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CLINICAL GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

Thursday 7 May 2026 at 9.00am
Virtual Meeting Format (Microsoft Teams)

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

AGENDA

Time	1.	Standing Items	
09.00	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 Friday, 6 March 2026, Rolling Action Plan and Committee Workplan 2026/2027** The Committee is asked to **Approve** the Minute of the meeting of 6 March 2026, **Consider** actions arising therefrom and **Note** the updated rolling action plan. Action Plan: Infants, Children & Young Peoples Clinical Gov. Group – agree a report on implementing structural change across NHSH in relation to wider governance arrangements. The work is closer to completion, and a substantive update will be provided the next meeting on 7 May 2026. Argyll & Bute Update – noted improvement update relating to child protection nurse resourcing to be provided in next report. It was agreed that the paper should first be reviewed through local Argyll & Bute governance structures before being presented to the Clinical Governance Committee at the next meeting on 7 May 2026.	PP.1-13
09.05	1.4	**Matters Arising**	
	2.	**Service Updates / Escalated Services**	
09.20	2.1	**CAMHS / PT Update** Report by Heather Richardson on behalf of Katherine Sutton, Chief Officer, Acute The Committee is asked to **Consider** the report content and take **Moderate** assurance.	PP.14-40
	2.2	**Cancer Services – SACT** Report by Boyd Peters	Item Deferred
	2.3	**Healthcare Improvement Scotland (HIS) - Clinical Governance Standards** Report by Mirian Morrison on behalf of Boyd Peters, Board Medical Director The Committee is asked to **Note** the report content and take **Moderate** assurance.	PP.41-59

	2.4	**Psychological Therapy Update** Report by Allyson Turnbull-Jukes on behalf of Louise Bussell The Committee is asked to **Note** the report and take **Substantial** assurance.	PP.60-63
	3.	**Emerging Issues/Executive and Professional Leads Reports by Exception**	
09.45		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		Report by Mirian Morrison on behalf of Boyd Peters, Board Medical Director The Committee is asked to **Note** the report content and take **Moderate** assurance.	PP.64-74
	5.	**Clinical Governance Quality and Performance Data**	
10.10		Report by Mirian Morrison on behalf of Boyd Peters, Board Medical Director The Committee is asked to **Note** the report content and take **Moderate** assurance.	PP.75-86
	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	6.1	**Argyll and Bute HSCP** Report by Evan Beswick, Chief Officer The Committee is asked to **Consider** the report content and associated levels of assurance being proposed.	PP.87-113
	6.2	**Highland Health and Social Care Partnership** Report by Claire Copeland on behalf of Arlene Johnstone, Chief Officer (HSCP) The Committee is asked to **Note** the report content and take **Moderate** assurance.	PP.114-124
	6.3	**Acute Services** Report by Evelyn Gray and Elaine Henry on behalf of Katherine Sutton, Chief Officer Acute Services The Committee is asked to **Note** the report content and take **Moderate** assurance.	PP.125-160
	6.4	**Infants, Children and Young People's Clinical Governance Group** Report by Dr Stephanie Govenden on behalf of Louise Bussell, Board Nurse Director The Committee is asked to **Note** the report content and take **Moderate** assurance.	PP.161-172
10.55		**Comfort Break – 15 minutes**	
	7.	**Infection Prevention and Control**	
11.10	7.1	**Infection Prevention and Control Report Update** Report by Catherine Stokoe, Infection Control Manager on behalf of Louise Bussell, Board Nurse Director The Committee is asked to **Consider** the report content and associated levels of assurance being proposed.	PP.173-205
	8.	**Operational Improvement Plan Update**	
11.20		Report by Bryan McKellar on behalf of David Park, Deputy Chief Executive The Committee is asked to **Note** the report content and take **Moderate** assurance.	PP.206-217

	9.	**Six Monthly Updates by Exception and Annual Reports**	
11.35	9.1	**Women's Services (Maternity, Neonates and Gynaecology) Updates** Report by Isla Barton on behalf of Katherine Sutton/Evan Beswick, Chief Officers The Committee is asked to **Consider** the report content and associated levels of assurance being proposed.	PP.218-257
	9.2	**Organ & Tissue Donation Committee Update** Report by John Rae on behalf of Boyd Peters, Medical Director Members are asked to **Note** formal consideration of this report has been deferred to the next meeting.	PP.258-263
	10.	**Committee Administration**	
	11.	**Calendar of Meeting Dates 2025/26, 2026/27 and Date of Next Meeting**	
11.45		2 July 2026 – next meeting 3 September 2026 5 November 2026 14 January 2027 4 March 2027	
11.55	**12.**	**Reporting to the NHS Board**	
		The Committee is asked to **Consider** and **Identify** any matters requiring escalation to the NHS Board for consideration.	
	13.	**Any Other Competent Business**	
12.00		**Close of meeting**	

	Clinical Governance Committee Membership	
Non-Executive Members (4x)	Chair	Karen Leach
	Member	Graham Illsley
	Member	Joanne McCoy (Vice Chair)
	Member	Muriel Cockburn
Area Clinical Forum Chair	Member	Allyson Turnbull-Jukes
Staffside Representative	Member	Gavin Smith
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	Claire Copeland (Community) Elaine Henry (Acute) Rebecca Helliwell (A&B)
	Chief Officer (HHSCP)	Arlene Johnstone
	Chief Officer (Argyll & Bute)	Evan Beswick
	Chief Officer (Acute)	Katherine Sutton
	Head of eHealth	Iain Ross
	Director of Pharmacy	Sarah Buchan
	Head of Operations	Heather Richardson
	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) Evelyn Gray (Acute)
	Director of Midwifery	Isla Barton
	Director of Adult Social Care	Vacant – Ruth MacDonald
	Consultant Community Paediatrician	Stephanie Govenden
	Associate Director of Quality and Clinical Governance	Laura Neil
	Head of Corporate Governance	Dominic Watson
	Deputy Head of Corporate Governance	Nathan Ware