

NHS Ayrshire & Arran



Meeting: Ayrshire and Arran NHS Board

Meeting date: Monday 17 August 2020

Title: Audit Committee meeting on 12 June 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.

- The Internal Audit programme for 2020/21 would be reviewed taking into account new and emerging risks relating to the pandemic.

- The Internal Auditor provided the annual assurance on the overall adequacy and effectiveness of the organisation's framework of governance, risk management and control.
- The Committee received assurance from the Chief Executive and noted the disclosures in the Governance Statement.
- The Annual Accounts were considered and recommended for approval by the Board.
- The annual report was received from the Board's external auditors in which it was confirmed that an unqualified opinion on the accounts for 2019/20 would be given.

The Chair commended the management team for the work in preparing the accounts which had enabled the Audit Committee to take place with its full agenda. He believed that this was testimony to the effectiveness of systems in operation in the organisation.

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.