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# Report to the Meeting of the

# Oxford Health NHS Foundation Trust

# Board of Directors

**29 January 2014**

**Board of Directors Scheme of Reservation and Delegation**

**For: Approval**

**Executive Summary**

The Trust’s Board of Directors Scheme of Reservation and Delegation must be reviewed on an annual basis.

A basic review has taken place to ensure that the Scheme continues to accurately reflect the Standing Financial Instructions and Standing Orders. In addition, the review has taken account of changes, particularly to the regulatory regime, brought about by the Health and Social Care Act 2012; this includes the replacement of the Trust’s ‘Terms of Authorisation’ with a ‘Licence’ and changes to the role of Monitor. The consequences of Monitor’s new *Risk Assessment Framework* (which replaced the *Compliance Framework*) was also considered as part of the review.

Following the review, minor amendments are proposed and set out in the attached Scheme.

The Audit Committee reviewed the proposed changes and set out additional amendments at its meeting on 5 December 2013 and recommended that the Board approve the revised changes.

The Trust’s Integrated Governance Framework was reviewed during August – October 2013 and, as a consequence, the Framework is being redrafted with the intention that an updated Framework would be presented to Board in early 2014. Alongside this, Monitor has reviewed and re-drafted its ‘Code of Governance’ for NHS FTs. Accordingly, the Trust’s Scheme will need to take account of any changes and a consequence of these reviews, therefore a further comprehensive review and redraft of the Scheme is expected to take place during the first half of 2014.

**Recommendation**

The Board is asked to approved the amendments and adopt the Scheme of Reservation and Delegation.

The Board is asked to note the proposal to undertake a further review in 2014.

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