



RISK APPETITE STATEMENT 2020/21

North West Ambulance Service NHS Trust endeavours to establish a positive risk culture within the organisation, where unsafe practice (clinical, financial, etc.) is not tolerated and where every member of staff feels committed and empowered to identify and correct/escalate system weaknesses.

The Board of Directors is committed to ensuring a robust infrastructure is in place to manage risks from operational level to board level, and that where risks crystallise, demonstrable improvements can be put in place.

North West Ambulance Service (NWAS) NHS Trust recognises that its long term sustainability depends upon the delivery of its strategic objectives and its relationships with its patients, staff and volunteers, members of the public and strategic partners.

As such:

- NWAS has low appetite to accept risks that could result in poor quality care or unacceptable clinical risk, noncompliance with standards or poor clinical or professional practice.
- NWAS has low appetite to accept any risk that could result in staff being non-compliant with legislation, or any frameworks provided by professional bodies.
- NWAS has a moderate appetite to accept risks that impact on finance/ value for money, however, budgetary constraints will be exceeded where required to mitigate risks to patient or staff safety or quality of care.
- NWAS has a moderate appetite regarding pursuit of commercial development and partnerships. The preference is for safe delivery options that have a low degree of inherent risk and may only have limited potential for reward.

The Trust commits to review its risk appetite statement on an annual basis and/or following any significant changes or events.

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Chairman

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Chief Executive Officer