Ashford and St. Peter's Hospitals NHS
NHS Foundation Trust

COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS
8th March 2017

TITLE	**External Audit Briefing**
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY	Governors are asked to note KPMG's briefing.
The Council is asked to:	Note the briefing
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Decision:	For noting

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External Audit Presentation to the Governors

Ashford & St Peter's Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

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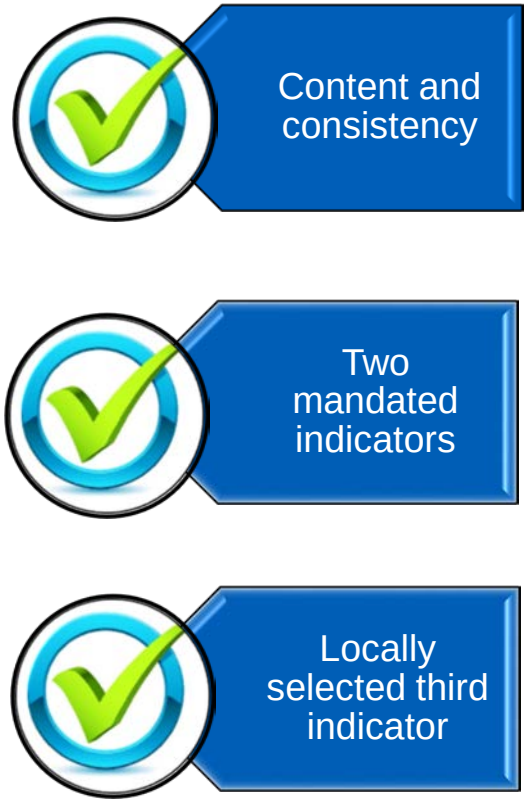
Our responsibilities regarding your Quality Report



Public limited assurance opinion issued on:

Content and consistency

- Quality report is prepared in line with the criteria set out in NHS Improvement guidance and is not inconsistent with other information available.

Two mandated indicators

- Two indicators selected from the three mandated NHSI indicators. In 2015/16 these were:

- 18 week RTT: Qualified opinion given in 2015/16, control weaknesses and data errors identified in sample testing.

- 4 hour A&E: Qualified opinion given in 2015/16, control weaknesses and data errors identified in sample testing, in particular the manual process for validating breaches and amending them to non breaches.

Private limited assurance opinion issued on:

Locally selected third indicator

- Governor selected indicator which we are not required to issue an opinion on. In 2015/16 this indicator was:

- 28 day emergency readmissions: If we were required to, we would be able to issue a limited assurance opinion on this indicator.

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Selection of the local 2016/17 indicator

The Governors are required to select an indicator that meets the following criteria:

- The indicator must be one based on data that has been collected during 2016/17.
- This is a historical data review and hence the indicator chosen must be retrospectively, rather than forward looking, i.e. for the year ending 31 March 2017.
- The indicator must be based on a data population which can be confirmed to be complete, with specific enough indicator definitions that audit testing can be effectively undertaken.

	Year	Indicator Chosen	Audit Outcome
✓	2015/16	28 day emergency readmissions	If required to do so, we would have been able to issue a clean limited assurance opinion on this indicator.
✗	2014/15	Sepsis bundle	If required to do so, we would not have been able to issue a clean limited assurance opinion on this indicator. The indicator was not defined precisely enough and supporting patient notes did not support the data reported in the indicator.
✗	2013/14	Hospital acquired pressure ulcers at grade 2 and above	If required to do so, we would not have been able to issue a clean limited assurance opinion on this indicator. Not all instances of hospital acquired pressure ulcers were reported in the indicator, therefore the indicator was not complete.

KMPG attended the Trust's Patient Experience Group Meeting on 13 February 2017 to discuss the choice of the local indicator with a selection of Governors. At this meeting it was agreed that the Trust would present the Council of Governors with options for suitable local indicators for 2016/17.

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