

NHS Ayrshire & Arran



Meeting:	Ayrshire and Arran NHS Board
Meeting date:	Monday 30 March 2020
Title:	Audit Committee meeting on 18 March 2020 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 issues 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 issues from committees.

2.3 Assessment

Key issues agreed by Committee are noted below.

- Audit Committee were supportive of any necessary amendments to the audit programme which were required as a result of staff needing to prioritise time to address the COVID-19 situation
- Good progress was noted in the completion of audit recommendations which had been verified by the Auditors and detailed in their follow-up report.

- The revised draft Internal Audit plan for 2020/21 was recommended for approval by the Board. Again, the Audit Committee was supportive of any necessary amendments to the audit programme which were required as a result of staff needing to prioritise time to address the COVID-19 situation
- The draft supporting guidance for Standards of Business Conduct for NHS Staff: Acceptance and Declaration of Gifts and Hospitality and Declarations of Interests was recommended for approval by the Board
- The revised Terms of Reference for the Audit Committee were recommended for approval by the Board.
- The new model Standing Orders were recommended for approval by the Board.

2.4 Recommendation

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