

NHS Ayrshire & Arran



Meeting:	Ayrshire and Arran NHS Board
Meeting date:	Monday 28 March 2022
Title:	Healthcare Governance Committee meeting on 28 February 2022 - 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.

- Patient Experience Themed Report-Learning and Improvement arising from Complaint Themes – The Committee recognised the significant improvements

being made, highlighting in particular the positive work to increase Hospital Volunteer roles as part of activity to improve patient experience.

- Scottish Patient Safety Programme, Maternity and Children's Quality Improvement Collaborative (SPSP MCQIC) Maternity Workstream – The Committee discussed the report on improvement activity related to stillbirth and post-partum haemorrhage. The Committee was advised that discussion was planned with the MCQIC Programme around stillbirth data recording, specifically expected deaths over 24 weeks for medical reasons, to ensure a consistent approach with Office for National Statistics definitions.
- MWC report on use of MHA during COVID-19 pandemic – The Committee discussed the update and activity taking place to improve the Mental Health Officer (MHO) consent process. Committee members requested that an assurance report be provided in summer 2022 on governance arrangements across the Board and Health and Social Care Partnerships for the MHO consent process in the out of hours period.
- NHSAA Ethical Advice and Support Group (EASG) – Committee members commended the valuable work done by the EASG during the pandemic to support staff around complex ethical issues. It was noted that Healthcare Improvement Scotland is considering the perceived benefits and outputs from EASGs across Boards in terms of future planning to ensure a consistent approach.
- Care Home Governance - The Committee acknowledged the speed at which enhanced Care Home oversight and support had been put in place, and the positive impact in terms of improving care home residents' experience and reducing unnecessary hospital admissions. The Committee recognised the significant resources involved to deliver these enhanced oversight and support arrangements.
- Corporate Parenting Report – The Committee acknowledged the robust and focused approach being taken by the team involved to put these important arrangements into place and support the organisation to deliver its corporate parenting responsibilities.

The Board is asked to be aware of and discuss the key issues highlighted and receive assurance that issues are being addressed, where required.