



Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014

2014 CHAPTER 2

PART 5

CONDUCT OF LOCAL AUDIT

General powers and duties of auditors

21 General duties of auditors of accounts of health service bodies

- (1) In auditing the accounts of [^{F1}an integrated care board], a local auditor must, by examination of the accounts and otherwise, be satisfied—
- (a) that the accounts present a true and fair view, and comply with the requirements of the enactments that apply to them,
 - (b) that proper practices have been observed in the preparation of the accounts,
 - (c) that [^{F2}the board] has made proper arrangements for securing economy, efficiency and effectiveness in its use of resources,
 - (d) that money provided by Parliament has been expended for the purposes intended by Parliament,
 - (e) that resources authorised by Parliament to be used have been used for the purposes in relation to which the use was authorised, and
 - (f) that the financial transactions of [^{F3}the board] are in accordance with any authority which is relevant to the transactions.

- (2) In subsection (1)(e) use of resources means their expenditure, consumption or reduction in value.

- [^{F4}(2A) In auditing the accounts of an NHS trust a local auditor must, by examination of the accounts and otherwise, be satisfied—
- (a) that the accounts present a true and fair view, and comply with the requirements of the enactments that apply to them,
 - (b) that proper practices have been observed in the preparation of the accounts, and

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- (c) that the NHS trust has made proper arrangements for securing economy, efficiency and effectiveness in its use of resources.]

^{F5}(3)

- (4) When a local auditor has completed an audit of the accounts of a health service body, the auditor must—
- (a) enter on the accounts a certificate that the auditor has completed the audit in accordance with this Act, and
 - (b) make a report in accordance with subsection (5).
- (5) A report under subsection (4)(b)—
- (a) must contain the auditor's opinion on the accounts, including on the matters in subsection (1) or, as the case may be, subsection (3), but
 - (b) must not contain the auditor's opinion on the matter in subsection (1)(c) or (3)(c) if the auditor is satisfied as to that matter.

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 21(1) substituted (1.7.2022) by [Health and Care Act 2022 \(c. 31\)](#), s. 186(6), **Sch. 4 para. 213(a)**; [S.I. 2022/734](#), reg. 2(a), [Sch. \(with regs. 13, 29, 30\)](#)
- F2** Words in s. 21(1)(c) substituted (1.7.2022) by [Health and Care Act 2022 \(c. 31\)](#), s. 186(6), **Sch. 4 para. 213(b)**; [S.I. 2022/734](#), reg. 2(a), [Sch. \(with regs. 13, 29, 30\)](#)
- F3** Words in s. 21(1)(f) substituted (1.7.2022) by [Health and Care Act 2022 \(c. 31\)](#), s. 186(6), **Sch. 4 para. 213(b)**; [S.I. 2022/734](#), reg. 2(a), [Sch. \(with regs. 13, 29, 30\)](#)
- F4** [S. 21\(2A\)](#) inserted (1.7.2022) by [Health and Care Act 2022 \(c. 31\)](#), s. 186(6), **Sch. 7 para. 22**; [S.I. 2022/734](#), reg. 2(a), [Sch. \(with regs. 13, 29, 30\)](#)
- F5** [S. 21\(3\)](#) omitted (17.6.2021) by virtue of [NHS \(Charitable Trusts Etc\) Act 2016 \(c. 10\)](#), s. 5(1), **Sch. 1 para. 18(e)**; [S.I. 2021/712](#), reg. 3(c)

Commencement Information

- I1** [S. 21](#) in force at 1.4.2015 by [S.I. 2015/841](#), **art. 3(o)** (with [Sch. para. 1](#)) (as amended (27.6.2016) by [S.I. 2016/675](#), art. 2)

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to :

- specified provision(s) amendment to earlier commencing S.I. 2015/841 by [S.I. 2016/675 art. 2](#)