

NHS Ayrshire & Arran



Meeting:	Ayrshire and Arran NHS Board
Meeting date:	Monday 12 October 2026
Title:	NHS Ayrshire & Arran Board meetings 2027-2028
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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

This supports the following Corporate Objectives:

- **Better Value** – Delivering innovative and sustainable services for everyone
Supporting effective governance, accountability and strategic decision-making through the planned scheduling of Board business.

2. Report summary

2.1 Situation

This paper is presented for Members to approve the NHS Ayrshire & Arran Board meeting and workshop/seminar dates for the next financial year 2027 to 2028.

2.2 Background

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

2.3 Assessment

In response to feedback on forward planning, the proposed schedule includes Board workshop/seminar dates alongside formal Board meetings to provide Members with greater visibility of key discussion and development sessions throughout the year.

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 calendar, including deadlines for paper submission and publication dates, will be issued to the Corporate Management Team.

NHS Board meetings and workshops will be held in person. 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. These arrangements will inform the Corporate Calendar which will be submitted to a future Board meeting.

Board meeting dates proposed for 2027 - 2028: 9.30am – 1pm

Monday 8 February 2027	Already agreed and published
Monday 12 April 2027	Already agreed and published
Monday 14 June 2027	
Tuesday 29 June 2027, 11am	Annual accounts – Private meeting
Monday 9 August 2027	
Monday 11 October 2027	
Monday 13 December 2027	
Monday 14 February 2028	
Monday 10 April 2028	

Board Workshop/seminar dates proposed for 2027 - 2028: 9.30am – 12.30pm

Tuesday 26 January 2027	Budget setting 2027-28
Tuesday 23 March 2027	Budget setting 2027-28
Monday 10 May 2027	
Monday 12 July 2027	
Monday 13 September 2027	
Monday 8 November 2027	
Tuesday 25 January 2028	Budget setting 2028-29
Tuesday 28 March 2028	Budget setting 2028-29

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

Potential clashes with national and partner organisation meetings have been considered where possible when developing the proposed schedule. 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 Best Value

This paper supports Best Value across the following themes.

- **Governance and accountability** by ensuring the Board has an agreed schedule of meetings to discharge its statutory and governance responsibilities.
- **Use of resources** through effective planning and coordination of Board business, supporting efficient use of Member and officer time and reducing the risk of conflicting commitments.
- **Performance management** by providing a structured framework for the regular review of organisational performance, quality, risk and financial performance.

2.3.7 Other impacts

No other relevant impacts

2.3.8 Communication, involvement, engagement and consultation

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

2.3.9 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 and Board workshop/seminar schedule for the period May 2027 to April 2028.