NHS Ayrshire & Arran



Meeting: Ayrshire and Arran NHS Board

Meeting date: Monday 15 August 2022

Title: Audit and Risk Committee meeting on 23 June 2022 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 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.

 A number of internal audit reports were presented to the committee as part of the 2021/22 audit cycle. One particular audit was reviewed by the committee and it was agreed that the recommendation should be reported through the Risk and Resilience Scrutiny and Assurance Group for monitoring of progress.

- The committee received the Internal Auditors Annual Report and Opinion for 2021/22. An opinion of partial assurance with improvement required can be given on the overall adequacy and effectiveness of the organisation's framework of governance, risk management and control.
- The Strategic Risk Register was presented to the committee and provided assurance of the work being undertaken to manage strategic risks within the organisation. The committee were content to recommend the Strategic Risk Register for submission to the NHS 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.