



## HSE Board Briefing Template

**Subject:** Audit and Risk Committee External Membership

**Submitted for meeting on:** 26 July 2024

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**Why is this information being brought to the Boards attention?**

Decisions relating to membership and governance of the Committees of the Board is a reserved function of the Board.

**Is there an action by the Board required, if so please provide detail?**

The Board is requested to reappoint Pat Kirwan as an external member of the Audit and Risk Committee for a further term of 1 year until 30 June 2025.

Please indicate which of the Boards objectives this relates to ;

- The development and implementing of an effective Corporate Governance Framework, incorporating clinical governance and a performance management and accountability system; ☒
- Developing a plan for building public trust and confidence in the HSE and the wider health service; ☒
- Ensuring the HSE's full support for and implementation of the Government's programme of health reform as set out in the Sláintecare Implementation Strategy; ☒
- Exercising effective budgetary management, including improving the value achieved with existing resources and securing target saving, with the objective of delivering the National Service Plan within Budget. ☒

**Brief summary of link to Board objectives.**

The Board agreed at its June 2019 meeting to establish a joint Audit and Risk Committee and nominated members of the Board to the Committee with external members appointed subsequently. A decision is now required to reappoint an external member of the Committee.

**Background - provide context in order to ensure that the Board fully understand the issue.**

The proposed external membership of the Committee seeks to augment the expertise of the Board members and current external Committee members with suitably qualified and experienced individuals.

**Highlight any implications that the Board should be made aware of in its consideration such as;**

- Current status
- Budget
- Resources
- Impact to delivery of services

- Corporate Plan
- Sláintecare
- Social factors (e.g., impact on specific area such as the elderly, disabilities)
- Technological factors
- Legal factors

### **Recommendation**

The Approval of the Board is now requested to reappoint Pat Kirwan as an external member of the Audit & Risk Committee for a further term of 1 year until 30 June 2025. Biography attached below.

### **Pat Kirwan, Deputy Director, State Claims Agency**

Pat Kirwan has been involved in occupational health, safety and property and litigation risk management from the outset of his career. He has worked in a consultant and senior management role in a wide range of industry types including healthcare, service, food processing, construction, transport, quarrying and brewing/drinks. Pat is currently Deputy Director with special responsibility for risk and operations with the State Claims Agency.