



REPORT TO: HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE INTEGRATION JOINT BOARD -
27TH OCTOBER 2020

REPORT ON: PERFORMANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE CHAIR'S ASSURANCE
REPORT

REPORT BY: CHAIR, PERFORMANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE

REPORT NO: DIJB44-2020

This assurance report relates to the meeting of the Performance and Audit Committee of the 22 September 2020.

Instructions Issued by the Committee

The committee issued the following instructions and made the following decisions in relation to the business laid before it:

- Item XII – in relation to the risk management update, instructed the Chief Finance Officer to provide a further update on the action plan in early 2021.
- Item XIII – in relation to the effectiveness of strategic planning in Perth and Kinross, instructed the Chief Finance Officer to present a single improvement plan to collate a range of similar self-assessments made.
- Item XIV – instructed the Unscheduled Care Board to consider the contents of the report Impact of Repeat Elective Activity on Readmission Rates.
- Item XIX - instructed the Chief Finance Officer to report progress in delivering the actions in response to the recommendations of the Internal Audit Report, Information Technology as Enablers.
- Item XX - instructed the Chief Finance Officer to report progress in delivering the actions in response to the recommendations of the Internal Audit Report, Governance Mapping.
- Item XXII – approved the external auditors annual external audit plan 2019/20.

Issues to highlight to the Board

- Given this was the first meeting of the PAC since November 2019, there were a considerable amount of reports to consider which would have ordinarily been presented at an earlier stage.
- A range of standard performance reports were presented with the focus on the most recent performance information but previous information available for PAC members to review. Some questions and suggestions were made as to the range and format of information provided which were to be followed up with individual committee members outwith the meeting.
- One area of performance which the committee has taken particular interest in for some time relates to the high readmission rates within the Tayside area. A report was presented which concludes that the methodology of recording re-admissions in Tayside hospitals varies from the rest of the country. This recording indicates Tayside is performing poorly when in fact adjusting for these changes notes the area performs at a similar level to the rest of Scotland. Officers were asked to write to the Scottish Government to highlight these issues.
- Assurance was provided to the committee in relation to clinical care and professional governance through the presentation of the group's annual report and the regular assurance report.
- As highlighted to the IJB in August within the Internal Auditors Annual Report, the lack of progress with some areas of the governance action plan was discussed with a report to be presented to the IJB in October to escalate some of the concerns raised around this.
- The committee received two internal audit reports, the outcome of which gave the committee some concern although recognised the recommendations provide an opportunity to take forward a number of key developments with the partner bodies. These related to information governance and technology as enablers and governance mapping with both highlighting significant areas for improvement.

- The IJB's External Auditor presented a paper outlining the 2019/20 external audit plan reflecting their approach to auditing the 2019/20 annual report and accounts.
- A best value assessment was presented and noted by the committee which further strengthened the IJB's governance arrangements and was an outstanding action on the governance action plan.

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Chair

2nd October 2020