

NHS Ayrshire & Arran



Meeting:	Ayrshire and Arran NHS Board
Meeting date:	Monday 6 October 2025
Title:	NHS Ayrshire & Arran Board meetings 2026-2027
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1. Purpose

This is presented to the Board for:

- Decision

This paper relates to:

- Government policy/directive

This aligns to the NHSScotland quality ambitions of:

- Effective

2. Report summary

2.1 Situation

This paper is presented for Members to approve the NHS Ayrshire & Arran Board meeting dates for the next financial year 2026 to 2027.

2.2 Background

NHS Ayrshire & Arran Board meeting dates are published annually a year ahead. This aids planning and arrangements for governance committee meetings. The Board Standing Orders section 4.1 details that the NHS Board approves the Board meeting schedule.

2.3 Assessment

Board meetings take place every two months with six meetings in public and a private meeting agreed in advance to consider and approve the Board's annual accounts. In line with Board Standing Orders the annual accounts meeting is held in private.

A board meeting calendar with deadlines for submission of papers and publication dates will be issued to Corporate Management Team.

Future meetings will continue with a hybrid approach affording the opportunity for a blend of in person and remote attendance via MSTeams. A review is ongoing to identify suitable venues for full in person meetings during the year.

Planning for Governance Committee meetings is underway. This will take cognisance of the Ayrshire IJB arrangements and reporting requirements to deliver a robust governance schedule in line with risk management and performance reporting timescales. This will also take account of Members' committee responsibilities to deliver a balanced meeting workload wherever possible. These arrangements will inform the Corporate Calendar which will be submitted to a future Board meeting.

Dates proposed for 2026 - 2027: 9.30am – 1pm

Monday 9 February 2026	Already agreed and published
Tuesday 7 April 2026 *	Already agreed and published *Monday 6 April Easter Monday
Monday 8 June 2026	
Tuesday 30 June 2026 (1100-1230)	Private meeting for Annual Accounts
Monday 10 August 2026	
Monday 12 October 2026	
Monday 14 December 2026	
Monday 8 February 2027	
Monday 12 April 2027	

2.3.1 Quality/patient care

Ensuring an effective governance process and meeting schedule supports the delivery of patient care and services.

2.3.2 Workforce

There is no impact on workforce from this paper.

2.3.3 Financial

There is no financial impact from this paper.

2.3.4 Risk assessment/management

The risks from meeting clashes are considered to avoid national meetings where possible. Agreeing a meeting schedule ensures compliance with the agreed NHS Board Standing Orders.

2.3.5 Equality and diversity, including health inequalities

An impact assessment has not been completed. This will be considered as required if assessing a change to meeting arrangements for both Members and public attendance.

2.3.6 Other impacts

- Best value – a robust planning and scheduling process delivers best value in effective partnerships, governance and accountability, use of resource and performance management.
- Compliance with Corporate Objectives – Effective committees support delivery of Corporate objectives

2.3.7 Communication, involvement, engagement and consultation

There is no duty on the board to consult on the recommendations.

2.3.8 Route to the meeting

Dates have been discussed and supported by the Board Chair.

2.4 Recommendation

For decision. To ask Board Members to approve the NHS Ayrshire & Arran Board meeting schedule from June 2026 to April 2027.