

SOUTH STAFFORDSHIRE PCT BOARD

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SUBJECT: Auditors

FOR DECISION **FOR DISCUSSION** **FOR INFORMATION**

Summary:

The PCT is required to have both Internal and External Auditors appointed as part of the Government's arrangements within the NHS. This paper outlines the proposed arrangements.

Proposal:

Internal Audit

A market testing exercise will be undertaken in partnership with other PCTs and/or Trusts to appoint internal auditors. In the meantime, it is proposed that the existing internal auditors of the former PCTs, Bentley-Jennison be formally confirmed as internal auditors of the new PCT for the remainder of the financial year.

External Audit

The process for the appointment of external auditors differs from that of internal auditors. External Auditors are appointed by the Audit Commission who have yet to confirm in writing who will provide their service for the PCT. The existing arrangements with KPMG are continuing unless advised otherwise.

Recommendation:

The Board is asked to approve confirmation of Bentley-Jennison as internal auditors pending a market-testing exercise and to note the position of KPMG as external auditors awaiting confirmation from the Audit Commission.