

Item no.      on agenda

**Brighton & Hove City Council  
South Downs Health NHS Trust**

**For general release**

**Meeting:**                    **Integrated Services Board**  
**Date:**                        **9<sup>th</sup> February 2004**  
**Report of:**                 **Director of Finance, South Downs Health NHS Trust**  
**Subject:**                    **Annual Audit Letter 2002/3, South Downs Health NHS Trust**

**Ward(s) affected:**    **All**

**1      Purpose of the report**

The Annual Audit Letter 2002/3 informs the Board of the external auditor's conclusions from the 2002/3 audit of South Downs Health NHS Trust, including Integrated Provider services.

**2      Recommendations**

The Integrated Services Board is recommended to:

2.1    Note the content of the reports.

**3      Information/background**

3.1    The objective of the annual audit is to plan and carry out an audit that meets the requirements of the Code of Audit Practice.

3.2    Central to the audit are corporate governance arrangements. The audit is then structured around the three elements of the auditor's responsibilities: Accounts, Financial aspects of Corporate Governance and Performance Management.

3.3    The Annual Audit Letter was prepared in the context of the Statement of Responsibilities of Auditors and Audited Bodies issued by the Audit Commission.

3.4    The Audit Letter was agreed with the Chief Executive and Director of Finance of South Downs Health and ratified at their Board in November 2003.

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<p><b>Financial implications</b></p> <p>There are no financial implications.</p>
<p><b>Legal implications</b></p> <p>There are no legal implications.</p>

<p><b>Corporate implications</b></p> <p>There are no corporate implications.</p>	<p><b>Risk assessment</b></p> <p>There are no identified risks arising from this report.</p>
<p><b>Sustainability implications</b></p> <p>There are no sustainability implications.</p>	<p><b>Equalities implications</b></p> <p>There are no equalities implications arising from this report.</p>
<p><b>Implications for the prevention of crime and disorder</b></p> <p>There are no implications for the prevention of crime and disorder arising from this report.</p>	

<p><b>Background papers</b></p> <p>1. <i>Information in this report is taken from files held by the Integrated Provider.</i></p>
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