

NHS Ayrshire & Arran



Meeting:	Ayrshire and Arran NHS Board
Meeting date:	Monday 3 October 2022
Title:	Healthcare Governance Committee meetings on 20 September and 22 September 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

The Committee meeting scheduled to take place on 12 September 2022 was cancelled due to the death of HM The Queen. For business continuity and to allow onward reporting of key papers to the NHS Board, the meeting was re-arranged over two dates with a limited agenda. 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 suite of reports on infection prevention and control, including the Healthcare Associated Infection (HCAI) report; the Infection Prevention and Control Team annual report; and the Prevention and Control of Infection Committee annual report. The Committee also considered a report on the Board's current position in relation to Antimicrobial Prescribing and the focused activity taking place to reduce "4C" antimicrobial prescribing. The Committee recognised that this important work would have a direct impact in reducing Clostridium difficile infection (CDI) levels within primary and secondary care. The Committee also acknowledged the fragility of the Infection, Prevention and Control team, particularly in the context of ongoing COVID-19 activity.
- The Committee discussed the COVID and Flu vaccination programme. Committee members noted that the national timescale for delivery of the programme had been accelerated and this would be challenging to meet. Members endorsed the proposed approach to support staff wellbeing while doing everything possible to meet the new target.
- The Committee received the Strategic Risk Register report and Significant Adverse Event Review (SAER) report for Quarter 1. The Committee will receive a deep dive report following review of a cluster of Falls in June 2022, as well as a deep dive report on the progress of historic SAERs within Mental Health services at a future Committee meeting.
- Committee members were advised that there had been a visit by Ms Maree Todd, Minister for Public Health, Women's Health and Sport, to The Willows Sexual Assault Response Coordination Service on 21 September 2022. The service had been operational since June 2021 and had received 17 referrals to date. This successful visit had showcased the good work being done and provided the opportunity to explore new roles, for example, Nurse-led roles within the forensic suite.

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