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<b>Agenda Title</b>	<b>Audit and Corporate Governance Committee (ACGC): Report to the Board</b>
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#### **PURPOSE OF PAPER:**

To provide the Board with a report of the meeting of the Audit and Corporate Governance Committee (ACGC) on 03 February 2021.

#### **Introduction**

1. This is an information report from the meeting of the Audit and Corporate Governance Committee (ACGC) which was held on 03 February 2021. A number of reports, briefings and topics were discussed. The most significant are summarised below.

#### **Recommendation**

2. The Board is asked to **NOTE** the Audit and Corporate Governance Committee report.

## Summary

### Internal Audit

3. The Committee noted progress of the 2020/21 internal audit programme, the findings from reports and management actions to address any weaknesses noted. Since the last meeting of the Committee, seven audit reports have been issued. Of those issued, two were rated as high risk, three as moderate risk, and two as low risk. The Committee also noted the progress made against the internal audit action plans and received an update on information security and hardware loss incidents.

### Risk and assurance

4. The Committee considered CQC's latest Strategic and High-Level Risk Register and the changes since the last meeting. It noted the challenges and risks CQC faced from the pandemic and the changing health and social care landscape, and discussed the actions CQC had implemented to mitigate risk. There was also a discussion of CQC's long-term approach to regulation and the plans to shift towards an intelligence-driven regulatory methodology. The Committee will continue to monitor risk as part of its governance role including any changes in risk tolerance and rating.

### Transformation sub-committee

5. The Committee noted progress on the Transformation Programme in the last four months, including the five topics examined by Sub-Committee, its findings, and the emerging themes from the programmes. Progress had been made in a number of areas including in financial and soft benefits. A robust forward plan was in place to review other transformation programmes and business cases over the coming year.

### National Audit Office (NAO) planning report on the 2020/21 financial statement audit

6. The Committee noted the planning report on the 2020/21 financial statement audit.

### Structure and Timetable – Annual Report and Accounts Financial Year 2020/21

7. The Committee noted the proposed outline structure and timetable for the 2020/21 Annual Report and Accounts. We will have the opportunity to provide detailed comment in the coming months as the draft is developed.

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