

## Annual Report and Accounts 2021/22

### 1 National Timetable

The annual timetable had not yet been issued and was still being worked on by NHSE/I. The two key dates for most organisations were:

- Tuesday 26 April 2022: Draft accounts and PFR form; this date was confirmed;
- Wednesday 22 June 2022: Audited accounts and PFR form; we await confirmation of this date but expect it to be deferred to September\*.

\*It should be noted that as we have not yet formally appointed an auditor, the Trust's audit date was anticipated for July/August with final submission late August, early September.

### 2 Annual Report

HM Treasury had confirmed that the reduced reporting introduced for 2019/20 and 2020/21 was not available for 2021/22 and required aspects, such as the performance analysis had been reinstated.

### 3 Quality Report

Quality reports were no longer required as part of the annual report. The performance of the organisation in both the overview and performance analysis should cover all aspects of performance and not only financial.

From 2021/22 NHS foundation trusts were *not* required to commission assurance on their quality report; this assurance exercise would be optional for all providers and the guidance document would be updated to provide a framework for this.

- 4 The fair pay disclosure (ratio of highest paid director to average salary) had been expanded to add a new requirement for entities to disclose the percentage change in remuneration for the highest paid director and the percentage change in remuneration for employees of the entity as a whole. It also included disclosure of the ratio between the remuneration of the highest paid director to employees' remuneration on the 25th and 75th percentile

### 5 Points to note

As with the previous year it was proposed that the draft Annual Report be presented to the Audit & Risk Committee for review prior to the full Board approval. These dates would be scheduled once we had an agreed timetable with our new auditors and NHSI.

A special board meeting would be convened for signing of the Annual Accounts and Annual Report to allow as much preparation time as possible prior to sending to NHS Improvement.

### 6 Board Action

The Board was asked to receive the update.