

NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde	Paper No. 23/81
Paper Title	Standing Committee Chair's Board Report
Meeting:	NHSGGC Board Meeting
Date of Meeting:	31 October 2023
Purpose of Paper:	For Assurance
Classification:	Board Official
Name of Reporting Committee	Audit and Risk Committee
Date of Reporting Committee	12 September 2023
Committee Chairperson	Ms Michelle Wailes

1. Purpose of Paper

The purpose of this paper is to: inform the NHS Board on key items of discussion at the NHSGGC Audit and Risk Committee.

2. Recommendation

The Board is asked to note the key items of discussion at the recent meeting of the Audit and Risk Committee on 12 September 2023 as set out below and seek further assurance as required.

3. Key Items of Discussion

3.1 Fraud Report

- Paper provided for assurance.
- The Committee noted the number of allegations received in the period.
- The Committee were advised of 1 new case of fraud recorded during the period.
- The Committee reviewed both the CFS Annual Report for 2022/23 and CFS Quarterly Report to June 2023.
 - The Committee were assured by the update.

3.2 External Audit Update

- Verbal update for assurance.
- The Committee noted that this was the first year audit of the external audit contract and advised that the initial post audit debrief processes were going well.
- The Committee were advised that EY had started to plan the 2023-24 audit and had already held initial discussions with the Mrs Grant and Mr Neil.
- The Committee were assured that there were no areas of concern to highlight.
- The Committee were assured by the report.

3.3 Internal Audit Reports

- Paper provided for assurance.
- The Committee noted that, following the external audit recommendation, all Internal Audit reports will now come to the Committee in full.
- The Committee received an update on Public Protection, Workforce Planning and Property Transactions.
- The Committee discussed the governance route of Public Protection and were assured that these actions would be appropriately scrutinised by the Clinical and Care Governance Committee.
- The Committee were assured by the report.

3.4 Corporate Risk Register

- Paper provided for approval.
- The Committee were advised that the Financial Sustainability risk will be reviewed following the latest finance position.
- The Committee noted that RAAC would be captured under Aging Infrastructure (3051) and the score would be updated through the Estates and Facilities Directorate and the Finance Planning and Performance Committee.
- The Committee were content to approve the CRR.

3.5 Whistleblowing Q1 Report

- Paper provided for assurance.
- The Committee noted the Stage 1 performance and the challenges posed by the 20 working day turnaround of Stage 2 cases.
- The Committee agreed that further information on late cases would be included within the report.
- The Committee were assured by the report.

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

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The next meeting of the Audit and Risk Committee will take place on 12 December 2023.