

NHS Ayrshire & Arran



Meeting:	Ayrshire and Arran NHS Board
Meeting date:	Monday 23 May 2022
Title:	Healthcare Governance Committee meeting on 25 April 2022 - report to NHS Board
Responsible Director:	Ms Jenny Wilson, Nurse Director
Report Author:	Ms Linda Semple, Non-Executive Board Member

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.

- The Committee received a detailed update from the Nurse Director, Ms Jennifer Wilson, on ongoing system pressures due to COVID-19 and the direct impact on

areas being reported, such as complaint handling and infection prevention and control activity. The Committee was assured that the Board had robust governance and assurance processes in place. Members supported the responsive approach adopted by the Executive and other operational staff to ensure that the Committee received the assurance that it required from the reports being presented.

- Committee members discussed the Patient Experienced Themed report focusing on the use of Feedback to inform learning and improvement. The Committee fully supported the activity taking place, in particular, the innovative work to use Patient Experience volunteers to support front line staff in capturing and analysing patient feedback.
- The Committee received reports to update on the Scottish Patient Safety Programme for Mental Health Services and on Learning Disabilities Transition arrangements. Committee members approved closure of the action plan following the unannounced Healthcare Improvement Scotland visit to Ayrshire Central Hospital, Irvine in October 2020.
- Committee members discussed the report on Deaths in Prison Custody and welcomed the recommendations specific to the NHS. The Committee remitted the Prison Clinical Governance meeting to lead implementation of the recommendations relating to the Prison Healthcare team, with the proposal that an oversight report is presented to this Committee. It was noted that implementation of a number of the recommendations would require a national whole system approach to ensure consistency. The Committee also received a report on improvement work taking place to encourage uptake of Public Health screening programmes for the prison population.
- Committee members recognised the current significant system pressures and the challenges in the completion of action plans within the required timeframe. The Committee underlined the need to review and prioritise actions plans, and set realistic and achievable timescales.

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