

# NHS Ayrshire & Arran



<b>Meeting:</b>	<b>Ayrshire and Arran NHS Board</b>
<b>Meeting date:</b>	<b>Tuesday 23 May 2023</b>
<b>Title:</b>	<b>Audit and Risk Committee meeting on 10 May 2023 report to NHS Board</b>
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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 items agreed by Committee are noted below.

- An update on progress of the internal audit plan for 2022-23 was provided. It was confirmed all internal audits should be completed by the next Audit and Risk Committee on 21 June 2023. The internal audit report on the vaccination programme, rated partial assurance with improvement required, was received.

The committee discussed the findings and agreed this should be circulated to the Healthcare Governance Committee for monitoring of actions.

- The Internal Audit Annual Report and Opinion for 2022/23 was received in draft. Partial assurance with improvements required was given on the overall adequacy and effectiveness of the organisations' framework of governance, risk management and control.
- The committee received the National Finance Systems Assurance Report – ISAE3402 for 2022/23. Three minor exceptions were noted and the committee approved the report to be shared with all NHS Scotland Boards for assurance on the finance system hosted by NHS Ayrshire and Arran.
- The committee endorsed the Code of Corporate Governance, Risk Management Strategy 2023-26 and Annual Report of ARC for submission to the NHS Board for approval.
- The committee reviewed the Strategic Risk Register. A detailed discussion took place and it was agreed that additional focus is now required to ensure that the register is truly representative of strategic risks. The Risk and Resilience Scrutiny and Assurance Group have been asked to carry out a full review of the register and Governance Committees will also be asked to apply increased focus.

## **2.4 Recommendation**

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