

# NHS Ayrshire & Arran



**Meeting:** Ayrshire and Arran NHS Board

**Meeting date:** Monday 17 August 2020

**Title:** Performance Governance Committee meeting on 30 July 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. Identification of organisational risks, stakeholder considerations and other impacts were included in papers to the Committee.

A report on Agency Spend demonstrated the progress which the Board had made in reducing the expenditure on agency staff. The committee discussed in detail all categories of agency spend and recognised and approved the steps being taken to mitigate this expenditure.

- The financial report for month 3 showed a deficit of £3.1 million. The position was unusual due to the effect of COVID; it was assumed that the costs for which would be recovered from the Scottish Government but that any underspends as a result of the pausing of normal services would have to be offset against expenditure incurred in dealing with the pandemic.
- Details of actual expenditure on COVID were provided for both the Health Board and Health and Social Care Partnerships. The Scottish Government would be allocating funding to cover the costs for the first quarter at the end of September.
- The Committee received the Unscheduled Care and Waiting Times Performance Report and discussed the effect of pausing normal services and the rapid return to normal levels of bed occupancy following the resumption of services and what this would mean in terms of coping with the coming winter period.
- The Committee noted the approval to take forward the outline business case for the National Secure Adolescent Inpatient Service to a full business case. It was agreed that an additional meeting of the Committee may be required to approve the full business case in order that it can be submitted to the Scottish Government Capital Investment group in November.
- The West of Scotland Vascular business case was discussed and note taken that this was a clinically driven change to ensure that specialist vascular services could be provided to Ayrshire & Arran residents.
- The timetable for the budget setting process for 2020/21 was agreed, including the requirement for Board workshops dedicated for this purpose.
- The Committee heard that managing the pandemic had resulted in the pausing of a number of the transformational programmes but noted that the CMT was in the process of re-setting the programme of work for the remainder of 2020/21 and updating the programme for 2021/22.
- The Annual report and Terms of Reference were approved for submission to the Board.

## **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.