

**BIRMINGHAM AND SOLIHULL MENTAL HEALTH NHS FOUNDATION TRUST****BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY 27 APRIL 2011****Report From the Audit Committee****ACTION:**

For information

**Key Points**

- When developing the 2010/11 plan the Committee agreed that there needed to be an equal balance between clinical and corporate systems and processes. Furthermore a number of 'flexible' days were agreed to deal with arising concerns and issues in the year.
- To ensure a risk based approach to audit and to gain maximum value the plan included a number of areas in addition to the traditional review of financial and risk management systems where the Committee was seeking additional assurance due to concerns or issues highlighted.
- This has included:
  - Complaints tracking
  - Care planning
  - Temporary staff solutions
  - Workforce planning
  - Statutory and mandatory training
  - Consultant job planning
  - Pharmacy stock management
- Review of these areas has meant a number of reports receiving 'Limited' assurance which is perhaps not surprising given the risk based approach but it has provided a useful baseline assessment on which to make further improvements.
- All key financial systems received substantial assurance.

**Clinical Governance**

A full review of the Clinical Governance processes and reporting structures will be carried out in 2011/12 once the new framework has been implemented.

**BOARD DIRECTOR SPONSOR:** Chris Tidman, Deputy CEO/Executive Director of Resources

**APPENDIX:**

Minutes from Audit Committee