NHS Ayrshire & Arran



Meeting: Ayrshire and Arran NHS Board

Meeting date: Monday 28 November 2022

Title: Healthcare Governance Committee meeting on 7 November

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 took place on 7 November 2022. 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 the Patient Experience themed report outlining the work undertaken to test and implement the new inpatient survey, with hospital volunteers to carry out the survey with patients and families. This will provide a more robust method of regularly securing feedback when staff may be challenged at peak times. In addition, there are a number of other bespoke surveys being progressed by services. Committee members supported the new inpatient survey and the organisation-wide and local approaches being adopted to ensure robust feedback and shared learning across the Board.
- Committee members discussed the Significant Adverse Event Review (SAER)
 Quarter 2 assurance report. The Committee was content with the level of detail
 being provided in these reports to enable members to scrutinise and monitor
 progress against completion of improvement actions. Committee members looked
 forward to receiving deep dive reports on a cluster of falls in June 2022 and on the
 progress of historic SAERs within Mental Health services in January 2023.
- The Committee received two reports from Mental Health services related to the Ayrshire Mental Health Conversation and the Review of Standards of Dementia Care and commended the good progress being made in these areas.
- Committee members received the Quality and Safety report for the Neonatal Service, combining the Scottish Patient Safety Programme, Maternity and Children's Improvement Collaborative Neonatal work stream and Excellence in Care performance reporting. The Committee was pleased to see the good progress being made and how this linked with other areas being reported to the Committee, such as, implementation of the Pan-Ayrshire Child Death Review Process.