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Birmingham Women's NHS
NHS Foundation Trust

SUBJECT :	Board Assurance Framework update
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RECOMMENDATIONS

The Board is invited to:

a. Note the completed Board Assurance Framework 'grid' as attached
b. Note the intentions of the Committees in taking forward review of the BAF risks on behalf of the Board

Links to Strategic objectives	All

Links to BAF risks	All

Links to compliance requirements	Board to monitor and manage strategic risks through the Board Assurance Framework- internal audit

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

At the July meeting, the Board considered the developing Board Assurance Framework (BAF), and agreed the allocation of risks to Board Committees and the Management Board.

During the March cycle of meetings, the risks currently listed on the BAF have been reviewed. The following comments have been made by the various

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Committees asked to undertake review and indicate to the Board a level of assurance:

Patient Outcomes Committee

The Committee considered the strategic risks on the Framework at its meeting on 1st March. Overall the Committee were assured as to the position.

The Committee Chairman has suggested that the template report should be amended to include an up-to-date rating for the risk, reflecting anticipated impact and consequence, as per the Risk Management Policy. It will be for the Board to determine this, as the template is used over several Committees; however, the Board may wish to consider whether the risk ratings are likely to change on a regular basis for strategic risks, and therefore whether changes could be better reported by exception.

Management Board

Management Board considered the assurances available for the risks referred to it at its 19th March meeting. It considered that the assurances listed appropriately reflected the assurance available to the Trust, and had no further comments to draw to the attention of the Board.

Finance, Performance and Business Development Committee

The Committee considered the relevant sections of the BAF at its meeting on 25th March (after this paper was circulated), and the Board will be updated at the meeting.