NHS Ayrshire & Arran



Meeting: Ayrshire and Arran NHS Board

Meeting date: Monday 30 November 2020

Title: Integrated Governance Committee meeting on 12 November

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.

 Redesign of Urgent Care - Committee discussed an update on the Ayrshire and Arran Early Implementation Test of Change. The evaluation to date highlighted that processes developed with NHS24 have delivered good working relationships and reports from the weekend were that the service felt completely integrated. Joint decision making has been the aim and discussions are continuing between Emergency Department Consultants and senior management.

- Risk registers Strategic Risk, Covid-19 risks and EU Withdrawal risks.
 Committee discussed these three risk registers. Members noted that the Covid-19 and EU Withdrawal registers are companion registers, linked to the Strategic Risk Register will be closed when these events are over. Members acknowledged that both of these events could have a considerable impact on the organisation.
- Ayrshire & Arran Health Board Ethical Advice and Support Group (EASG).
 Committee received an update on EASG work to date. Members noted the benefits of this group for Ayrshire & Arran and supported the work being undertaken.

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.