



AUDIT YORKSHIRE
adding value through assurance

NHS



ADDITIONAL SERVICES

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Audit Yorkshire provides more than just quality assurance. We use our expertise to deliver a variety of additional services to our NHS Members and clients. These offerings are designed to support you dynamically and add tangible value, often through collaborative partnerships.



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Cyber Assurance

As organisations become more dependent on technology this increases their exposure to cyber threats. We can provide cyber security reviews, penetration testing and mock phishing exercises. Our cyber assurance delivery includes incident response readiness reviews to evaluate preparedness for cyber events, third-party cyber risk assessments to ensure supply chain security and workshops on secure digital practices. This includes password hygiene, remote working and tailored cyber awareness training for Boards, clinicians, and operational staff. Our approach is not just technical—it is strategic. We work with Boards and senior leaders to ensure cyber risk is understood, governed, and integrated into wider assurance frameworks.



Digital Governance & Transformation Assurance

Digital transformation is central to the NHS long term plan, yet it brings significant governance, risk, and assurance challenges. Audit Yorkshire offers a dedicated digital governance & transformation assurance service to support Trusts in navigating this complexity.

This service includes:

- Governance reviews of digital boards and programmes to ensure alignment with NHS- What Good Looks Like framework.
- Assurance over Electronic Patient Record implementations, including readiness, data migration, and benefits realisation.
- Digital maturity assessments to benchmark progress and identify improvement areas.
- Risk reviews of transformation portfolios, ensuring that digital change is safe, secure, and sustainable.

We help NHS organisations embed assurance into the heart of digital change, enabling innovation with confidence.



AI and Emerging Tech Risk Advisory

The NHS is beginning to explore the use of artificial intelligence (AI), automation, and emerging technologies to improve care and efficiency. However, these innovations bring new risks that require careful oversight.

Audit Yorkshire's AI and Emerging Tech Risk Advisory service provides:

- AI governance reviews, including algorithm transparency, bias mitigation, and ethical use.
- Assurance over Robotic Process Automation (RPA) and its integration into clinical and administrative workflows.
- Risk assessments for Internet of Medical Things (IoMT) and connected devices.

We support our clients in adopting innovation safely, ethically, and in line with public trust.



Data Analytics

Our data analysis experts deploy automated tools to provide in-depth investigation into your systems and data, enabling us to better understand your systems efficiency and risks. Through our specialist software, we can better interrogate your systems either through our audit work, or as an additional commissioned review. Our data analytics software can provide access to machine learning applications to be used as part of our testing. This allows us to provide a greater level of assurance and help drive efficiencies and improve cost-effectiveness.



Governance and Risk Management

We have extensive experience of supporting organisations strengthen their governance, risk management and assurance arrangements. Examples include:

- Independent assessment of your Board and Committee governance
- Board evaluation, development, facilitation and training
- Developing strong Board assurance
- Our independent culture audit
- Board decision making and managing risk
- Effective management of key corporate risks
- Developing risk appetite and how it's used in Board decision making and assurance
- Writing reports for Board
- How effective is your Council of Governors?
- Ward to Board assurance



HR Investigations

HR investigations can place significant strain on your organisations as key members of HR and operational teams are diverted from their usual everyday duties.

We deliver our workplace investigations both in-house and as an Audit Yorkshire managed service in partnership with a specialist advisory company, who bring a great depth of senior level NHS experience. All our work will be delivered in accordance with our quality standards. We have access to highly experienced investigators, including qualified HR experts (CIPD) and all of our investigations are conducted in compliance with the ACAS code of practice. Our team has significant experience of undertaking investigations and an excellent reputation for balancing a comprehensive and robust investigation, with compassion and empathy.



Well Led

Our Well Led Developmental Review assesses the leadership and governance of the organisation as described in the CQC single assessment framework and covers all eight quality statement areas contained within the Well-Led framework:

- Shared direction and culture
- Capable, compassionate and inclusive leaders
- Freedom to speak up
- Workforce equality, diversity and inclusion
- Governance, management and sustainability
- Partnerships and communities
- Learning, improvement and innovation
- Environmental sustainability.



Project Assurance

We have specialist project managers who can provide advice and/or assurance on the design and delivery of your project management arrangements. A recent example was the provision of independent advice and assurance on the implementation of a new financial ledger.



Integrated Performance Management

We can provide a comprehensive review and redesign of governance structures to support integrated performance reporting across your organisation. We will deliver a performance reporting framework that is insightful, actionable, and aligned with strategic priorities and regulatory standards. Our approach is designed to be effective, collaborative, and ensure timely delivery without compromising on quality or stakeholder engagement.



If you would be interested to learn more about any of our additional services, please contact our Admin Team on yhs-tr.audityorkshire@nhs.net and they would be happy to arrange a call to further discuss.