

NHS Ayrshire & Arran



Meeting:	Ayrshire and Arran NHS Board
Meeting date:	Monday 31 March 2025
Title:	Integrated Governance Committee meeting on 10 February 2025 - Chair's report to NHS Board
Responsible Director:	Lesley Bowie, Board Chair
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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.

- Strategic Risk Register – Committee received an update on strategic risks assigned to Integrated Governance Committee on Items 669 “Sustainability through reform (Caring for Ayrshire)” and 821 “Patient Experience / Outcome -

Failure of Digital Services Across Ayrshire and Arran“. Item 669 had been reviewed since the last Integrated Governance Committee meeting on 7 November. Members raised no questions or concerns on either of the risk updates and confirmed they were assured by the mitigating actions being taken with no issues raised for escalation to the Board.

- Anchor/Community Wealth Building (CWB) – a comprehensive update was provided to the committee with progress as at November 2024. Committee noted the challenge of reduced funding and that CWB was now being managed within core teams. Members were encouraged by the progress being made and the inclusion of staff across elements of our community wealth building pillars, for example, cooking on a budget and e-bike loans for NHS staff.
- Corporate Parenting – the Committee welcomed a 6 month update on Corporate Parenting, following the presentation of the full yearly corporate parenting update to Committee on 25 July 2024. The report provide detail on activity across Ayrshire and included the NHS Ayrshire & Arran Corporate Parenting Promise Milestones and Measurables 2025 and the Corporate Parenting Promise Dynamic Action Plan 2024-27. Committee looked forward to the next update in 6 months.
- Annual Climate Emergency and Sustainability report 2023/24 – committee received the annual report which is required by Scottish Government and endorsed this for submission to the NHS Board for approval. This is an agenda item on the Board agenda.
- Digital strategy and reform – The Committee received a report which provided a 6-monthly update on the progress of the delivery of the Reform Plan. The discussions centred on progress to date and recognised the challenges faced locally and nationally for some of the key areas. It was agreed that the report would be developed to provide more detail on key areas of progress for a future meeting.

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.