

NHS Ayrshire & Arran



Meeting:	Ayrshire and Arran NHS Board
Meeting date:	Monday 17 August 2020
Title:	Healthcare Governance Committee meeting on 3 August 2020 - report to NHS Board
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1. Purpose

This is presented to the Board for: Discussion and noting.

This paper relates to: Local policy to ensure good governance practice in reporting from NHS Board governance 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 Healthcare Governance Committee (HGC) 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 advise 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 discussed and scrutinised by HGC at the meeting on 3 August 2020 are provided below. Identification of any relevant organisational risks, stakeholder considerations and other impacts were included in papers to the Committee when it met. A number of these items are also routinely reported to the NHS Board.

- **Annual Reports** - Committee members considered a significant number of annual reports spanning across a broad range of service areas. It was recognised that in addition to these reports covering the period to the end of March 2020, a significant amount of work had also been done in response to the COVID-19 emergency situation by the teams involved in these services. The Committee thanked all staff involved for their significant efforts to date.
- **HAI** - Committee members interrogated the regular HAI report in detail. In addition the Committee received the annual report for the Prevention and Control of Infection Committee. Both these reports are also presented to the NHS Board in August 2020.
- **Care Home Governance** - The Committee received a detailed assurance report on Care Home Governance and commended staff involved for their rapid response to the Cabinet Secretary direction in May 2020, putting in place these arrangements. Committee members were also encouraged to hear that the Health and Social Care Partnerships had extended this supportive visiting approach to include their adult care home and learning disability care home facilities.

2.4 Recommendation

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