

Report to:	Trust Board – 27 th September 2012
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Title	Annual Audit Letter 2011/12
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Purpose	
Previously considered by	Audit Committee – 20 th September 2012

Executive Summary

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.

Related SATH Objectives	SATH Sub-Objectives
Financial Strength: We will develop and deliver robust services that generate surpluses to reinvest in quality.	

Action required by the Trust Board

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