



## **Audit & Performance Committee**

**26 June 2023**

### **INTERNAL AUDIT PROGRESS REPORT**

**Report by Chief Internal Auditor**  
(Report No. G/23/91)

#### **1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

The purpose of this report is to provide the Audit & Performance Committee with an update on progress in relation to Internal Audit's planned activity

#### **2. BACKGROUND**

The Public Sector Internal Audit Standards (PSIAS) require that the Chief Internal Auditor reports periodically to the Audit and Performance Committee in internal activity and on performance relative to the approved annual plan. This report contains information provided by the Chief Internal Auditor for that purpose.

#### **3. PROGRESS**

Since the last report to the Audit and Performance Committee, Internal Audit has continued to work on the assignments from the approved Internal Audit Plans, as detailed in Appendix 1.

The scope of assignment 22-01 Leadership Capacity was to provide a resource to act as a critical friend and provide an advisory role in relation to this. Conversations have taken place regarding progress with the review of the Partnership's leadership structure. This is dependent upon, and is being considered alongside, the Leadership Review of the Council. As this is a consultancy-style assignment, no formal report will be provided to the Audit & Performance Committee.

Assignment 22-02, Sustainability of Commissioned Services Provider, has been paused. This is due to the Services ability to resource the audit at this time. It is acknowledged that the sustainability of commissioned services providers remains a risk for the Partnership achieving its objectives and this

will be delayed until later in the year when additional resources will be in place.

Assignment 22-03 Premises and Property has commenced and is being taken forward by NHS Internal Audit colleagues.

Work to deliver the Plan will be undertaken through a Joint Working Protocol agreed by the Chief Internal Auditors of both statutory partners.

#### **4. RECOMMENDATION**

The Audit & Performance Committee is asked to note the progress made in the delivery of the 2022/23 plan.

#### **5. CONSULTATION**

The Interim Chief Finance Officer has been consulted on the content of this paper.

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#### **APPENDICES**

1. Internal Audit Plan Progress