

NHS Ayrshire & Arran



Meeting: Ayrshire and Arran NHS Board

Meeting date: Monday 5 October 2020

Title: Healthcare Governance Committee meeting on 14 September 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 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 14 September 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.

- **Mental Welfare Commission (MWC): local assessment against published reports in 2019-20** – The Committee discussed outcomes and recommendations from six MWC visits to Ayrshire and Arran (including two non-NHS premises) over the past year, which had focused in particular on the care and treatment received by those with autism and complex care needs and the care and treatment delivered in Scotland's mental health rehabilitation wards.

Committee members were encouraged by the positive feedback received following MWC visits and assured by the processes in place to address recommendations and implement learning identified.

- **Changes to Standards and Guidelines management process** – The Committee received details of the updated process to streamline and strengthen the management of standards and guidelines, in particular, to strengthen strategic oversight of both processes.

Committee members welcomed the robust approach being taken to manage standards and guidelines, including the introduction of a Virtual Commissioning Group to ensure robust strategic oversight of the process. Consideration will be given to future reporting arrangements and proposals submitted to the Committee.

- **Adverse Event Review Group (AERG) annual report** – Committee members discussed the annual review of the AERG process based on feedback from each Directorate AERG. A number of areas of good practice had been highlighted and key areas for improvement identified, with good progress being made to progress actions through AERGs. Committee members received assurance that the Directorate AERGs were working well and there was an effective process in place to escalate any issues if required.

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.