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<p><b>SUPPORTING PAPER (INFORMATION)</b> <b>TRUST AUDIT COMMITTEE</b></p>					
Date of meeting:	10 March 2009				
Title of paper:	ANNUAL HEALTH CHECK 2008/09				
Presented by:	Director of Finance & Performance				
Executive Summary:	<p>The purpose of this report is to provide the Audit Committee members with details of progress made towards compliance with the 2008/09 Annual Health Check:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Progress Report on Core/Developmental Standards/Care Quality Commission details (<i>Dated 25 February 2009</i>)</li> <li>• Appendix 1:- Audit on Core Standards 2008/09</li> <li>• Appendix 2:- Audit - Developmental Standards</li> <li>• Appendix 3:- Timetable - updated</li> <li>• Appendix 4:- Internal Audit <i>draft</i> report (<i>February 2009</i>)</li> </ul>				
Recommendations/and or actions required:	<p>As detailed in the substantive report and attachments – members are invited to:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Note the considerable progress made towards compliance with Core Standards in 2008/09</li> <li>• Note the Independent Internal Audit <i>draft</i> report</li> <li>• Note the recommended approval of the proposed declaration of compliance with Core Standards 2008/09, by the Assurance Committee (6 March), with subsequent approval sought at the Trust Board meeting, 26 March 2009.</li> </ul>				
Consultation and/or PPI involvement process:	N/A in this report				
Risks attached to this project/initiative:	Assessed				
Resources Required:	N/A in this report				
Legal issues:	None identified in this report				
Equality Impact Screening:	Yes				
Standards for Better Health:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Governance</li> <li>• Safety</li> <li>• Patient Focus</li> <li>• Care Environment and Amenities</li> <li>• Costs and Clinical Effectiveness</li> <li>• Public Health</li> <li>• Accessible &amp; Responsive Care</li> </ul>				
What NEAS Objective does this paper support:		Insert tick	Patients	Partnership	Progress
	• Sustainable development				
	• Responsive single point of access to urgent care				
	• Delivery of appropriate and effective care closer to home				
	• Scheduled and unscheduled transport services				
	• Strengthening resilience				
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