NHS Highland



SUMMARY REPORT OF GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

| Name of Committee | Clinical Governance Committee |
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| Date of Meeting | 6 November 2025 |
| Committee Chair | Karen Leach |

KEY POINTS FROM DISCUSSION AND ESCALATION

ALERT

• No matters were highlighted in discussion.

ASSURE

- Care Inspections Regulation Update Moderate
- Dentistry State of Play and Impact on Acute Services Limited.
- **North Highland NDAS Service Update** Limited, noting whole system transformation approach.
- North Highland CAMHS Update Limited, noting progress being made.
- Patient Experience and Feedback Moderate.
- Clinical Governance Quality and Performance Data Moderate.
- Argyll and Bute Update Moderate.
- **ICYPCGG** Moderate, noted becoming more productive using collective approach to support & improve.
- Infection Prevention and Control varying levels of assurance outlined taken.
- Annual Screening Programmes Update Moderate.
- Clinical Advisory Group 2024/25 Assurance Reporting Substantial.

ADVISE

- Clinical and Care Governance Quality Leadership Group Noted as being established, to meet ahead of Committee from March 2026. Associate Director of Quality and Governance appointed.
- **Vascular Services Update** Noted emergency and elective cover arrangements agreed and established.
- Maternity/Midwifery & Neonatal Services Noted creation of Scottish Maternity
 & Neonatal Taskforce. Awaiting further detail.
- **Patient Experience and Feedback** Advised as to the options to replace Care Opinion being considered.
- Organ and Tissue Donation Committee 6 Monthly Update Noted report detail.
- Realistic Medicine Annual Update Noted report detail.

RISKS

No risks highlighted. Suggested as topic for future Development Session.

ACTIONS

- Audiology Services Update Deferred.
- Update on Dentistry State of Play and Impact on Acute Services Agreed further update be brought to May 2025 meeting, including Public Health aspects, equality of access and oral health.
- Maternity/Midwifery Services Agreed report be brought back to next meeting.
- Clinical Governance Quality and Performance Data Agreed Development Session on issues discussed be considered for 2026.
- **Highland HSCP Update –** Deferred in absence of update.
- Acute Update Deferred in absence of update.
- Annual Delivery Plan 2025/26 Update Deferred.
- Women's Services 6 Monthly Update Agreed be referred to relevant local Operational Group prior to formal reporting at this Committee.
- Duty of Candour Annual Report Deferred.
- Realistic Medicine Annual Update Agreed annual report be received at May 2026, with relevant Lead Officer to present.
- Organ and Tissue Donation Committee Agreed annual report be received at May 2026, with relevant Lead Officer to present

LEARNING

- Receipt of Committee Papers Again highlighted need for Committee reports to be submitted timeously. Noted that the introduction of the new level of assurance with the Professional Leads Group will provide some mitigation. Assurance will be sought around system processes to provide further clarification and timelines.
- Annual Report Agreed relevant Officers should be in attendance to present.
- **Development session** To include review of CGC activity in relation to papers and scrutiny, Quality Management System and risk.