

# NHS Ayrshire & Arran



<b>Meeting:</b>	<b>Ayrshire and Arran NHS Board</b>
<b>Meeting date:</b>	<b>Monday 5 February 2024</b>
<b>Title:</b>	<b>Audit and Risk Committee meeting on 24 January 2024 Chair's report to NHS Board</b>
<b>Responsible Director:</b>	<b>Derek Lindsay – Director of Finance</b>
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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 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

Key items agreed by Committee are noted below.

- The committee received the draft Internal Audit Plan for 2024/25. Some suggestions were made by members which will be put forward to the Corporate Management Team. Once the plan has been agreed by the Corporate Management Team it will be submitted to the Integrated Governance Committee

for comment before the final plan is presented to Audit and Risk Committee members in March and then to the NHS Board for final approval.

- Members reviewed the Internal Audit Progress report. Some delays have been reported in completion of two audits however the Internal Auditor is confident that all audits will be on track for the end of year opinion in May 2024.
- The committee considered the draft Terms of Reference for the Audit and Risk Committee. Some wording changes were suggested which will be amended before being submitted to the NHS Board for approval.
- The committee received the National Fraud Initiative Self-Assessment Checklist which was completed for submission on behalf of NHS Ayrshire & Arran. Overall there is good compliance with a few actions put in place to enhance our activity in this area. The checklist will be submitted every two years.

## **2.4 Recommendation**

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