

# NHS Ayrshire & Arran



**Meeting:** Ayrshire and Arran NHS Board

**Meeting date:** Monday 12 August 2024

**Title:** Healthcare Governance Committee meeting on 29 July 2024  
– Chair’s report to NHS Board

**Responsible Director:** Ms Jennifer Wilson, Nurse Director

**Report Author:** Mrs Joyce White, Non-Executive Director  
Mrs Angela O’Mahony, Committee Secretary

## 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

Key items agreed by Committee are noted below. Identification of organisational risks, stakeholder considerations and other impacts were included in papers to the Committee.

- **Annual reports** – Committee members received a suite of annual assurance reports. A new approach was adopted this year, with Powerpoint presentations provided alongside annual reports to highlight key messages, barriers/enablers and next steps. Members commended the leadership team for the quality assurance reporting provided. The presentations are available on the Committee's MS Teams meeting site and all Board Members are encouraged to read these.
- **Quality and Safety report – Acute Services** - Members discussed the focused improvement work taking place, for example in relation to Pressure Ulcer (PU) prevention, as well as areas of challenge. The PU Improvement Nurse will be invited to join the next Committee meeting to update on the PU prevention work taking place.
- **Area Drug and Therapeutics Committee (ADTC) annual report** – Members discussed the importance of engaging with the public regarding value-based health and care in relation to medicines and prescribing. Work is ongoing through the Board's Engagement Team to get a patient representative on the ADTC to promote engagement with service users and the public.
- **Area Nutrition Steering Group annual report** – members noted the good work being done and suggested future involvement of young people to seek their feedback on hospital food.
- **Hospital Standardised Mortality Ratio (HSMR) annual report** – members noted the assurance report and positive progress made by the Board since the HSMR process began. Members highlighted the need to work together with the Health and Social Care Partnerships around end of life conversations taking place in community settings.
- **Mental Welfare Commission (MWC) annual assurance report** – Members received an update on MWC visits, including eight announced visits and one unannounced visit. Members noted the collaborative approach adopted by MWC in undertaking visits and the positive feedback received, as well as recommendations made and improvement actions being taken forward.
- **Patient Experience annual report** – members supported the annual report for onward submission to the NHS Board. Members were encouraged by the work being done to attract volunteers who are being mobilised across NHS Ayrshire & Arran.
- **Organ Donation annual report** – members noted the positive action and promotion work taking place to encourage organ donation.
- **Duty of Candour annual report** – Members noted the report and looked forward to receiving an addendum to update on areas where the Duty of Candour process has not been fully completed.
- Committee members welcomed the new interim Committee Chair, Mrs Joyce White. Mrs White commented on the good progress being made in reporting areas where the Board is performing well, as well as focused improvement work ongoing as a result of learning identified, which demonstrates the proactive improvement approach being taken by the Board.

## **2.4 Recommendation**

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