

# NHS Ayrshire & Arran



<b>Meeting:</b>	<b>Ayrshire and Arran NHS Board</b>
<b>Meeting date:</b>	<b>Monday 14 August 2023</b>
<b>Title:</b>	<b>Healthcare Governance Committee meeting on 31 July 2023 - report to NHS Board</b>
<b>Responsible Director:</b>	<b>Ms Jennifer Wilson, Nurse Director</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 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 31 July 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 received a range of annual reports and members were assured of the progress being made across these areas despite the significant service pressures faced over the last year.
- Committee members received a suite of Patient Experience reports and it was recognised that this critical information aligned closely to waiting times and performance.
- Members discussed a detailed report on the complaint handling improvement programme within Acute and looked forward to receiving a progress report in six months' time.
- The Committee welcomed the positive feedback received by the Mental Welfare Commission following six announced and six unannounced visits to Ayrshire and Arran during the last year. Members particularly welcomed the complimentary feedback from patients and families on staff engagement and interaction with patients.
- The Committee received reports from Public Health on the Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm, Breast, Cervical and Diabetic Eye Screening programmes. It was noted that following the COVID-19 pandemic, a business as usual approach was being adopted. The Committee was encouraged by the work being done to increase engagement and uptake of screening with a focus on more deprived areas, and members looked forward to hearing about the impact of this work in due course.
- Committee members scrutinised elements of the Healthcare Governance Strategic Risk Register. Following improvement work and a deep dive review of the Strategic Risk Register by Directors, for Healthcare Governance, this had resulted in three strategic risks being moved to the operational risk register.