**Categories of Risk**

The Trust is exposed to range of risks, which have the potential to damage or threaten the achievement of the Trust objectives.

The categories of risk faced by the Trust include:

* **Strategic risk** is associated with the Trust’s ability to maintain its longer-term viability and the delivery of developing national and local priorities.
* **Performance risk** the ability of the Trust to deliver high quality care for patients in accordance with the Trust’s business plan and the standards set by NHS Improvement, the Care Quality Commission, and Commissioners.
* **Financial risk** is a potential weakness in financial control, which could result in a failure to safeguard assets, impacting adversely on the Trust’s financial viability and capability for providing services.
* **Reputation risk** may occur if the organisation receives negative publicity, which impacts on public and stakeholder confidence in the organisation.
* **Operational risk** threaten the day-to-day delivery of clinical care and services.
* **Clinical risks** are risks whose causes or effects are primarily related to the health and wellbeing of service users or the provision of care to them. A key risk is that of clinical risk assessment and management of individual service users, which feeds into the Care Programme Approach (CPA) arrangements, the outcome of which is a tailored plan of care for the service user.
* **Health and Safety Risks** are risks which potentially affect the health or safety of any person as a result of environmental or corporate factors.

* **Organisational Risks** are defined as those risks which relate to the way in which the Trust is organised, managed and governed.
* **Information Security Risks**Any breach of confidentiality/deliberate or inadvertent disclosure of person identifiable /sensitive information to those outside the ‘’need to know’’ requirements. Loss of data – loss, theft or destruction of records held by the Trust in whatever form (paper/electronic) including cyber-crime / security.
* **Third Party Risks** to public stakeholders are managed through a formal review process with the Clinical Commissioning Group through joint actions on specific issues such as emergency planning, and through scrutiny meetings with Local Authorities.
* **Event Risks** relate to happenings outside of the control of the Trust for example environmental disasters such as floods, acts of terrorism and major epidemics.
* **Fraud and bribery risks** will be managed in line with the Government Counter Fraud Profession (GCFP) fraud risk assessment methodology, but the Trust’s risk scoring matrix will be used to assess risks. An appropriate fraud risk assessment template will be used. Fraud and bribery risks will be recorded on one central Fraud Risk Assessment maintained by the Counter Fraud Team’