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NHS HIGHLAND
CLINICAL GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

6 November 2025 at 9.00am
Virtual Meeting Format (Microsoft Teams)

- **All cameras should be turned on**
- **Use raise hand facility to discuss items – do not use MS Teams chat**

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AGENDA

Time	1.	Standing Items	
09.00-09.05	1.1	**Welcome and Apologies**	
	1.2	**Declarations of Interest** Members are asked to consider whether they have an interest to declare in relation to any item on the agenda for this meeting. Any Member making a declaration of interest should indicate whether it is financial or non-financial and include some information on its nature. Advice may be sought from the Board Secretary's Office prior to the meeting taking place.	
	1.3	**Minute of Previous meeting Thursday, 4 September 2025, Rolling Action Plan and Committee Workplan 2025/2026 (attached)** The Committee is asked to **Approve** the Minute of the meeting of 3 July 2025, **Consider** actions arising therefrom and **Note** the updated rolling action plan and Committee Work Plan.	PP.1-15
09.05-09.20	1.4	**Matters Arising**	
	2.	**Service Updates**	
09.20-9.45	2.1	**Care Inspections Regulation Update** **Report by Louise Bussell, Board Nurse Director (attached)** The Committee is asked to **Consider** the report content and take **Moderate** assurance that both governance is in place and being further developed to ensure preparedness for inspections and to oversee care inspection regulation, and that improvement work is underway or completed in each area in line with improvement plans in response to regulatory inspections.	PP.16-23
	2.2	**Audiology Services Six Month Update**	To Follow
	2.3	**Update on Dentistry State of Play and Impact on Acute Services** **Report by John Lyon, Director of Dentistry (attached)** The Committee is asked to **Consider** the report content and take **Limited** assurance.	PP.24-28
	2.4	**North Highland NDAS Service Update** **Report by Katherine Sutton, Chief Officer (Acute) (attached)** The Committee is asked to **Note** the report content and take **Limited** assurance.	PP.29-34

	2.5	**North Highland CAMHS Update** **Report by Katherine Sutton, Chief Officer (Acute) (attached)** The Committee is asked to **Note** the report content and take **Moderate** assurance.	PP.35-39
	3.	**Emerging Issues/Executive and Professional Leads Reports by Exception**	
9.45-10.00		Officers are requested to consider any matters requiring to be brought to the attention of Committee members or to be escalated from this Committee to NHS Board level.	
	4.	**Patient Experience and Feedback – Complaints and Compliments Case Studies**	
10.00-10.10		**Report by Mirian Morrison on behalf of Boyd Peters, Board Medical Director (attached)** The Committee is asked to **Consider** the report content and take **Moderate** assurance.	PP.40-49
	5.	**Clinical Governance Quality and Performance Data**	
10.10-10.25		**Report by Mirian Morrison on behalf of Boyd Peters, Board Medical Director (attached)** The Committee is asked to **Consider** the report content and take **Moderate** assurance.	PP.50-61
	6.	**Operational Unit Reports by Exception and Emerging Issues with Minutes from Patient Quality and Safety Groups/Argyll and Bute Clinical and Care Governance Group**	
10.25-10.55	6.1	**Argyll and Bute HSCP** **Report by Evan Beswick, Chief Officer (attached)** The Committee is asked to **Consider** the report content and take **Moderate** assurance.	PP.62-76
	6.2	**Highland Health and Social Care Partnership** **Report by Claire Copeland on behalf of Arlene Johnstone, Chief Officer (HSCP)(attached)**	To Follow
	6.3	**Acute Services** **Report by Evelyn Gray and Elaine Henry on behalf of Katherine Sutton, Chief Officer Acute Services (attached)**	To Follow
	6.4	**Infants, Children and Young People's Clinical Governance Group** **Report by Dr Stephanie Govenden on behalf of Louise Bussell, Board Nurse Director (attached)** The Committee is asked to **Consider** the report content and take **Moderate** assurance.	PP.146-154
		Comfort Break – 15 minutes	
	7.	**Infection Prevention and Control**	
10.55-11.10	7.1	**Infection Prevention and Control Report and Annual Work Plan 2025/26 Six Month Update** **Report by Catherine Stokoe, Infection Control Manager on behalf of Louise Bussell, Board Nurse Director (attached)** The Committee is asked to **Consider** the report content and work plan update, and further **Consider** the associated levels of assurance proposed.	PP.77-104

	8.	**Annual Delivery Plan 2025/26 Update**	
11.10-11.25		**Report by Bryan McKellar on behalf of Kristin Gillies, Interim Head of Strategy and Transformation (attached)** The Committee is asked to	To Follow
	9.	**Public Health**	
	9.1	**Annual Screening Programmes Update** **Report by Dr Jennifer Davies, Director of Public (attached)** The Committee is asked to **Consider** the report content and take **Moderate** assurance.	PP.105-127
	10.	**Six Monthly Updates by Exception and Annual Reports**	
11.25-11.45	10.1	**Women's Services - 6 Monthly Update** **Report by Isla Barton, Director of Midwifery (attached)** The Committee is asked to **Consider** the report content and levels of assurance being proposed.	PP.155-170
	10.2	**Organ and Tissue Donation Committee – 6 Monthly Update** **Report by John Rae, Consultant Anaesthetist (attached)** The Committee is asked to **Note** the report content.	PP.128-131
	10.3	**Duty of Candour Annual Report** **Report by Ali Felce**	To Follow
	10.4	**Realistic Medicine Annual Update** **Report by Lorien Cameron-Ross on behalf of Dr B Peters, Board Medical Director (attached)** The Committee is asked to **Consider** the circulated report and take **Substantial** assurance.	PP.132-138
	10.5	**Clinical Advisory Group – 2024/25 Assurance Reporting** **Report by Paul Nairn, Regional Planning Manager on behalf of Dr B Peters, Board Medical Director (attached)** The Committee is asked to **Note** the report content and take **Substantial** assurance.	PP.139-145
	11.	**NHSH Risk Register Update**	
11.45-11.50		**Update by Dr Boyd Peters, Board Medical Director**	
11.50-11.55	**12.**	**Calendar of Meeting Dates 2025/26, 2026/27 and Date of Next Meeting**	
		15 January 2026 – Next Meeting 5 March 2026 7 May 2026 2 July 2026 3 September 2026 5 November 2026 14 January 2027 4 March 2027	
11.55	**13.**	**Reporting to the NHS Board**	

		The Committee is asked to **Consider** and **Identify** any matters requiring escalation to the NHS Board for consideration.	
	14.	**Any Other Competent Business**	
12.00		**Close of meeting**	

	Clinical Governance Committee Membership	
Non-Executive Members (4x)	Chair	Karen Leach
	Member	Alasdair Christie
	Member	Joanne McCoy (Vice Chair)
	Member	Muriel Cockburn
Area Clinical Forum Chair	Member	Catriona Sinclair
Staffside Representative	Member	Dawn MacDonald
Independent Public Members (2x)	Member	Liz Henderson
	Member	Seamus McMillan
Board Medical Director	Member/Lead Officer	Boyd Peters
Director of Public Health	Member	Jennifer Davies
Board Nurse Director	Member	Louise Bussell
Ex Officio	Board Chair	Sarah Compton-Bishop
	Board Chief Executive	Fiona Davies
In attendance (Routinely Invited)	Deputy Medical Directors	C Copeland (Community) Elaine Henry (Acute)
	Chief Officer (North)/Director of Community Services	Arlene Johnstone
	Chief Officer (Argyll and Bute)	Evan Beswick
	Chief Officer (Acute)	Katherine Sutton
	Clinical Director of eHealth/Head of eHealth (Substitute)	Iain Ross
	Director of Pharmacy	Sarah Buchan
	Board Clinical Governance Manager	Mirian Morrison
	Clinical Governance Manager (Argyll and Bute)	Leah Smith
	Contracted Services Representative (Highland Council) (Head of Service)	Jane Park
	Director (Allied Health Professionals)	Jo McBain
	Deputy Nurse Director	Kate Patience-Quate
	Associate Nurse Directors	Carol Spratt (MH & LD)
	Director of Midwifery	Isla Barton
	Director of Adult Social Care	Simon Steer
	Consultant Community Paediatrician	Stephanie Govenden