

# NHS Ayrshire & Arran



**Meeting:** Ayrshire and Arran NHS Board

**Meeting date:** Monday 3 February 2020

**Title:** Audit Committee meeting on 24 January 2020  
report to NHS Board

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## 1. Purpose

This is presented to the Board for: Discussion.

This paper relates to: Local policy to ensure good governance practice in reporting from board committees

This aligns to the NHS Scotland quality ambitions of Safe, Effective and Person Centred. Good governance practice supports the effective delivery of services across the organisation.

## 2. Report summary

### 2.1 Situation

This report provides information to Board Members on key issues discussed within the Governance Committee's remit, in order to provide assurance to the Board that those matters have been identified and are being addressed, where required.

### 2.2 Background

The Board Model Standing Orders advises that Board meeting papers will include the minutes of committee meetings which the relevant committee has approved. To ensure that there is no delay in reporting from committees this paper provides a timely update on key issues from committees.

### 2.3 Assessment

Key issues agreed by Committee are noted below.

- A number of internal audit reports had been received which provided the Committee with assurance around operational practices on financial controls for fixed assets and cash and bank, nurse staff rostering, theatre utilisation and unscheduled care.

- Discussion of the draft internal audit plan for 2020/21 took place, the auditor was asked to take forward some suggested amendments.
- The external auditor presented the plan for the 2019/20 audit.
- The Audit Scotland report titled 'The NHS in Scotland 2019' was discussed and it was considered to be a very informative and comprehensive report
- The Risk Register was considered and revisions to the title and Terms of Reference of the Risk Management Committee were approved.
- An update to the title of the Audit Committee to the Audit and Risk Committee to better reflect its remit, was approved.

## **2.4 Recommendation**

The Board is asked to be aware of and discuss the key issues highlighted and receive assurance that issues are being addressed, where required.