

Executive Summary

Report to the Council of Governors

Being Held on 19th September 2023

Subject	Auditor's Annual Report 2022/2023
Supporting TEG Member	Neil Priestley, Chief Finance Officer
Author	KPMG
Status¹	N

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

The Auditor's Annual Report summarises the work undertaken by KPMG as External Auditor for the Trust for the year ended 31 March 2023.

KEY POINTS

- This report confirms that the Trust's External Auditors issued an unqualified opinion on the Trust's 2022/23 financial statements which means that the accounts give a true and fair view of the financial performance and position of the Trust.
- This report also provides commentary on the Trust's arrangements to achieve value for money with no significant weaknesses identified.
- No significant inconsistencies were identified between the content of the Annual Report and KPMG's knowledge of the Trust. The Annual Report is now published on the Trust website and can accessed [here](#).

IMPLICATIONS²

Aim of the STHFT Corporate Strategy		✓ Tick as appropriate
1	Deliver the Best Clinical Outcomes	
2	Provide Patient Centred Services	
3	Employ Caring and Cared for Staff	
4	Spend Public Money Wisely	✓
5	Create a Sustainable Organisation	
6	Deliver Excellent Research, Education and Innovation	

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Council of Governors is asked to **NOTE** the Auditor's Annual Report for the year ended 31 March 2023.

APPROVAL PROCESS

Meeting	Date	Approved Y/N
Council of Governors	19/09/2023	

¹ Status: A = Approval
A* = Approval & Requiring Board Approval
D = Debate
N = Note

² Against the six aims of the STHFT Corporate Strategy 'Making a Difference – The next Chapter 2022-27'