

NHS Ayrshire & Arran



Meeting:	Ayrshire and Arran NHS Board
Meeting date:	Monday 12 October 2026
Title:	Information Governance Committee meeting on 25 August 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.

This supports the following Corporate Objectives:

- **Better Value** – Delivering innovative and sustainable services for everyone – oversight of information governance, risk, audit and cyber resilience
- **Better Workplace** – Creating a great place for us to work – strengthening accountability, compliance and good governance culture
- **Better Care** – Improving your experience of care – ensuring safe, effective management and use of patient and service information

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 noted the current Cyber Security position has improved in relation to MAST training. Compliance decreased earlier in the year following the introduction of the new Once for Scotland module in March 2026. Completion rates are gradually improving as more staff undertake the training and currently stand at 73%.
- Members were updated on the Cyber Security Risks, which continue to show improvement. Work is ongoing to contact suppliers and reduce cyber risks within supply chains as part of the Scottish Government system Scottish Health Competent Authority Cyber Resilience Assurance Approach Review. This work is supported by the use of Panorays to review supplier assurance.
- Members were advised that overall Freedom of Information request numbers are decreasing although requests are more complex. Continued focus is required, as companies now represent the highest source of requests, rather than MSPs.
- Members noted that the new Risk Management dashboard provides a helpful tool to support oversight and discussion.

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.