

NHS Ayrshire & Arran



Meeting: Ayrshire and Arran NHS Board

Meeting date: Monday 28 March 2022

Title: Performance Governance Committee meeting on 03 March 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.

- An update was provided on the progress of the National Treatment Centre. The economic case and option appraisal process have now been completed and a

preferred option identified. The committee approved submission of the economic case to the Scottish Government Capital Investment Group.

- A paper was presented to the committee with a plan to create a permanent CT / MRI scanning facility at Ayrshire Central Hospital by requesting capital funding from Scottish Government. The committee supported the proposal.
- A paper was presented to the committee regarding the benefits of introducing Robot Assisted Surgery to NHS Ayrshire and Arran. The committee could see the benefits to this and support was provided to apply to Scottish Government for capital funding for one robotic surgery system during 2022/23.
- The Financial Management Report for Month 10, up to the end of January 2022 was discussed. In January 2022 there was high covid related sickness absence levels resulting in increased nursing agency usage. Despite drug related overspends in hospital, primary care and new medicines, a breakeven position will be achieved this year due to additional funding from Scottish Government.
- The Performance report up to the end of January was received, which reflects the pandemic impact on both unscheduled and planned care performance. The committee expressed concerns regarding cumulative waiting lists and how these will impact on performance trajectories over the coming months and years.
- The draft Revenue Plan was submitted to the committee for consideration detailing a projected deficit of £27.9 million. The committee wished assurance on deliverability of cash releasing savings plans.
- The committee received a paper with a proposal to Scottish Government to commit around £10 million of non-recurring access funding to recruit permanent staff in order to increase capacity and reduce waiting times. If Scottish Government are unwilling to commit this recurrently then this will be put to the Board for consideration of the risk on using non-recurring funding.

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.