

NHS Ayrshire & Arran



Meeting:	Ayrshire and Arran NHS Board
Meeting date:	Monday 15 August 2022
Title:	Audit and Risk Committee meeting on 27 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.

- Service audits were conducted by KPMG on IT service and Practitioner services provided by National Services Scotland. A clean audit has been reported for 2021/22 for both areas with a few exceptions highlighted within.

- A payment verification local annual report was provided which gave the committee assurance that robust arrangements were in place for managing practitioner services within Ayrshire and Arran
- The committee were presented with the governance statement and supporting letters to provide assurance that the control environment and systems of internal control were considered adequate in respect of the financial year 2021/22.
- The committee received the annual accounts for 2021/22. It was noted that the Board achieved all financial targets in 2021/22, with a £510k surplus and without receiving brokerage from the Scottish Government. A clean audit opinion was received in respect of the accounts.
- The Audit and Risk Committee approved submission of the annual audit assurance statement to the NHS Board in respect of the audit work conducted including the annual external audit report, and reviewing internal controls in place throughout the financial year to allow approval of the annual accounts.

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.