

# NHS Ayrshire & Arran



<b>Meeting:</b>	<b>Ayrshire and Arran NHS Board</b>
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<b>Title:</b>	<b>Board briefing</b>
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## 1. Purpose

This is presented to the Board for:

- Awareness

This paper relates to:

- Local policy

This aligns to the NHS Scotland quality ambitions of

- Safe, Effective and Person Centred.

## 2. Report summary

### 2.1 Situation

Key areas of interest are advised to Board Members for awareness at each Board meeting. The Good News stories provide Members with information from across the organisation which shows the good work being delivered by our teams to improve patient and community care and recognises awards received locally and nationally.

### 2.2 Background

At each Board meeting the briefing provides:

- Good News stories from across NHS Ayrshire & Arran (NHSAA)
- Key events from the Chief Executive and Board Chair diaries
- Circulars from the Scottish Government Health & Social Care Directorates
- Current consultations

Further briefing updates will be issued following the Board meeting from the Communications Department via e-News, Stop Press, Daily digest and Team talk. Up-to-date information is also published on NHS Ayrshire & Arran's website [www.nhsaaa.net](http://www.nhsaaa.net)

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## 2.3 Briefing - Good News Stories

### Celebrating success

#### **Compassion to Action, Volunteer Award Ceremony**

by Laura Harvey, QI Lead for Patient Experience and Workforce Solutions

NHS Ayrshire & Arran recognises the substantial, positive impact volunteering has on our patients, staff and visitors. With over 120 active volunteers throughout the organisation, it is our privilege to acknowledge and celebrate the amazing achievements and contributions being made each day by those who give freely of their time.

This year we held our second Compassion to Action Volunteer Award Ceremony – an opportunity to showcase and celebrate the wealth of skills and experience of our volunteers, and highlight those who have warmly embraced volunteering placements within their services.

The ceremony, held on 8 November 2023 at Fullarton Connexions in Irvine, was attended by over 100 delegates from volunteers and NHS staff, to third sector agencies who closely collaborate with us. We were also delighted to welcome entertainment from two leading local acts – Jeremy Levif (The Voice UK 2021 Semi-Finalist) and Take a Bow musical theatre youth group.

Our Master of Ceremonies for the evening, Janice Malone from Health Improvement Scotland, wove the segments of our event together beautifully, from inviting the audience to enjoy nomination clips from each of our award categories, to inviting our presenters to announce their awards and ensuring these moments were captured by our Volunteer Photographer.

This year's awards were split into 10 categories, with winners selected by our independent panel of judges. The standard of nominations was testament to the wealth of skills and experience within our volunteering service.

#### **Raising the profile of volunteering – breaking down barriers**

This award recognises individuals who challenge historical approaches to volunteering. .

- Presented to Victoria Buckell, Ward Volunteer.

#### **Outstanding Staff Champion for Volunteers**

This award recognises a member of staff who has championed and embraced volunteers, and gone the extra mile to recognise the positive impact volunteers can make.

- Presented to Elizabeth Griffin, Senior Charge Nurse and William Keenan, Discharge Lounge Co-ordinator.

#### **Quality Improvement Lead Award – Improving Patient Experience**

This award recognises individuals who champion the Patient Experience agenda.

- Presented to Acorn Furniture Workshops and Gardens

### **Behind the Scenes – Improving the Volunteer Experience**

This award goes to an individual/group instrumental in provision of outstanding administrative support to volunteers, managers and the wider volunteering service.

- Presented to the Volunteer Administrators

### **Volunteer Manager of the Year**

This award recognises the commitment and dedication of an outstanding member of staff who manages volunteers.

- Presented to Christine Somerville, Senior Charge Nurse

### **Volunteer Team of the Year**

This award recognises excellent teamwork and the combined contribution of two or more volunteers working together.

- Presented to Woodland View Welcomers and Woodland View Shop

### **Volunteer of the Year**

This award celebrates individuals who have gone above and beyond expectations in their volunteering role during the year.

The award was presented to a winner in each of the three volunteering categories:

- Gardening and activity roles
- Administration roles
- Ward and peer support roles

- Presented to Roddy Campbell, Activity Volunteer; Gemma Gibb, Volunteer Administrator; and Gavin Devine, Ward volunteer

### **Nurse Director Award – Recognition for Outstanding Contribution to Volunteering**

This award is in recognition of volunteers who have contributed to the wider quality improvement agenda.

- Presented to Cardiac Rehab HARP Activity Volunteers

### **Chair Award – Recognition for Outstanding Contribution to Volunteering**

This award is also in recognition of volunteers who have contributed to the wider quality improvement agenda.

- Presented to Pamela Gibson and Anne Law, establishing the Ayrshire College and Volunteer Service Collaboration

### **Volunteering Legacy Award**

This award celebrates individuals who have given a significant amount of their time to the organisation.

- Presented to Jack Thomson and William Dickie, Acorn Furniture Workshop and Gardens Volunteers

All in attendance had a great evening and joined in congratulating all our volunteers and celebrating the contribution they make each and every day.

Special mention to Karen Parker, Volunteer Manager for not just her hard work planning such an amazing event, but for the tireless work she has progressed that has entirely changed the profile of our volunteers to a more inclusive and person centred model, including the on boarding in January of 150 healthcare students as ward volunteers in the first placement of its type, and in the development of a youth volunteering development programme which will be implemented at the beginning of 2024 so lots more to come.



## Scottish Health Awards 2023

### East Ayrshire support worker recognised at prestigious awards

Huge congratulations to support worker Euan Grant on winning the Support Worker Award at the 2023 Scottish Health Awards!

Colleagues at East Ayrshire Community Hospital's Marchburn Ward were also shortlisted as finalists for the Care for Mental Health Award, recognising the high quality and compassionate care they provide to members of our communities.

The prestigious awards took place on 2 November at the O2 Academy in Edinburgh, and are run by the Daily Record in partnership with NHS Scotland and the Scottish Government. At the heart of the awards is the determination to recognise the people who symbolise everything that is great about NHS Scotland and the high quality health and social care services they deliver to the people of Scotland.

From porters and carers to surgeons and district nurses, our healthcare staff uphold the principles of an NHS which mean so much to many. We're pleased that we have been able to celebrate the achievements of some of the unsung heroes working in health and social care.

Well done Euan and everyone at the Marchburn Ward – we hope you enjoyed the event!



For further information on all of this year's winners, please visit the [Scottish Health Award website](#).

### Recognition for Examination Success of Health Records Personnel

Robert Bryden, Head of Health Records Services, Acute Services

Nine individuals (Paula Byers, Chris Carlton, Donna Hunt, Kelly Stevenson, Lorna Cowan, Gayle McCutcheon, Lauren Welsh, Helen Reid and Ann Marie Kerr) from across the Acute Hospitals Health Records Service successfully sat recent examinations obtaining their Foundation Certificate from the Institute of Health Records and Information Management. All members were awarded distinction for achieving in excess of 80% mark in the examination. Lorna Cowan, Health Records Development Manager was awarded the prestigious Griffiths Award for achieving full marks.

Five members were able to attend the annual award ceremony of the Institute of Health Records and Information Managers which was held in November at the Midland Hotel in Manchester.



Robert Bryden, Head of Health Records Services said: "I am delighted that our team have had such great success in their professional exams. Their hard work and effort during the last year coupled with the support from mentors Fiona Crawford and Kevin Whiteford has resulted in a splendid achievement for each individual and the department as a whole. Everyone in our service is delighted for our colleagues' success".

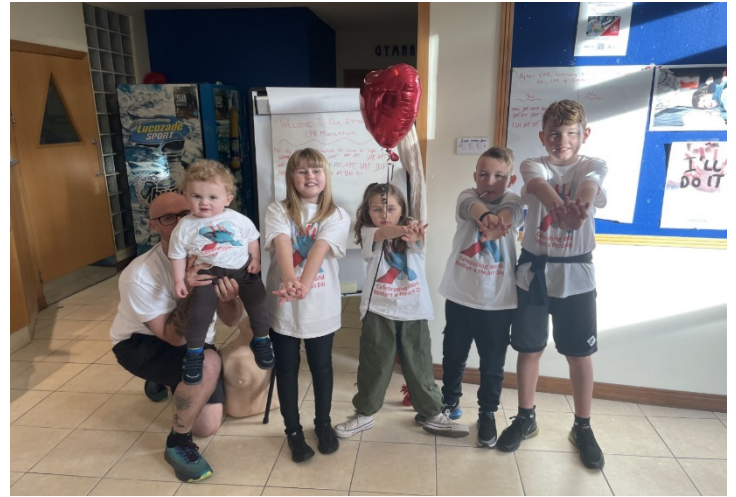


### **CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation) Marathon Event** by Ashley Ryan, Resuscitation Officer

To celebrate Restart a Heart Day this year, NHS Ayrshire & Arran resuscitation team decided to run a 24 hour CPR Marathon to raise awareness of the importance of CPR and defibrillation skills to the local community.

Cardiac arrest is the ultimate medical emergency where the heart suddenly stops beating. Early CPR and defibrillation can increase survival rates massively. 80% of cardiac arrests happen at home therefore it is so important for the community to know what to do in those initial phases of cardiac arrest as survival rates remain stubbornly low at 10%.

Carrying out the event for 24 hours created a buzz and generated conversation. The team welcomed 540 people of all ages to the event which took place from 3pm on Sunday 15 October, continuing non-stop until 3pm on the Monday. NHS Ayrshire & Arran staff groups, HeartStart, Police Scotland and lots of other agencies got involved to help support the event and raise awareness of this important lifesaving intervention.



## Critical Care Training Programme

Margaret Allan, Senior Charge Nurse

Yasmin Murray, Deputy Charge Nurse, Medical High Dependency Unit - University Hospital Crosshouse created a poster with the intention to highlight the requirement for training packs for nursing staff. Yasmin worked on a quality improvement to show the benefit of having critical care nurses appropriately educated to benefit both them and patients. The benefit of this indicates how it can facilitate and improve patient's outcomes, staff's wellbeing, empowers staff and makes them more resilient in a stressful environment, reduces hospital stay for patients.

Yasmin's 'Aim By the end of January 2024, the aim is to implement a specialised education package for critical care nurses for designated topics within MHDU to increase staff confidence by 50% (in alignment with the 4 pillars of Ayrshire and Arran)'.

Yasmin has worked extremely hard and is passionate to ensure that as a team we all have the best resources.

As the SCN in the unit I am very proud of Yasmin and the full team for continuing to improve continually and provide the best care for our patient's.



# Critical Care Training Program



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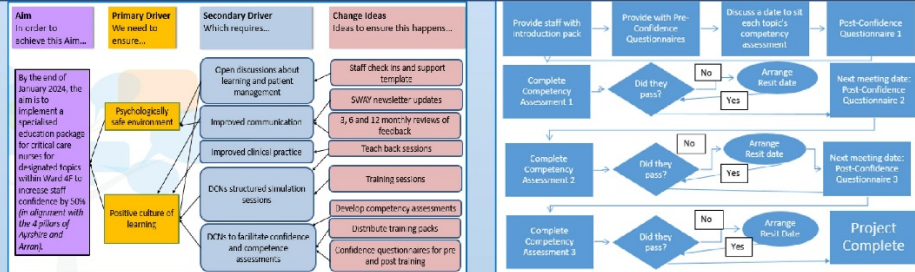
## Introduction

- Nursing shortages are a global issue, but especially in critical care as a result of increasing demands and untenable working conditions.
- Multiple factors influencing critical care nursing turnover, including education.



Quality critical care education benefits both patients and staff		Aim
Patients	Staff	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reduced hospital admissions.</li> <li>• Improved survival rates.</li> <li>• Positive mental health results.</li> <li>• Lower likelihood of adverse events.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Integral to develop competent and confident staff.</li> <li>• Empowered staff with increased job satisfaction.</li> <li>• Improved skill-mix due to enhanced competency.</li> <li>• Increases staff resilience in stressful situations and traumatic experiences with unwell patients.</li> </ul>	<p>By the end of January 2024, the aim is to implement a specialised education package for critical care nurses for designated topics within MHDU to increase staff confidence by 50% (in alignment with the 4 pillars of Ayrshire and Arran).</p>

## Method

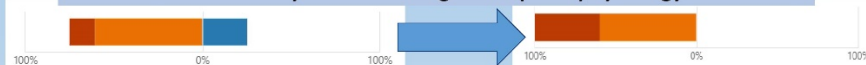


- Training packs on 3 topics distributed to all staff.
- Confidence measured pre and post training with Likert scales.
- Competence measured with competence assessments.

## Results

The project is ongoing, but early results are showing improvements in staff confidence and that all staff have passed their competence assessments so far.

**"I am confident with my understanding of the pathophysiology of DKA:"**



Before	After
<p><b>Strongly Agree: 14.3%</b>  <b>Agree: 60.7%</b>  <b>Disagree: 35%</b></p>	<p><b>Strongly Agree: 40%</b>  <b>Agree: 60%</b>  <b>Disagree: 0%</b></p>

## Reflection

This project will have create sustainable change in Ayrshire and Arran as it is not costly to implement. The hope is that the program could be beneficial to other critical care areas, develop into other topics and potentially e-learning.

## Success in completing Pre-Acceptance Audits for collection of clinical waste Infrastructure and Support Services

In a remarkable display of efficiency, the Pre Acceptance Audits (PAA) for the collection of clinical waste were completed ahead of schedule, ensuring compliance with legislation and bringing good news for the organisation. The PAA could not be completed until the team were fully trained in the required audit procedures by an external provider. As soon as the training was completed, the team got straight to work carrying these out. The swift completion of the audits not only demonstrate the commitment to compliance with the regulations but also highlights the dedication of the audit team.



## **Greatix Award**

### Infrastructure and Support Services

Andrew McFarlane, a Porter based at Ailsa Hospital, has been nominated by a staff member for a prestigious Greatix Award for his commitment to the organisation. Such a simple act, that had such a profound effect, not only on the person who witnessed this act of kindness, but also on the patient he assisted.

Feedback received:

Last Thursday on my way into a meeting, I saw one of the Ayrshire and Arran NHS employee van drivers, stop his van, put his hazard lights on and go to the aid of a lady who was struggling to push a wheelchair up the hill towards the Ayr Hospital.

It would have been just as easy for him to have driven on but he didn't.

I thought it was important for his kindness to be acknowledged – people do notice'. Andrews's act of kindness was recognised with the award and thanked on behalf of colleagues, peers and patients, we thank you for your continued contribution to patients and staff care within NHS Ayrshire & Arran.

## **News from our partners:**

### **East Ayrshire Health and Social Care Partnership (EAHSCP)**

#### **Practitioner event focuses on protecting people**

East Ayrshire Health and Social Care Partnership's Protection and Learning Team recently supported a multi-agency practitioner learning event which focused on safeguarding and protecting people from harm. The purpose of the event was to share learning and examples of good practice as well as to support staff wellbeing.

'No Closed Door' took place on Wednesday 6 September at Kilmarnock's Grand Hall and involved frontline practitioners from NHS, Education, Housing, Health & Social Care, Alcohol and Drugs services, Police Scotland, East Ayrshire Recovery Network, Women's Aid, Violence Against Women's Services and East Ayrshire Advocacy Services to name a few.

As part of the event, attendees were invited to select and participate in two 'Conversation Café' workshops. One of these was 'Being Ben', led by Donna Sinforiani, Lead Officer for Adult Support and Protection, and Alison Kennedy, Team Manager for Housing Options.

Ben's heartbreaking story highlighted the importance of health and care services communicating effectively to protect people from neglect and self-neglect, ensuring their right to palliative care, comfort and dignity is fulfilled as they near the end of their life.

Donna said: "Keeping focused on seeing the person is key to understanding what might support and protect them from harm they experience. Add in partners who stay connected and talk to each other brings relationships that can and will make a positive difference. The mix of services represented today is testament to the value placed on this in East Ayrshire."

Last on the agenda was a panel discussion, led by Dale Meller, Senior Manager for Protection and Learning. Panel members included Kirsten Neilson (EAHSCP Organisational Development), Neil Kerr (Chair of East Ayrshire Alcohol and Drugs Partnership), Marion MacAulay (Chair of Violence Against Women Partnership) Moira McKinnon (Chair of Child Protection Committee) and Susan Maguire (Chair of Adult Protection Committee).

Dale emphasised the importance of effective team working in reducing harm in our communities: "This event highlighted the complexity of public protection work and the

importance of cross-agency relationships and support for practitioners. We work best when we work together to protect people and there is a huge amount of experience and skill across our organisations.”

Feedback from participants was overwhelmingly positive, with many commenting on how much they enjoyed the Conversation Cafes on lived experience.

Comments included...

“[The event] was really well done, and having it as a practitioners’ event was a good opportunity to bring contributions from different angles.”

“All of the inputs were really interesting and thought-provoking and really opened up the issue of how we can do more by working together.”

“I attended the Families affected by Drug and Alcohol use [workshop] – this was the highlight of the day for me. The lived experience perspective was excellent and prompted a really balanced and empathic discussion.”

“I also attended Being Ben which was very informative. I enjoyed the variety this brought to the day with the more interactive style and again it prompted some really good discussion with multi-disciplinary colleagues.”

The Protection and Learning team would like to thank all contributors, practitioners and organisations for participating, and staff at the Grand Hall for making the event such a success.

### **Care Experienced Cabinet meets again**

East Ayrshire’s Care Experienced Cabinet recently held another productive meeting with young people from a variety of care backgrounds.

Chaired by Councillor Claire Leitch, the group met on Thursday 7 September at the Dick Institute to discuss the theme of ‘Standing on My Own Two Feet’.

Attendance was highly encouraging, with 12 young people present along with senior council officers, two kinship carers and elected members.

Promise Participation Lead, Eòghann MacColl, told us more: “Over the last year we have slowly been building our Cabinet and the core group of young people from all types of care backgrounds to attend.

“This gradual and consistent approach has been done with partnership and relationships at the heart. Who Cares Scotland? The Intensive Support Team within East Ayrshire Social Work, The Participation Team at CAMHS, The Promise Participation Team and Reviewing Officers all enabled young people to be in the room and also to contribute their views and thoughts through other means.

“This a significant challenge as we are asking our young people to attend and contribute and this is not an easy thing to do and one we should not underestimate. Thank you to Geraldine Greene at East Ayrshire Leisure, as their partnership is also invaluable to our participative work.

“We saw care leavers, unaccompanied asylum seeking children, and those in foster, kinship and residential care settings all contribute and take part in the meeting.”

The meeting’s agenda covered issues including the cost of living crisis, how we can help young people lead independent lives (for example, through cooking and driving lessons) and communication with care experienced people.

The theme of the next Care Experienced Cabinet meeting is yet to be confirmed, however members are keen to continue the conversation about transitioning to adulthood, maintaining important relationships and support around education and employment.

### **Halloween fun at Baby Chat group**

Our Baby Chat group recently held a frightfully cute Halloween-themed session at Loudoun Church of Scotland in Newmilns!



First-time mothers and their babies came together to enjoy a chat, some floor time and other sensory activities in a relaxed and friendly setting.

Health Visitor Support Worker, Louise Taylor, told us more about the group and its benefits: "In August this year we invited 12 mums from across Hurlford, Galston, Newmilns and Darvel to join a new Baby Chat group, which we established in Newmilns with the help of local community members.

"On Wednesday 4 October the first six week block finished and we were delighted with the attendance rate, the feedback and the benefits reported by families. However, watching the formation of friendships in a relaxed group setting, with many sharing plans to meet up afterwards, was a particular highlight."

As well as sensory play and a chance for mothers to relax together, the Baby Chat group sessions also covered a variety of health promotion topics, including early relationships, baby massage, the benefits of play and early communication and advice on coping with crying and weaning. Health Visitor Louise Baya also attended to provide support.

Feedback from Baby Chat attendees was overwhelmingly positive, with many saying the group had provided an invaluable source of support, friendship and reassurance. Comments included:

"This class has been invaluable and a great service for women and families. I'm going to miss this class on a Wednesday morning."

"Thoroughly enjoyed my time at Baby Chat. I just wish it had been a longer block."

"Thank you so much to Louise for her help, support and care, at home and at class. These classes have been a lifeline to me and my son Finn".



Louise expressed her thanks to all involved in the group and for helping to make it such a success: “Baby Chat is a multi-agency effort and we would like to thank everyone who made this group possible. Many thanks to Early Years Community Practitioner, Karen Connor, for delivering the baby sensory session, which was very positively received by babies and parents/carers.

“We would also like to thank Maureen Phairs from the East Ayrshire Financial Inclusion Team and Karen Knapp from Child Smile, who both provided very informative sessions.”

Senior Nurse Manager, Sina Currie, also congratulated the group on its success: “This is a great example of multi-agency working within East Ayrshire which supports new parents in those early stages of parenthood while addressing the element of loneliness and isolation they often experience.”

Well done to all involved in Baby Chat for providing such a fantastic source of support for first-time mothers in East Ayrshire!

### **Wellbeing for All voting events take place across East Ayrshire**

East Ayrshire Health and Social Care Partnership’s annual Wellbeing for All fund supports groups and organisations to deliver local wellbeing projects that matter most to communities in East Ayrshire.

East Ayrshire residents were invited to vote online or in-person for the community wellbeing projects they wanted to receive a share of funding, with events taking place in Kilmarnock, Newmilns and Cumnock.

From afternoon tea clubs and activity groups to community cafes and recovery support projects, it gave us a real sense of pride to see so many people in East Ayrshire committed to making life better for others.

Many thanks to everyone who voted and to every organisation, group and project who put themselves forward. The full list of funded projects can be found on our Living Well website.

[Wellbeing for All Participatory Budgeting Fund – Living Well East Ayrshire](#)

### **Analogue to Digital Team strikes gold with award**

Congratulations are in order for our Analogue to Digital Team, who were awarded the Gold One Digital Telecare Implementation Award by Digital Telecare for Scottish Local Government.

This is a fantastic achievement and comes after much dedication and planning from staff to continue our roll-out of a digital telecare service across East Ayrshire.

To achieve Gold Level One status, a Telecare Service Provider must have completed robust testing of their end-to-end digital telecare solution, resolving any issues uncovered, and have a detailed deployment plan and all required contracts and resources in place for the roll-out of digital telecare.

We have now delivered a live digital telecare solution to 20% of all community alarm users in East Ayrshire, successfully completing their transition from analogue to digital equipment. As a result, over 1,200 members of the community are now supported digitally.

To continue this achievement, our Analogue to Digital Team aims to increase the analogue to digital transition of community alarms to 50% and to have a digital telecare solution in place for over half of sheltered housing and supported accommodation in East Ayrshire.

Chrys Howe, Analogue to Digital Coordinator, told us more: “It is great to have our hard work and progress recognised by the Digital Office, and we welcome the Silver and Gold Implementation awards. It has been a real team effort to get to this position.

“With our progress East Ayrshire now has digital community alarm unit solutions and a digital call handling centre in place. This ensures that those who need a little extra support living in our communities can continue to receive a telecare service as the UK continues to transition from analogue to digital.”

Erik Sutherland, Head of Locality Health and Care Services and Chair of the Analogue to Digital Board in East Ayrshire, spoke of the future of digital telecare and its crucial role in helping people to live independently: “People, compassion and partnership underpin the way we do things in East Ayrshire. Advancing to the silver and gold award status demonstrates our Analogue to Digital team’s commitment to working collaboratively so that we can support our residents to live independently at home.

“Technology enabled care presents innovative opportunities to provide care and support to our communities. The team’s continuing journey to upgrade our provision from analogue to digital is very exciting as we see more and more benefits delivered to people in East Ayrshire. We are very proud of our team’s achievements so far and welcome this encouraging recognition from the Digital Office.”

We will continue to work with Digital Telecare as we progress towards the Gold Two Digital Telecare Implementation Award.

Well done to everyone on our Analogue to Digital Team for this well-deserved recognition and for continuing to bring the benefits of digital telecare to our service users.

The future certainly looks golden for digital telecare in East Ayrshire!

## **North Ayrshire Health and Social Care Partnership (NAHSCP)**

### **Kilwinning Library – an award-winning partnership approach with NA community alcohol and drug services**

Six of Scotland’s leading library service providers were shortlisted for the Scottish Library & Information Council (SLIC) Awards, with North Ayrshire Libraries (Kilwinning) ultimately winning the award in the SLIC Project Excellence category.

North Ayrshire Libraries were showcased for their pioneering work in supporting those recovering from problematic alcohol and drug use. It was hailed ‘as a bold project, co-designed with addiction specialists, to repurpose library spaces, upskill and train library staff and promote library services to new customers. It provides a safe, supported, non-clinical environment at the heart of the community for service users and their families who now benefit from the wide range of library services. North Ayrshire have taken on a complex challenge but delivered a thoughtful and person-centered service’.

### **Ward 5, Woodland View – volunteer support**

The Ward 5 staff team are delighted to have been nominated by one of the Ward 5 Volunteers for the ‘Compassion to Action Volunteer Awards – 2023’, an event being held at Fullarton Connexions, Irvine and supported by the Volunteer Manager, NHS A&A Patient Experience Team.

### **Ward 5, Woodland View – supporting staff development**

Anne Fisher, Ward Manager, has been asked to present at the Nursing & Midwifery and Allied Health Professionals Learning and Excellence Event in November 2023 to showcase measures and the staff support mechanisms that has enabled Ward 5 to evidence very high compliance with the Personal Development and Review support processes.

## Chief Executive and Board Chair diary key events

Chief Executive's Diary Key Events 5 December 2023 – 5 February 2023	
<b>December</b>	
7	North Ayrshire Community Planning Partnership Board
8	Meeting with Ayrshire Local Authority Chief Executives
8	West of Scotland Health and Social Care Delivery Programme Board
12/13	Board Chief Executives' meetings
<b>January</b>	
11	West of Scotland Chief Executives Meeting
12	Meeting with Ayrshire Local Authority Chief Executives
12	Meeting with Local MP
15	Healthcare Governance Committee
16/17	Board Chief Executives' meetings
18	Performance Governance Committee
19	Meeting with local MSPs
24	Audit and Risk Committee
29	Meeting with local MSP
<b>February</b>	
2	Meeting with local MSP
5	NHS Ayrshire & Arran Board meeting

Chair's Diary Key Events 5 December 2023 – 5 February 2023	
<b>December</b>	
7	North Ayrshire Community Planning Partnership Board
11	NHS Chairs' Meetings
18	NHS Chairs' Meetings
<b>January</b>	
15	Healthcare Governance Committee
18	Performance Governance Committee
18	West of Scotland Chairs Meeting
25	South Ayrshire Community Planning Partnership Board
29	NHS Chairs' Meetings
<b>February</b>	
5	NHS Ayrshire & Arran Board meeting



## Circulars from the Scottish Government Health & Social Care Directorates

Published since last Board briefing

Circulars	Lead Director(s)
<b>CDO(2023)03</b> Turas Programme for Dental Nurse Induction	Not yet issued
<b>CMO(2023)18</b> Report of the Transvaginal Mesh Care Record Review	Medical Director
<b>CMO(2023)19</b> Scottish Palliative Care Guidelines	Chief Executive
<b>DL(2023)18</b>	Not yet issued
<b>DL(2023)19</b>	Not yet issued
<b>DL(2023)20</b>	Not yet issued
<b>DL(2023)27</b> Forensic Mental Health Working Definition	Director of North Ayrshire Health and Social Care Partnership
<b>DL(2023)28</b> Interim National Menopause and Menstrual Health Policy for NHS Scotland	Director of Human Resources
<b>DL(2023)29</b> Volunteering -Out of Pocket Expenses Guidance	Nurse Director
<b>PCA(D)(2023)06</b> Amendment no.161 to the SDR – Determination 1 minor correction	Director of East Ayrshire Health and Social Care Partnership
<b>PCA(P)(2023)37</b> Extension to serious shortage protocol (SSP) issued for Estradot® (Estradiol Hemihydrate) 100 Microgram Patches	Director of Pharmacy
<b>PCA(P)(2023)38</b> Extension to serious shortage protocol (SSP) issued for Estradot® Jext® 300 Micrograms/0.3ML (1 in 100) Solution for injection auto-injector pen	Director of Pharmacy
<b>PCA(P)(2023)39</b> Community pharmacy Public Health Service poster campaigns update	Director of Pharmacy
<b>PCA(P)(2023)40</b> Extension to serious shortage protocol (SSP) issued for Estradot® (estradiol hemifydrate) 100 microgram patches	Director of Pharmacy
<b>PCA(P)(2023)41</b> Extension to serious shortage protocol (SSP) for Clarithromycin 125MG/5ML Oral Suspension	Director of Pharmacy
<b>PCS(AFC)(2023)05</b> Pay and conditions for AfC Staff transferring to Scotland from the rest of the UK, Channel Islands and Isle of Man	Director of Human Resources

## Consultations/Call for evidence or written submission

(In progress or published since last Board briefing)

<b>From</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Response due</b>
Scottish Government	Calls for views – Procurement Reform Act	03-10-23 No response NHS A&A
Scottish Government	National Island Plan Review Consultation	09 October 2023 No response NHS A&A
South Ayrshire	23/00706/App – Erection of 2 no dwellinghouses and garages – Land at Back Road Dailly	Responded
South Ayrshire	North Ayr Relocation of Early Learning Facility from Dalmling Primary School to Heathfield Primary School Consultation	25 October 2023 Responded
NHS Scotland	Call for evidence – NHS Scotland Medicines Homecare Review	30 October 2023 Responded
Scottish Government	Domestic Homicide Consultation	30 October 2023 Responded
Scottish Government	Quality Prescribing for Respiratory: a guide for improvement 2024-2027 Consultation	31 October 2023 Responded
Healthcare Improvement Scotland	Consultation – Kilmarnock Infinity Loop	10 November 2023 Responded
Strathclyde Partnership Transport	2023 Strathclyde Partnership Transport (STP) Active Travel Consultation	10 November 2023 Responded
Scottish Government	NHS Education for Scotland Learning and Education Strategy – Consultation Survey	14 November 2023
Scottish Government	Alcohol: Minimum Unit Pricing (MUP) Continuation and Future Pricing: Consultation	22 November 2023 Responded
Scottish Government	Palliative & end of life survey	01 December 2023 Responded
Scottish Government	For Awareness – UK wide Consultation – Creating a smokefree generation and tackling youth vaping	06 December 2023
Standards Commission Scotland	Standards Commission Consultation on Draft Strategic Plan 2024-28	15 December 2023
Scottish Government Health Care and Sports Committee	Abortion (Safe Access Zones) Bill - Consultation	20 December 2023
Scottish Government Health Care and Sports Committee	Post-legislative scrutiny of the Social Care (Self-directed Support) (Scotland) Act 2013 – Call for views	05 January 2024 No Board response required

### **2.3.1 Quality/patient care**

Good News Stories provide an opportunity for Members to be aware of a range of positive impacts on the quality of care and the services we provide for our patients and communities.

### **2.3.2 Workforce**

There is no impact on workforce from this briefing.

### **2.3.3 Financial**

There is no financial impact from this briefing.

### **2.3.4 Risk assessment/management**

This briefing document does not relate to any areas of risk.

### **2.3.5 Equality and diversity, including health inequalities**

This briefing document has no impact on equality and diversity. Where specific good news stories relate to service improvements Equality Impact Assessment would be carried out as necessary.

## **2.4 Recommendation**

Members are asked to receive the briefing for awareness.