

# NHS Ayrshire & Arran



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| <b>Meeting:</b>              | <b>Ayrshire and Arran NHS Board</b>  |
| <b>Meeting date:</b>         | <b>Monday 30 March 2020</b>  |
| <b>Title:</b>                | <b>Healthcare Governance Committee meeting on 9 March 2020 - report to NHS Board</b> |
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## 1. Purpose

This is presented to the Board for: Discussion and noting.

This paper relates to: Local policy to ensure good governance practice in reporting from NHS Board governance 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 Healthcare Governance Committee (HGC) 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 advise 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 discussed and scrutinised by HGC are provided below. Identification of any relevant organisational risks, stakeholder considerations and other impacts were included in papers to the Committee when it met. A number of these items are also routinely reported to the NHS Board.

- **Theatre safety update**

HGC received a report detailing improvement approaches, interventions and systems put in place to improve theatre safety and ensure a standardised approach to patient safety at both Acute hospital sites. Committee members were assured of the robust and consistent approach to theatre safety and encouraged that there was full compliance with the theatre safety checklist, with plans to extend this to Medical as well as Surgical staff. Committee members agreed that future reporting on theatre safety improvement activity be devolved to the Acute Services Governance Group.

- **Healthcare Associated Infection (HAI) report**

Committee members considered the HAI themed report on Escherichia coli bacteraemias (ECB). Board is slightly above trajectory to achieve a 5% reduction in ECBs in 2019-20 and work continues to achieve the target. Committee members supported the approach being taken to reduce and manage urinary catheter use, the most common source of healthcare associated ECB, and it is hoped that this will positively impact on Board's progress towards the ECB 2023-24 target.

- **SIGN Guideline 145, Assessment, Diagnosis and Interventions for Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD)**

HGC received a detailed update on progress to implement SIGN 145, a complex guideline which cuts across a number of different specialties covering the patient lifespan. Committee members were assured by progress to date to implement the guideline and agreed that future reporting be devolved to internal governance structures. A revised process has been developed to improve strategic oversight of the SIGN guideline process, with details to be reported at the next HGC meeting.

- **Significant Adverse Event Report (SAER) action plans and Significant Adverse Event Policy review**

Committee members considered the SAER report, associated learning summaries and completed action plans. The report's format is being updated to provide greater assurance of improvement actions being taken following SAERs. Board's Adverse Event (AE) Policy has been updated to align with the updated national Adverse Event framework for Scotland, reviewed in December 2019. All Boards have been asked to report Category 1 SAERs through national recording systems from 1 January 2020. Board's AE policy also includes details for Maternity Services, following the Being Open pilot undertaken in conjunction with NHS Lothian.

## **2.4 Recommendation**

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