

Borders NHS Board**NHS BORDERS ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS 2017/18****Aim**

The Board is asked to adopt and approve the Annual Report and Accounts 2017/18 for the financial year ended 31 March 2018.

Background

The Board's appointed External Auditors, Audit Scotland, confirmed to the Audit Committee on 14th June 2018 that NHS Borders had received an unqualified certificate on the Annual Report and Accounts 2017/18 for the year ended 31 March 2018 in respect of their true and fair opinion and in respect of their regularity opinion. The Annual Audit Report from External Audit will be presented to the Board at its meeting on the 28th June 2018.

Recommendation

The Board is asked to:-

1. **Adopt and approve** for submission to the Scottish Government, the Annual Report and Accounts 2017/18 for the financial year ended 31 March 2018.
2. **Authorise:**
 - (i) The Chief Executive to sign the Performance Report;
 - (ii) The Chief Executive to sign the Statement of Accountable Officer's responsibilities in respect of the Accounts;
 - (iii) The Chair and Director of Finance to sign the Statement of Health Board Members' responsibilities in respect of the Accounts;
 - (iv) The Chief Executive to sign the Governance Statement in respect of the Accounts; and
 - (v) The Chief Executive and Director of Finance to sign the Statement of Financial Position.

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| Policy/Strategy Implications | Not Applicable |
| Consultation | Not Applicable |
| Consultation with Professional | Not Applicable |

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| Committees | |
| Risk Assessment | Not Applicable |
| Compliance with Board Policy requirements on Equality and Diversity | Compliant where appropriate. |
| Resource/Staffing Implications | Not Applicable |

Approved by

| Name | Designation | Name | Designation |
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| Carol Gillie | Director of Finance, Procurement, Estates & Facilities | | |

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| Susan Swan | Deputy Director of Finance | | |