

# NHS Ayrshire & Arran



<b>Meeting:</b>	<b>Ayrshire and Arran NHS Board</b>
<b>Meeting date:</b>	<b>Monday 2 June 2025</b>
<b>Title:</b>	<b>Integrated Governance Committee meeting on 20 May 2025 - Chair's report to NHS Board</b>
<b>Responsible Director:</b>	<b>Lesley Bowie, Board Chair</b>
<b>Report Author:</b>	<b>Mrs Shona McCulloch, Head of Corporate Governance</b>

## 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 821 had been reviewed since the last Integrated Governance Committee meeting on 10 February. Committee were satisfied with the progress and were assured by the mitigating actions being taken. Committee discussion moved on to Digital reform and the impact on this risk in regard to future funding required to ensure delivery of national initiatives. Ms Burden, Ms Graham and Mrs Bowie will discuss this in more detail outside the meeting.

- Committee Annual Assurance Report 2024-2025. Members approved the annual report for the Integrated Governance Committee 2024-2025 for onward submission to the NHS Board.
- Internal audit review on business continuity planning. This audit was favourable and classed as minor improvement required with four recommendations. Recommendation one and three would be addressed by the development of annual assurance statement for directors to complete. Committee agreed to extend the deadline for this work to 31 March 2026. The committee were assured by the progress being made and acknowledged the good internal audit outcome.
- Climate emergency and sustainability update. Members discussed the report and were assured of the good progress reported on meeting key indicators on delivery of the 2021-32 Sustainability Strategy.

## **2.4 Recommendation**

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