NHS Ayrshire & Arran

Meeting:	**Ayrshire and Arran NHS Board**
Meeting date:	**Monday 1 February 2021**
Title:	**Healthcare Governance Committee meeting on 11 January 2021 - report to NHS Board**
Responsible Director:	**Mr Adrian Carragher, Non-Executive Board Member**
Report Author:	**Prof Hazel Borland, Nurse Director and Deputy Chief Executive**

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.

- **Patient Experience** – Committee members were encouraged by the reduction in stage one and stage two complaints and commended all staff involved for the

significant and positive work being done to improve the Board's complaint handling performance; in particular with regard to reducing the number of complaints which are waiting over 20 working days for a response.

- **Healthcare Associated Infection (HAI)** – Committee members discussed the HAI report with a specific focus on Staphylococcus aureus bacteraemias (SABs). Committee members were assured that in spite of the challenges being faced due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and as previously described to the Committee, the Infection Prevention and Control Team (IPCT) continued to adopt a prioritised approach to its work, with a focus on the core priority areas of COVID and outbreak management, management of alert organisms and water safety. Committee members were reassured by the rapid improvement actions taken following an increase in SAB cases involving a small number of patients during Q1 of 2020-21, with a return to baseline SAB levels in Q2 2020-21.

- **Healthcare Governance Committee (HGC) Terms of Reference** – The HGC Terms of Reference were presented to the Committee for review following the new process in place from December 2020 to review all Governance Committee Terms of Reference in January/February each year. Committee members endorsed the Terms of Reference for onward submission to the NHS Board for approval.

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.