

NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde	Paper No. 25/49
Paper Title:	Standing Committee Chair's Board Report
Meeting:	NHSGGC Board Meeting
Date of Meeting:	29 April 2025
Purpose of Paper:	Assurance
Classification:	Board Official
Name of Reporting Committee:	Acute Services Committee
Date of Reporting Committee:	11 March 2025
Committee Chairperson:	David Gould

1. Purpose of Paper

The purpose of this paper is to inform the NHS Board on key items of discussion at the Acute Services Committee.

2. Recommendation

The Board is asked to note the key items of discussion at the recent meeting of the Acute Services Committee on 11 March 2025 as set out below and seek further assurance as required.

3. Key Items of Discussion

3.1 Acute Services Integrated Performance Report

- The paper was presented to the Committee for assurance.
- The Committee noted that performance in relation to new outpatient, TTG and imaging activity continued to exceed the planned position agreed with the Scottish Government as part of the Annual Delivery Plan.
- The Committee noted that compliance with ED four hour waits had improved slightly compared to the previous month however these remained below the Annual Delivery Plan position.

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- The Committee noted that overall performance against the Cancer 31 Day and 62 day waiting times positions remained challenged and spend time discussing this and the approach to making improvements in this area. The Committee were informed that sickness absence levels had improved slightly on the previous month and there were no specific concerns related to Emergency Department absence over the winter period.
- The Committee were assured by the update provided.

3.2 Financial Monitoring Report

- The paper was presented to the Committee for assurance and outlined the month 10 financial position for Acute Services.
- The Committee noted that as at 31 January 2025, the Acute Services finance ledger was reporting a deficit of £61.8 million - unachieved savings totalling £25 million; pay pressures £8.8 million over budget; and non-pay pressures £18 million over budget.
- The Committee noted the actions underway and were advised that while significant pressures remained it was important to acknowledge improvements in the run rate in some areas over the last two months.
- The Committee were assured by the update provided.

3.3 Review of Medical and Nursing Pay Controls

- The Committee received a presentation for assurance.
- The Committee were informed that the position across Medical and Nursing Salaries remained challenging due to a range of factors and were updated on areas of difficulty and the actions being taken to address these issues. However, it was noted that there had been a number of improvements made including reducing the usage of bank and agency staff and the significant efforts that were underway to recruit permanent staff.
- The Committee were assured by the update provided.

3.4 Theatres and Planned Care Update

- The Committee received a presentation for assurance.
- The Committee were provided with an overview of the year end position on new outpatients, TTG, scopes and radiology against the Annual Delivery Plan targets, noting that these were above the planned position with the exception of scopes. The Committee were also presented with information about theatre nursing which highlighted the challenges as well as the positive changes that had been made to the theatre nursing workforce and model.
- The Committee were assured by the update provided.

3.5 Extract from Corporate Risk Register

- The paper was presented to the Committee for approval.
- The Committee considered the three risks aligned to the Committee and noted that following discussion at the previous meeting, the risk score for Unscheduled Care following had not been changed.
- The Committee were content to approve the Corporate Risk Register.

4. Issues for referral to other Standing Committees or escalation to the NHS Board

There were no issues for referral to other Standing Committees or escalation to the NHS Board.

5. Date of Next Meeting

A proposal to discontinue the Acute Services Committee and migrate its responsibilities to the Finance, Planning and Performance Committee (FPPC), the Clinical and Care Governance Committee (CCCG) and the Staff Governance Committee (SGC) is due to be presented to the NHS Board for approval at its meeting on 29 April 2025.