NHS Ayrshire & Arran

Meeting: **Ayrshire and Arran NHS Board**

Meeting date: **Monday 7 October 2024**

Title: **Information Governance Committee meeting on 2 September 2024 report to NHS Board**

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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. Identification of organisational risks, stakeholder considerations and other impacts were included in papers to the Committee.

- **Information Governance (IG) Strategic Risk Register** – Committee members discussed in detail the three IG risks. Members were advised that a review of

Risk ID 557, Compliance, Information Governance, was in process and an update would be provided at the next meeting. There were no risks proposed for escalation or downgrading for this meeting and no emerging risks.

Cyber Security update – Committee members welcomed the focused work being done to encourage staff who had not already done so to bring in their laptops to allow change over to Bitlocker encryption. It was noted that should staff fail to comply with this requirement their laptop would cease to function.

- **Cyber Security - Network and Information Systems (NIS) Audit** – Committee members welcomed the overall progress made in 2023 towards achieving compliance against the 427 controls, with 72 controls still outstanding. Members received an update on progress in planning for the 2024 audit.

  Members requested that further narrative be provided in relation to the business continuity/disaster recovery testing plan 2024 to enable members to monitor status and progress in the completion of actions.

- **NHS Dumfries & Galloway (NHSDG) Cyber Attack** – The Committee discussed the significant impact of the recent cyber attack at NHSDG. Members emphasised that it was important to have effective digital cyber security measures in place, alongside a robust corporate records management process to ensure that the Board held appropriate information in a secure manner.

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.