

# 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>Audit and Risk Committee meeting on 15 May 2025 – 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 discussed/agreed by Committee are noted below.

#### Internal Audit

- The Internal Audit Progress report and Management Action Follow-up reports were discussed. Committee noted that one final audit for 2024/25 has been slightly delayed but will report in June together with the Annual Audit Opinion. Excellent progress has been made in addressing aged actions.

- Members received one Internal Audit Report on Promoting Attendance (graded Substantial Improvement Required (Amber)). The report was discussed by the Committee who were assured that the actions have been fully agreed and will be submitted to the Staff Governance Committee to monitor implementation

#### National Finance System

- The Annual Service Audit Report by BDO on the National Finance System which is managed by NHS AA for all Boards in Scotland received a clean audit with no exceptions. This was approved for submission to all NHS Scotland Boards.

#### Best Value

- The committee received an update on progress against the Best Value actions and were given assurance of the processes being embedded to ensure actions are completed. A workshop will be arranged to develop this further.

#### Corporate Governance Blueprint Improvement Plan Update

- Members received an update on the progress of the actions from the Blueprint for Good Governance. Assurance was provided that robust processes have been developed to ensure improvements are in place.

#### Draft Narrative for the Annual Report and Accounts

- The committee welcomed the newly revised draft narrative for the annual report and accounts. The content and structure were discussed and some suggestions were made to streamline the report further.

## **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.