

NHS FIFE RISK MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK

Risk management is everyone's business and forms an essential and integral part of NHS Fife's governance arrangements. For the safety of both users and providers, we must have robust mechanisms in place to identify, mitigate and escalate risks associated with our services.

This Framework has been produced through dialogue between members of the Audit & Risk Committee, Executive and Non- Executive Directors.

Importantly, it builds on the valuable work that you and your colleagues have done in NHS Fife over many years, to develop and put into practice, systems and processes to help us to manage risk effectively; the Framework reinforces your vital role in this. It consists of the following pillars:

- Risk Philosophy
- Approach to Risk Management
- Board Assurance Framework
- Risk Policy & Procedure
- Audit & Risk Committee Terms of Reference
- Reporting Framework
- Risk Appetite and Tolerance
- Tools to Assess Ourselves Against

The Framework brings together these key elements for the first time. This is to make it easier for you to find information about the Board's approach to managing risk.

Some of the elements are not new, for example, the Risk Register & Risk Assessment Policy; others, such as the Board Assurance Framework and Risk Appetite and Tolerance, are work in progress. Details of these will emerge in line with other key organisational developments such as the Strategic Clinical Framework.

We will inform you of any developments as they arise.

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