NHS Ayrshire & Arran



Meeting: Ayrshire and Arran NHS Board

Meeting date: Monday 5 February 2024

Title: Performance Governance Committee meeting on

18 January 2024 - Chair's report to NHS Board

Responsible Director: Derek Lindsay, Director of Finance

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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. Identification of organisational risks, stakeholder considerations and other impacts were included in papers to the Committee.

 Members reviewed and scrutinised the performance report and specific plans in relation to improving performance against musculo-skeletal (MSK) targets.
Concerns were raised with regards to assurance and action planning in relation to areas of deteriorating performance and it was agreed that the "deep dive" at the next committee meeting should be on unscheduled care with a programme of future areas for 2024 to be proposed.

- The Financial Management Report to end November 2023 was received and the inclusion for the first time of 10 projects to address the main overspend areas within acute was highlighted.
- Concerns were also raised by the committee with regard to the level of assurance that can be given overall to financial and performance management however the Board receive both a Financial Management report and Performance report at each meeting. Action plans discussed should have more specific detail to support assurance for risk mitigation. This was agreed by members.

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.