

NHS Ayrshire & Arran



Meeting: Ayrshire and Arran NHS Board

Meeting date: Monday 15 August 2022

Title: Performance Governance Committee meeting on 26 May 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. Identification of organisational risks, stakeholder considerations and other impacts were included in papers to the Committee.

- A paper was presented to the committee on agency spend for 2021/22. The committee were asked to note the significant increase in Agency staffing across Radiography, Medical and Nursing disciplines.

- The committee received the routine Financial Management Report which detailed a month one overspend of £4.2 million, with £2.3 million attributed to Covid-19 spend for which there is no budget. Discussions are ongoing with IJBs to utilise their £36.3 million reserves earmarked for covid spend in 2022/23.
- A paper on covid expenditure for 2022/23 was submitted to the committee for information, outlining the areas of spend including the vaccination programme, extra hospital beds and staff. An update on discussions with IJBs and Scottish Government will be received at a future meeting.
- The Performance report for month one was provided and a concerning position was noted across many services due to factors such as demand outweighing capacity for outpatient and day case treatment. Long lengths of stay in hospital are resulting in unacceptable waits in ED. A more positive position was noted across both Cancer and Mental Health Services which provided the committee with some assurance.
- A verbal update was provided on the CRES Programme Plan for 2022/23 whereby a longer term goal to achieve savings is being put into place as part of a collaborative plan.

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.