

NHS Ayrshire & Arran



Meeting:	Ayrshire and Arran NHS Board
Meeting date:	Monday 9 October 2023
Title:	Healthcare Governance Committee meeting on 11 September 2023 – Chair’s report to NHS Board
Responsible Director:	Ms Ruth McMurdo, Interim Deputy Nurse Director
Report Author:	Ms Linda Semple, Non-Executive Board Member

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 items 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 items from committees.

2.3 Assessment

The Committee meeting took place on 11 September 2023. Key items agreed by Committee are noted below. Identification of organisational risks, stakeholder considerations and other impacts were included in papers to the Committee.

- **Antimicrobial Stewardship** – The Committee was encouraged by the antimicrobial prescribing work being done, particularly within Acute services, and the positive impact in reducing Clostridium difficile infections.
- **Food Fluid and Nutrition - Health and Safety Executive (HSE) action plan update and Area Nutritional Group (ANSG) annual report** – Committee members were assured of the renewed focus in progressing the HSE action plan following a patient fatality as a result of a choking incident. The Committee is keen to see regular progress reports on this work, with detailed reporting arrangements to be confirmed. Members also noted the ANSG annual report detailing the group's activities over the last year.
- **Mental Health Significant Adverse Event Reviews (MH SAERs)** – The Committee was assured of the progress being made in taking forward MH SAERs which aligned to the organisation's approach to SAER. Members would be interested to see future reporting of MH SAERs through the routine SAER process.
- **Acute Clinical Governance annual report and East and South Ayrshire Health and Social Care Partnership annual reports** - Committee members commended the progress being made in these three areas and were assured of the robust approach being adopted in relation to clinical and care governance.

2.4 Recommendation

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