

NHS Ayrshire & Arran



Meeting:	Ayrshire and Arran NHS Board
Meeting date:	Tuesday 28 March 2023
Title:	Healthcare Governance Committee meeting on 27 February 2023 - 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 27 February 2023. 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 discussed a comprehensive assurance report on the management of Significant Adverse Event Reviews (SAERs). In addition, further to a request from the Committee at the meeting on 9 January 2023, members received an assurance report on the robust oversight and monitoring in place through the Mental Health (MH) SAER Action Plan, to ensure that all outstanding SAERs commissioned within MH services are completed appropriately and timeously.
- The Committee received the first in a new series of four Patient Experience themed reports on the theme of Clinical Treatment. Members received assurance that issues are being identified and where necessary learning and improvements are being put in place.
- Following a request from the Committee at the last meeting on 9 January 2023, members received a report on system pressures, the impact on the quality and safety agenda and mitigating actions being taken. Committee members suggested that it would be useful for a version of the report to be presented at other Board Governance Committees for awareness.
- The Committee noted the update on progress of the actions related to the Child P Significant Case Review.
- Committee members welcomed progress made over the last six months to develop a Public Protection Health Service. The service will incorporate Child Protection (CP), Adult Support and Protection and Multi-agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC) arrangements, as well as developing links with Gender Based Violence and Multi-agency Public Protection Arrangements. Members noted the staged process being undertaken to recruit to the team given the intensive training and support that is required, particularly for CP advisers.