

# Internal Audit and Risk Management

Effective, accountable and inclusive organisations



One-week professional development workshop  
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### About the workshop

Across the world the public sector faces a difficult and rapidly changing mix of challenges to providing effective, accountable and inclusive public organisations. Public sector organisations are having to deliver rapid, timely and appropriate responses to the energy price and cost-of-living crisis, working to minimise the impact from unusual weather activity (related to climate change), increasing pollution and demand for more sustainable public services. Citizens expect the public sector to meet all these challenges while delivering core business services as usual to the same high standards. Accountability in terms of efficient, economical and effective use of their resources must be maintained. Public sector managers, politicians and the public need assurance that systems, processes and citizen data held are robust, while protecting their people in terms of their health, and economic activity. But public sector leaders would also benefit from a better understanding of how citizens interact with and use public services.

However, a crisis of challenge also offers opportunities. Internal audit and risk managers offer expertise to investigate and provide solutions. Traditionally they provide assurance; lessons from the COVID-19 pandemic show that internal auditors can develop a more agile approach, capable of exploiting opportunities and producing timely insights from their work that add value to management decisions. This workshop will show you how strong internal audit and timely risk management underpin essential, sustainable financial systems enabling the achievement of organisational objectives. It sets out current good practice in both these areas and gives an excellent opportunity for you to visit a selection of public sector bodies to talk to practitioners and draw on the practical knowledge of the Workshop Directors and visiting speakers. Case studies provide practical examples and insights during the week.

### Who is the workshop for?

The workshop is for:

- Senior managers with specific responsibility for maintaining strong internal business regulation such as corporate governance, minimising the impact on the environment, and internal audit or risk management
- Heads of internal audit, finance managers, members of audit committees
- Senior planners contemplating the introduction of internal audit and risk management to their organisation.

### How participants will benefit

The workshop is designed to allow you to:

- Discuss internal audit and risk management in the context of your organisation
- Gain understanding of how to develop into a more agile internal auditor
- Examine the inter-relationship between internal audit and external audit in detail (resource stretching implications may mean more pressure to place reliance on internal audit)
- Share experience of good practice from the UK and other countries
- Share your own experiences of managing and implementing risk management and internal audit post- COVID-19 and the challenges your organisation faces
- Enable you to explore how these developments may be introduced and/or implemented in your own country.

### What the workshop will cover

The workshop incorporates practical advice for risk management, both as a vital management process in its own right and as a key tool in internal audit planning to focus attention where it is most needed. It will provide you with guidance on good practice developments empowering you to develop a more agile approach and strengthen your own governance structures. During the week you will explore:

- The role of internal audit and the role of risk management and the main elements of managing these functions successfully
- Developing an effective risk-based register
- Risk-based internal audit planning
- Audit methodologies, including typical techniques, traditional vs the agile internal auditor
- Discussion of emerging skill requirements
- The need for auditor independence; possible internal audit structures
- Internal audit projects, performance and environmental audit.

There will be discussion sessions and practical case study material, with visits to key practitioners to examine the elements of good practice in important and developing areas. The aim is for a highly interactive event where you are encouraged to: share your own experiences; debate the potential added value to your own situation from applying features of models used in the UK; and consider skills and resources required to develop a framework for risk management and internal audit.

**Programme outline:**

	AM	PM
Day 1	Welcome and introductions  Achieving organisational objectives: the role of risk management and internal audit  Key success factors and problem areas for risk management	<i>Face-to-face or virtual visit to a public sector body</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Practical experience of risk management and internal audit</li><li>• Discussions with staff</li></ul>
Day 2	Developing a risk register <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Case study to develop a risk register, including strategic plans and performance targets</li></ul> Participants' informal presentations	Main elements of successful internal audit Internal audit structures and independence <i>Late afternoon travel to Cardiff, Wales</i>
Day 3	<i>Visit to another public sector body</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Practical experience of risk management and internal audit</li><li>• Discussions with staff</li></ul>	<i>Visit to the Wales Audit Office</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Co-operation between internal audit and external audit</li><li>• Approaches to performance audit</li></ul> <i>Late afternoon travel back to London</i>
Day 4	Risk-based internal audit planning: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Case study to develop a risk-based internal audit plan, including assessment of risk and experience of previous audits</li></ul> New and emerging internal audit issues: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Principles underpinning an agile approach, comparison with traditional approach</li></ul> Discussion on post-COVID issues in the UK and internationally e.g. remote working	Audit methods, skill requirements, timely communication of audit output <i>Visit to a public sector body or visiting speaker to discuss current developments in:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Governance</li><li>• Internal audit</li><li>• Risk management</li></ul>
Day 5	Performance audit for internal audit <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Case study to identify performance audit topics</li><li>• Environment and sustainability</li></ul> Putting developments into practice <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Comparison between UK practice and participants' own experience of internal audit</li></ul>	Workshop conclusion <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Action planning</li><li>• Review and evaluation</li><li>• Presentation of certificates of attendance</li></ul>

We reserve the right to change the programme as necessary.

**Workshop Directors**

The Workshop Directors will be Dr Peter Boulding and Jane Squire.

Peter is an experienced public sector trainer and consultant. He trained in accountancy with the UK National Audit Office where he carried out financial audits in many UK Government and was a key team member in several regulation and privatisation performance audits. He is a fully qualified professional accountant (full member of the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy) with more than 30 years of experience of providing technical leadership in Public Financial Management (PFM) and Public Sector Reform (PSR). Peter has expertise in strengthening the audit, financial management and control capacity of public sector institutions. He has worked with Auditor General Offices in numerous countries including Afghanistan, Bangladesh and Trinidad and Tobago. While Deputy Director of International at CIPFA he organised a major conference for the Commonwealth (with PEFA and the World Bank) covering International Public Sector Accounting Standards implementation for Accountants and Auditors Generals from 18 countries. He managed the development of the OECD-DAC *Practitioners' Guide to PFM Capacity Development*. As a senior member of CIPFA's international team he led several professionalisation and training initiatives and helped launch the *Whole System Approach to Public Financial Management*. Peter is a trainer for the International Organisation of Supreme Audit Institutions' Performance Management System. He is currently an associate tutor for the CIPFA professional qualification for UK and international students. Peter's PhD is in Economic and Social Geography from the University of Durham.

Jane has six years' operational financial management experience and 33 years' external audit, consulting and training experience. She has worked in both the private sector and the public sector, including spending 20 years at the National Audit Office (NAO), working on performance audit (e.g. evaluation of the cost of accidents within the UK hospitals). She has experience in the UK and overseas including in the USA, Middle East, Japan and 11 countries in Europe. Jane carries out high profile independent reviews of financial management, corporate governance, performance management, internal audit and risk management, in UK central government, agencies and local government. She has extensive training experience both at professional qualification level (e.g. CIPFA in Slovenia) and for organisational transformation (e.g. 10 years at the European Court of Audit). Jane is a qualified accountant in the public sector (member of the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy) and holds the Association of Project Managers qualification. She has published technical papers for CIPFA and the World Bank and is a senior examiner of the BSc Applied Accounting degree at Oxford Brookes University. Jane holds an MSc in Environmental Pollution Control.

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You can also complete our hard copy application form. Please contact us at [pai@public-admin.co.uk](mailto:pai@public-admin.co.uk) to obtain a copy. Once completed please return to Amanda Anderson, Programme Manager, at the same email address.

If you would like to discuss this workshop, any of our other international workshops or our consultancy services, please contact Claire Cameron, Director. We also have extensive experience of designing tailor-made training (from one day to two or three weeks) which can be run in your own country or in the UK to meet the specific needs of groups or individuals at all levels within your organisation. Please contact us if you would like further information.

### Language

The workshop is conducted in English. You will need to have a good working knowledge of the language.

### Location and arrival arrangements

The workshop is based in central London. We can arrange travel to and from one of the London airports into central London if you let us have your flight arrival details in good time. The cost of airport transfers is included in the fee.

### Fees

The fee for the workshop will be £2,465. It includes tuition, travel to and from the airport in London, travel on scheduled visits which form part of the programme, travel and one night's accommodation while on the visit outside London<sup>1</sup>, presentation material and other documentation. It also includes an Android tablet for you to use during the workshop and take home with you for future reference and follow up. We also provide a light lunch and refreshments during each working day as part of the fee.

### Other costs

Airfares and daily travel to and from the workshop venue are not included. Our workshops are non-residential and you are responsible for your accommodation costs. We can help you with booking hotel accommodation so please let us know if you would like us to advise you or make a reservation. We suggest that you should allow approximately £160 per day for a modest standard of hotel (for example, three-star), local travel in the UK, meals (apart from a light lunch on working days) and other incidental expenses.

### Value Added Tax

We do not have to charge UK Value Added Tax (VAT) if you can provide written confirmation from your government or its accredited representative that you are "employed by the government in furtherance of its sovereign activities." In all other cases, we will have to charge VAT (currently 20%) in addition to the fee.

### Ways to pay

You, or your government agency, can pay by bank transfer or by cheque, made payable to Public Administration International. We also accept payment by credit or debit card but there is a surcharge for this way of paying. Please contact us if you would like to pay by credit or debit card.

### Discounts

We offer a 10% reduction on the full tuition fee if we receive payment no later than 28 days before the first day of the workshop. If we receive payment after that, we will charge the full tuition fee.

### Cancellation

If you have to cancel your booking, you must let us know in writing and we will acknowledge in writing your cancellation. For cancellations received up to 29 days before the start of the workshop we will refund the tuition fee, minus a charge of £200 to cover our administration costs. For cancellations received within 28 days of the start of the workshop, we will charge the full tuition fee. If you have paid the tuition fee and have subsequently been refused a visa to enter the UK, we will refund the tuition fee, minus a charge of £200 to cover our administration costs, providing you send us the original letter from the British High Commission/Embassy confirming refusal of a visa and providing you have not entered the UK.

### Substitutions and transfers

If you have booked a place on a workshop and are not able to attend, we will accept an appropriate substitute at any time without penalty, but our normal terms and conditions will apply. Also, it is possible to transfer to a future workshop, but only one transfer is permitted. Please get in touch with us and we will advise you about transfers.

*Please see our website for our full terms and conditions. If you would prefer a hard copy of our full terms and conditions, please let us know.*

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### Insurance

We advise you to arrange travel and health insurance cover before you leave your home country.

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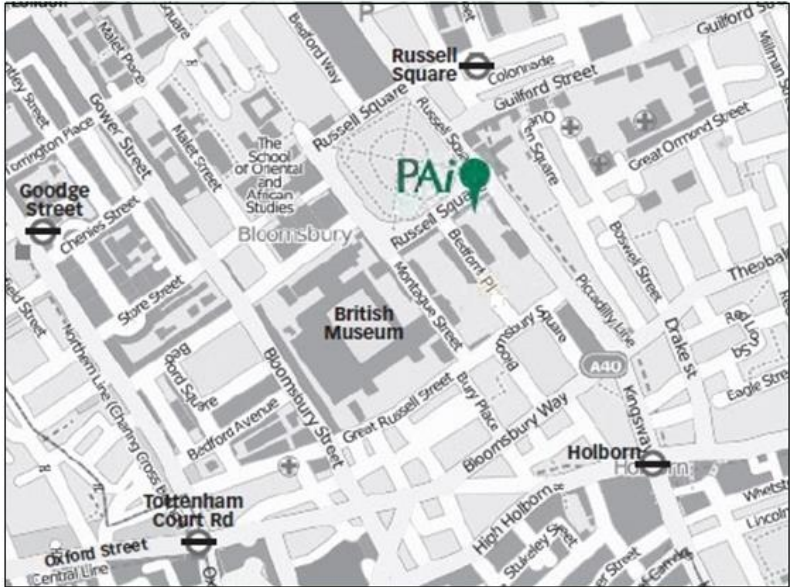
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PAI (Public Administration International) specialises in management consultancy, training and development services for organisations in, and associated with, the public sector worldwide. We provide advice and support for governments going through political, economic, structural and legislative change. Our extensive network of associates includes practitioners, academics and independent consultants. Our key objectives are promoting good governance and good practice in delivering public services. This workshop is one of a number of specialist UK-based professional development workshops designed to meet the needs of public services worldwide.

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- High quality, practical advice and support for our clients
- Professionalism and integrity
- Ability to offer excellent value for money
- Sound experience and track record internationally
- Networks and partnerships across the world
- Flexible, collaborative approach
- Friendliness and focus on putting people first.

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