



## Health and Social Care Information Centre

### Board Meeting

### Public Session

Title of Paper:	Risk Management
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Purpose of the paper:	<p>Update the Board on our progress in improving our risk management practices across HSCIC and fulfil action 3.1*(a) arising in December's Board meeting.</p> <p>*3.1, first bullet point "The development of the Corporate Risk Register. During discussion, the Chair of the Board requested the Corporate Risk Register be tabled at the February Board. This would include the process and principles as well as corporate risks. The Board requested the paper covered the organisations risk appetite and consideration be given to systemic risks, those which crossed the boundaries of the organisation. "</p> <p><b>Key Issues:</b> The paper summarises the work undertaken by HSCIC over the last six months to assess the current position and set about substantially improving the risk management approach of the organisation.</p> <p>It highlights changes in philosophy and handling of risk management and significantly identifies the opportunity to</p>

	<p>separate strategic and operational corporate risks.</p> <p>The paper goes on to emphasise that changes to improve standardisation of approach and toolsets across HSCIC will be put in place. An awareness and education programme will help embed improved risk management practice throughout the organisation.</p> <p>The current corporate risk register and commentary are in a separate paper.</p>
<p>Patient/Public Interest:</p>	<p>Improved risk management and heightened awareness of systemic risks (i.e. those risks caused by or impacting on the wider health and care system) will lead to better understanding of the effect of our system/service delivery and thus lessen unintended adverse impacts on patients and the public.</p>
<p>Actions required by the Board:</p>	<p>The Board are asked to consider the paper and approve the actions proposed.</p>