NHS Ayrshire & Arran



Meeting: Ayrshire and Arran NHS Board

Meeting date: Monday 31 March 2025

Title: Performance Governance Committee meeting on

06 March 2025, Chair's report to NHS Board

Responsible Director: Derek Lindsay, Director of Finance

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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.

 The committee received the Strategic Risk Register, there was no change to the ratings and the committee felt assured with regard to the mitigation of the risks.

- The committee reviewed and scrutinised the month 10 financial management report and felt comfortable regarding the £2.5m improvement on budget deficit of £53.5m. However, committee noted that the Scottish Government would prefer the deficit to be below £50m which will be worked actively. The PMR shows some improving trend throughout the reports and deep dives will be undertaken for Planned Care and Unscheduled Care, where there are some challenges.
- The committee reviewed in year CRES achieved and forecast planned for the end of year, which is a marked improvement Year over Year, and the committee felt very assured of this work in such a challenging environment, however recognised that the brokerage target had not been met for this financial year.
- Members received the CNORIS update and noted the associated financial planning assumptions for the coming year.
- The committee approved the Revised Strategic CRES approach and were assured by the plans in place and processes developed.
- Members received the draft revenue plan for 2025-26 and noted the financial planning assumptions
- An update was provide on the Length of Stay Focus within Urgent and Unscheduled Care. Further detail has been requested as this project progresses, highlighting the framework and target length of stay improvements per activity of improvement.
- A progress update was provided on MSK performance and assurance was provided to members on the work ongoing to improve waiting times within this particular area through methods such as community appointment days.

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.