

Report to Trust Board of Directors

Date of Meeting:	2 June 2015
Enclosure Number:	16
Title of Report:	Annual Governance Statement (AGS) 2014/15
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Executive Lead:	Ann Farrar, Chief Executive
Responsible Sub-Committee (if appropriate):	Audit Committee
Executive Summary:	<p>The Trust's Annual Governance Statement 2014/15, which forms part of the annual accounts as defined in Chapter 1 of the NHS Manual for Accounts, requires Board approval.</p> <p>The statement has been reviewed in detail by the Trust's External Auditors and the Audit Committee.</p> <p>In line with annual reporting timeframes a draft AGS has been submitted to the Trust Development Authority.</p> <p>The Audit Committee are reviewing the final AGS at their meeting on 1 June 2015, therefore the AGS attached at Appendix 1 of this report may be subject to minor amendments.</p>
Risk Rating (high, medium, low risk) and any recommended changes to risk rating:	N/A
Board Assurance Framework Reference:	N/A
Compliance, legal and national policy regulatory requirements:	The AGS forms part of the Trusts annual reporting and accounting requirements.

Financial Implications:	The AGS forms part of the Trusts annual reporting and accounting requirements.	
Actions required by the Board:	To approve:	Discussion and decision
	To note:	Where the Board is made aware of key points but no decision required
	For information:	For reading and consideration and for discussion by exception only
	The Board are requested to APPROVE the AGS attached at Appendix 1.	
Data quality:	Source:	Ramona Duguid, Associate Director of Risk and Quality Governance
	Validated by:	Audit Committee Chief Executive
	Date:	28 May 2015