

NHS Ayrshire & Arran



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| Meeting: | Ayrshire and Arran NHS Board |
| Meeting date: | Monday 30 November 2020 |
| Title: | Audit and Risk Committee meeting on 18 November 2020 report to NHS Board |
| Responsible Director: | Derek Lindsay – Director of Finance |
| Report Author: | Michael Breen, Non-Executive Director/Committee Chair |

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.

- Internal Audit reports were received on:
 - Financial Controls
 - Financial Controls around Covid-19 and reporting to Scottish Government
 - Complaint Handling

- A follow up review of previous audit recommendations noted that a number had not been completed in line with the original target dates. The Chief Executive agreed to review the report and completion dates with the Corporate Management Team and report back to the next Committee.
- The Strategic Risk Register and companion Covid-19 and EU Brexit risk registers provided the Committee with assurance about the significant work being done around risk by the Board.
- Assurance about points raised in the Audit Scotland report 'Covid-19 Guide for audit and risk committees' would be provided by the Chair as part of his annual report to the Board.
- The Committee agreed to hold an additional meeting in January 2021 to provide an opportunity to review the draft internal audit plan before input from the Integrated Governance Committee and Corporate Management Team.

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.