

# NHS Ayrshire & Arran



<b>Meeting:</b>	<b>Ayrshire and Arran NHS Board</b>
<b>Meeting date:</b>	<b>Monday 6 October 2025</b>
<b>Title:</b>	<b>Audit and Risk Committee meeting on 18 September 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 agreed by Committee are noted below.

- A presentation was received from Gordon Young, Head of Counter Fraud Services (CFS) on their work during the year 2024/25. NHS AA is well engaged in this activity and is progressing well with meeting the Counter Fraud Standards. The regular Counter Fraud update from our Fraud Liaison Officer was also presented.

- Members received the Internal Audit Progress Update, Follow-up Actions Report and the completed Internal Audit report – Property Transaction Monitoring (Rated – Green-Effective). Detailed Management Actions were received for Patient Flow Management Audit which had been presented to the Committee on 24 June. Committee were comfortable with actions and the report will be forwarded to the Performance Governance Committee for monitoring of actions for completion.
- An update on progress with addressing the External Audit recommendations was received showing steady progress is being made.
- Following discussion a recommendation is being made to the Board to extend the contract of Azets, the Board Internal Auditor, for a period of one year which is within the scope of the contract.

## **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.