

SUMMARY REPORT OF GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

Name of Committee	Clinical Governance Committee
Date of Meeting	7 May 2026
Committee Chair	Joanne McCoy

KEY POINTS FROM DISCUSSION AND ESCALATION

ALERT

- No matters were highlighted in discussion.

ASSURE

- **Patient experience and feedback** – moderate
- **Infection Prevention and Control** – varying levels of assurance
- **Highland Health and Social Care Partnership Update** – moderate
- **Women’s Services (Maternity, Neonates and Gynaecology) Updates** – moderate

ADVISE

- **CAMHS / PT Update** – Moderate, noting improved RTT performance with strong oversight, but recognising ongoing risks relating to workforce fragility, system pressures, inpatient bed availability and uncertainty following the decommissioning of preventative elements of the Care Experienced Young People service.
- **Healthcare Improvement Scotland (HIS) - Clinical Governance Standards** – Moderate, reflecting that self-assessment has commenced, with further work required to complete assessment and identify gaps and improvement actions across the organisation. A further progress report expected in due course.
- **Psychological Therapy Update** - Substantial highlighting strong overall performance, with workforce risks mitigated through recruitment, leadership and strengthened governance.
- **Clinical Governance and Performance Data** – Moderate, acknowledging areas of improvement, ongoing monitoring arrangements, and planned actions to address identified risks and enhance assurance.
- **Argyll and Bute Update** – the Committee welcomed the approach of splitting assurance ratings by service area. Assurance levels were agreed as follows: Quality and Patient Care: Moderate, Primary Care: Moderate, Children, Families and Justice: Limited, reflecting community paediatric pressures, Acute and Complex Care: Moderate and Rural General Hospital (Lorn & Islands): Moderate.
- **Acute Services Update** – moderate, noting ongoing service pressures, mitigations in place (including IMTs and mutual aid), and the request to improve clarity by splitting assurance where specific areas carry limited assurance in future reports.
- **ICYP CGG** – moderate, while recognising ongoing risks associated with digital system implementation and workforce pressures within children’s services.

- **Operational Improvement Plan Update** – Moderate, noting the progress against deliverables, recognition of ongoing risks (including delayed cancer waiting times and the community glaucoma service), and confirmation that mitigation plans and oversight arrangements are in place.

RISKS

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ACTIONS

- **Cancer Services – SACT** – the report was deferred, with Acute Services confirming responsibility for SACT, ongoing work is underway to stabilise and improve any areas requiring action, an update will be brought to one of the next one to two meetings.
- **Tissue & Organ Donation Committee Update** – Deferred until the next meeting

LEARNING

- No matters were highlighted in discussion