

NHS Ayrshire & Arran



Meeting:	Ayrshire and Arran NHS Board
Meeting date:	Monday 23 May 2022
Title:	Audit and Risk Committee meeting on 11 May 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.

- An internal audit report on Diagnostic Capacity was received which detailed some recommendations. The committee felt that due to the long lead times for recommendations to be concluded it would be helpful to receive an interim update from the service on progress made against the actions. Further

discussion will determine if this should be to Audit and Risk Committee or Healthcare Governance Committee.

- An interim update was received from the Head of Procurement and the Assistant Director Clinical Support Services on the recommendations contained with the Procurement Internal Audit. The committee noted good progress against these recommendations.
- Notification was received on a change of External Auditor from Deloitte to Audit Scotland for the period 2022/23 to 2026/27.
- An update to the Code of Corporate Governance was received from the Head of Corporate Governance. Reviews have been undertaken on all sections and changes detailed. The committee endorsed the revised Code of Corporate Governance to be recommended to the NHS Board for approval.
- The yearly update on the NHS Ayrshire and Arran Registers of Gifts, Hospitality and Interests was received from the Head of Corporate Governance. The committee received assurance that all registers had been reviewed by the Head of Corporate Governance, guidance is being followed and no concerns were reported.
- The committee received an external audit assurance report on the National Finance System hosted by NHS Ayrshire and Arran and were pleased to note no exception. Approval was given for the report to be shared with all other Boards within NHS Scotland for assurance as part of their own governance arrangements.

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.