

**THE SHREWSBURY AND TELFORD HOSPITAL NHS TRUST
TRUST BOARD - 9 JUNE 2011
STATEMENT OF INTERNAL CONTROL (SIC)**

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY	<p>NHS organisations should have risk management, control and review processes in place, appropriate to their circumstances and business. The detail of these processes will vary from one organisation to another depending on circumstances such as size and the complexity of the risks faced.</p> <p>Guidance provided by the Department of Health (DoH) offers a summary of detailed characteristics under six high level elements (bold headings) to help with consideration of the completeness of the processes which have been put in place.</p> <p>Organisations should ensure that they have evidence which they deem sufficient to demonstrate that they have implemented processes appropriate to their circumstances under each of the high level elements to support their SIC for 2010/11.</p>
KEY FACTS	<p>The attached document forms part of the financial statements and is based on the template issued by the DoH.</p> <p>Key: Normal script: wording to be incorporated as set out <i>Italic script:</i> <i>Indicates the need for a short commentary or explanation of the actual processes in place in the organisation.</i></p> <p>This document has been approved by the Audit Committee and incorporates additional comments that were made as part of the review by the Trust's external auditors and the SHA and is informed by the Risk Management Annual report, Quality Accounts and the Head of Internal Audit's Opinion.</p>
RECOMMENDATION(S)	The Trust Board is asked to APPROVE the SIC.