

NHS Ayrshire & Arran



Meeting:	Ayrshire and Arran NHS Board
Meeting date:	Monday 1 February 2021
Title:	Performance Governance Committee meeting on 12 January 2021 report to NHS Board
Responsible Director:	Derek Lindsay, Director of Finance
Report Author:	Bob Martin, 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. Identification of organisational risks, stakeholder considerations and other impacts were included in papers to the Committee.

- A summary of the business case for Trauma and Orthopaedics described the benefits of the proposal to move elective orthopaedic care to UHA and noted the request being made to Scottish Government for funding to increase capacity.

The additional costs to the Board to create a sustainable trauma unit at UHC were outlined.

- The Financial Management report for the period to 30 November 2020 was received. Significant underspends in acute services were noted as a result of the switching of resources from elective to emergency as the Board dealt with the pandemic. Dramatically increased expenditure on agency nursing was also a consequence of demands placed on the Board by Covid.
- The Director for Transformation and Sustainability reviewed the information contained in the Performance report noting the extreme challenges to both urgent and planned care posed by the demands on capacity created by the Covid pandemic.
- Discussion took place on the draft pay and supplies cost pressures for 2021/22. Committee members noted their support for the Board's commitment to ensuring funding for staff wellbeing.
- An update on the overspend in Primary Care prescribing was received from the Director of Pharmacy who explained the reasons behind this and steps being taken to address it.
- Committee noted the development of the Remobilisation Plan 3.
- The Terms of Reference for the Committee were reviewed and two amendments were put forward for approval by the Board.

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.