

NHS Ayrshire & Arran



Meeting: Ayrshire and Arran NHS Board

Meeting date: Monday 08 June 2026

Title: Information Governance Committee meeting on 18 May 2026 – Chair’s report to NHS Board

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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 issues 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.

- Committee members reviewed the Information Governance Committee (IGC) Action Log. In relation to the Public Records Scotland Act, a Champion has now been identified in East Ayrshire Health and Social Care Partnership. The Corporate Records Directorate Improvement Plan has now been finalised. Quarter 3 will be their first reporting period, and the status will remain “in progress” until the first submission of the plan is received.
- The Committee received a comprehensive Cyber Security report. It was noted that the Scottish Government NIS Audit achieved a score of 99%, placing the Board among the highest-performing nationally. This marks the conclusion of reporting under the NIS framework, ahead of the transition to the NCSC Cyber Assessment Framework (CAF).
- Members were updated on compliance levels for the new Once for Scotland Cyber Security national training module. The module was introduced in March 2026 and currently has a compliance rate of 53%. This reflects the transition to the new module, which must now be completed annually rather than every two years. Although the current compliance remains an area of concern, it is expected to improve over the coming months, with all staff required to complete the module by March 2027.
- The Committee was updated on a recent supply chain cyber incident involving Stryker. The attack, which occurred in March, caused significant disruption to the company, however, there was no direct impact on NHSA&A. Appropriate precautionary measures were implemented.
- Members were advised of a serious data breach involving an NHS staff member within NHSA&A who had unauthorised access to 168 patient records without a legitimate reason. The staff member no longer works within NHSA&A.

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.