

NHS Ayrshire & Arran



Meeting:	Ayrshire and Arran NHS Board
Meeting date:	Tuesday 23 May 2023
Title:	Healthcare Governance Committee meeting on 24 April 2023 - report to NHS Board
Responsible Director:	Ms Jennifer Wilson, Nurse Director
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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 items 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 items from committees.

2.3 Assessment

The Committee meeting took place on 24 April 2023. Key items 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 the second in a series of Patient Experience themed reports, on the theme of Communication. Members noted themes identified and requested that details of some of the learning that has taken place as a result of feedback and complaints be included within each themed report going forward, as well as in the final themed report on learning and improvement.
- The Committee considered the Quality and Safety report for Acute services specifically related to falls, falls with harm and pressure ulcers, as well as the Food, Fluid and Nutrition Health and Safety Executive action plan update.

The Nurse Director highlighted that performance and progress in taking forward improvement work should be seen in the context of the current system challenges and pressures in Acute services. Members discussed areas of variable performance in these work programmes and requested regular assurance reports on activity taking place to improve performance.

- Committee members were encouraged by the significant progress in taking forward the improvement action plan following the unannounced Healthcare Improvement Scotland visit to University Hospital Crosshouse in May 2022. The Committee noted that a further unannounced visit is due to take place in the near future. Members looked forward to receiving an update following the visit.
- The Committee approved the proposal to adopt the Recommended Summary Plan for Emergency Care and Treatment (ReSPECT) as part of the Board's commitment to better care towards the end of life across all relevant health and social care settings. Members requested an update on implementation of ReSPECT in six months' time.
- Committee members approved the Healthcare Governance Committee annual report for 2022-2023.
- Committee members approved the Health and Care Governance Framework.

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.