

# NHS Ayrshire & Arran



<b>Meeting:</b>	<b>Ayrshire and Arran NHS Board</b>
<b>Meeting date:</b>	<b>Monday 7 October 2024</b>
<b>Title:</b>	<b>Audit and Risk Committee meeting on 27 September 2024 Chair's report to NHS Board</b>
<b>Responsible Director:</b>	<b>Derek Lindsay – Director of Finance</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

Key items agreed by Committee are noted below.

- A presentation was received from Gordon Young, Head of Counter Fraud Services (CFS) on their work during the year 2023/24. NHS AA is well engaged in this activity. The regular Counter Fraud update from our local officer was also presented.

- The committee received a progress update on the Blueprint for Good Governance Improvement Plan actions which were identified at the Board Development session and assurance was given on the progress of these.
- The annual update of the Code of Corporate Governance was provided to the committee. A great deal of work has gone into updating the Scheme of Delegation. The committee approved this for submission to the Board.
- The committee received the Internal Audit Progress Update, Follow-up Actions Report and two completed Internal Audit reports – Risk Management (Rated - Significant Assurance with minor improvement required) and Property Transaction Monitoring (Rated-Significant Assurance). A deep dive will be carried out into some outstanding historic actions to assess their continuing relevance.

#### **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.