Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital NHS Trust as at 31 March 2011 and of its expenditure and income for the year then ended; and
- have been prepared properly in accordance with the accounting policies directed by the Secretary of State with the consent of the Treasury as relevant to the National Health Service in England.

Opinion on other matters prescribed by the Code of Audit Practice 2010 for local NHS bodies

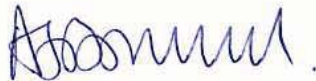
In our opinion:

- the part of the Remuneration Report subject to audit has been properly prepared in accordance with the accounting policies directed by the Secretary of State with the consent of the Treasury as relevant to the National Health Service in England.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Code of Audit Practice 2010 for local NHS bodies requires us to report to you if:

- in our opinion, the Statement on Internal Control does not reflect compliance with the Department of Health's requirements;
- any referrals to the Secretary of State have been made under section 19 of the Audit Commission Act 1998; or
- any matters have been reported in the public interest under the Audit Commission Act 1998 in the course of, or at the end of, the audit.



Andrew Bostock

For and on behalf of KPMG LLP, Statutory Auditor

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