

Subject:	Annual Audit Letter for the year ended 31st March 2013
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Purpose of paper	For Record.
Key points for Trust Board members	The detailed findings from External Audit work in 2012/13 have already been reported to those charged with governance of the Trust. The Annual Audit Letter communicates to the Directors of Portsmouth Hospitals NHS Trust and external stakeholders, including members of the public, the key issues arising from the External Auditor's work, which they consider should be brought to attention.
Options and decisions required	The Board is asked to accept the Annual Audit Letter.
Next steps / future actions:	n/a
Consideration of legal issues (including Equality Impact Assessment)?	n/a
Consideration of Public and Patient Involvement and Communications Implications?	n/a

Links to Portsmouth Hospitals NHS Trust Board Strategic Aims, Assurance Framework/Corporate Risk Register

Strategic Aim	(1) Deliver safe, high quality and effective care. (2) Partner with others to deliver right care in the right place. (3) Patients and GPs in the region will consistently choose to use our services. (4) Staff are proud to work here and we will have no difficulty in recruiting and retaining the best people. (5) Ensure sustainability.
BAF/Corporate Risk Register Reference (if applicable)	n/a
Risk Description	n/a
CQC Reference	n/a

Committees/Meetings at which paper has been approved:	Date
n/a	