The purpose of the Annual Audit letter is to summarise the key issues arising from the work that the Trust’s external auditors KPMG carried out during 2011/12 at the Trust. Although this letter is addressed to the Directors, it is also intended to communicate these issues to key external stakeholders, including members of the public. The letter will be published on the Audit Commission’s website. It is the responsibility of the Trust to publish the letter on the Trust’s website.

The letter highlights areas of good performance and also provides recommendations to help the Trust improve performance. A summary of key recommendations is highlighted in Appendix A. A list of all reports issued is provided in Appendix B.

The Annual Audit letter was presented to the Audit Committee on the 20th September 2012 by KPMG.

The Board is asked to NOTE the content of the Annual Audit Letter 2011/12 and to APPROVE its publication on the Trust website.