

NHS Ayrshire & Arran



Meeting:	Ayrshire and Arran NHS Board
Meeting date:	Monday 30 November 2020
Title:	Healthcare Governance Committee meeting on 2 November 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 2 November 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.

- **Clinical Prioritisation** - The Committee received an update on the robust pan-Ayrshire clinical prioritisation process in place to manage the re-mobilisation of Acute services theatre activity. Committee members discussed and were assured that the process in Ayrshire and Arran was appropriate and fit for purpose.
- **Organ Donation** - The Committee received an assurance report on the Board's preparations in readiness for the new Human Tissue (Authorisation) (Scotland) Act 2019 legislation and the move to deemed authorisation for organ and tissue donation for transplantation, to be implemented from 26 March 2021. Committee members received assurance that a training plan and e-learning tool had been developed in conjunction with NHS Education Scotland and a key priority was to roll this out before March 2021, in particular to give enhanced awareness to NHS staff working in critical and emergency care areas.
- **Duty of Candour - Scottish Government review of annual reports** - The Committee discussed the review of first year submissions of Duty of Candour annual reports to identify best practice and improvement areas. Committee members were encouraged by the positive feedback on NHS Ayrshire & Arran's report and noted key areas of learning to be taken forward.
- **Ethical Advice and Support Group** – Committee members received an update on the progress of the group, established under the Scottish Government framework to provide useful, pragmatic and timely ethical advice and support during the COVID-19 crisis. Committee members discussed and expressed concern that a national group is not yet in place to consider feedback from NHS Scotland Boards and ensure a consistent national approach in the provision of ethical advice and support during the COVID-19 crisis and beyond.
- **Care Home Governance** – The Committee received an assurance report on the support being provided to care homes across Ayrshire and Arran during the pandemic. Committee members commended the rapid work undertaken to develop a resilient care home professional oversight governance framework and the supportive and collaborative approach being taken, working within a complex sectoral relationship.

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.