

# NHS Ayrshire & Arran



<b>Meeting:</b>	<b>Ayrshire and Arran NHS Board</b>
<b>Meeting date:</b>	<b>Monday 11 August 2025</b>
<b>Title:</b>	<b>Healthcare Governance Committee meeting on 4 August 2025 – Chair's report to NHS Board</b>
<b>Responsible Director:</b>	<b>Ms Jennifer Wilson, Nurse Director</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. Identification of organisational risks, stakeholder considerations and other impacts were included in papers to the Committee.

- **Annual Reports** – Committee members received a suite of annual assurance reports. In line with the approach adopted last year, PowerPoint presentations were provided alongside annual reports to highlight key messages, successes, challenges and next steps. Committee members welcomed the detail within the reports and highlighted the easy read format particularly of the Public Protection Annual Report. The committee also wanted to highlight and commend the 183% increase in commercial income to the research activity for 2024-2025 which was substantially above the 15% target which was highlighted in the Research, Development and Innovation Annual Report. The presentations are available on the Committee's MS Teams meeting site and all Board Members are encouraged to read these.
- **Complaint and Feedback Annual Report** – Committee members endorsed the Complaint and Feedback Annual Report for 2024/25 for onward submission to the August NHS Board meeting and submission to Scottish Government.
- **Duty of Candour Annual Report** – Committee members approved the Duty of Candour Annual Report for submission to Scottish Government and publication on the NHS Ayrshire & Arran Website.
- **Healthcare Associated Infection (HAI) report** – Committee members noted current performance against the national HAI Standards for infection reductions in Clostridioides difficile infection (CDI), Staphylococcus aureus bacteraemia (SAB) and Escherichia coli bacteraemia (ECB), as well as incidents and outbreaks dealt with up to June 2025 and learning and action being taken.
- **Quality and Safety report – Learning Disability Ward 7A** - Committee members noted the assurance update and that planned discharge of patients in Ward 7A was supported through robust and appropriate risk assessment and governance to ensure safe care for this patient group. It was agreed that in the next six months, an updated paper will be presented to the committee with assurance around next steps in relation to learning disability assessment process.
- **Integrated Health and Care Governance Framework biannual review** – Committee members endorsed the revised framework, for submission to the October Board meeting as part of the Code of Corporate Governance. A review will be undertaken of the governance reporting into Healthcare Governance Committee from the partnerships.

## 2.4 Recommendation

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