

NHS WESTERN ISLES

BOARD MEETING

Meeting date: 26th June 2025

Item: 7.2

Title: IG Assurance Report January to March 2025

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1 Purpose

Please select one item in each section

This is presented to Committee Members for:

Assurance	X
Awareness	X
Decision	
Discussion	

This report relates to a:

Annual Operating / Delivery Plan	
Emerging issue	
Government policy/directive	
Legal requirement	X
Local policy	
NHS Board / Integration Joint Board Strategy or Direction	

This aligns to the following NHSScotland quality ambition(s):

Safe	
Effective	X
Person Centred	X

Please select the level of assurance you feel this report provides to the Board / Committee and briefly explain why:

Significant	X
Moderate	
Limited	
None	
Not yet assessed	
Comment	
Specify:	

Please indicate which of the Boards Priorities the paper relates to:

Financial Sustainability / Recovery Plan	
Capital	
Hospital Based Services Model – Rural General Hospital / Community	
Workforce Health & Wellbeing	
Health Inequalities	
Sustainability of Community Health & Social Care Model	
Primary Care Transformation Programme	
Digital Transformation / Digital Health	
Public Protection Priorities	
Women and Children's Services	
Climate Emergency and Sustainability	
Other – please explain	X
Comments: Information Governance / Statutory Requirements	

The report is directly linked to a Recovery Driver(s) within the Annual Delivery Plan:

RD01	Primary & Community Care - Improved access to primary and community care to enable earlier intervention and more care to be delivered in the community.	
RD02	Urgent & Unscheduled Care – Access to urgent and unscheduled care, including scaling of integrated frailty services to reduce admissions to hospital.	
RD03	Mental Health - Improve the delivery of mental health support and services, reflecting key priorities set out in the Mental Health and Wellbeing Strategy.	
RD04	Planned Care - Recovering and improving the delivery of planned care.	
RD05	Cancer Care - Delivering the National Cancer Action Plan (Spring 2023-2026).	
RD06	Health Inequalities and Population Health - Enhance planning and delivery of the approach to tackling health inequalities and improving population health.	
RD07	Women and Children's Health - Take forward the actions in the Women's Health Plan and support good child and maternal health, so that all children in Scotland can have the best possible start in life.	
RD08	Workforce - Implementation of the Workforce Strategy.	
RD09	Digital Services Innovation Adoption - Optimise use of digital & data technologies in the design and delivery of health and care services for improved patient access and fast track the national adoption of proven innovations which could have a transformative impact on efficient and patient outcomes.	
RD10	Climate - Climate Emergency and Environment.	
RD11	Finance & Sustainability – Approach to achieving financial balance and aligning with S&V financial improvement programme of work.	
RD12	Value Based Health & Care – Approach to embracing and adopting Value Based Health and Care.	
RD13	Integration & population Need – Boards are asked to set out the key actions to respond to population needs and how you will work in partnership to address and respond to these needs.	
RD14	Regional & National – Approach to working regionally and nationally across services through collective and collaborative approaches to planning and delivery, where required.	
	None of the above	X

This aligns to the following NHS Western Isles Corporate Objective(s):

CO1	To provide person-centred care, focusing on the evidence based health needs of our increasingly diverse population, identifying and taking every opportunity to improve our patients' health, experience and outcomes	
CO2	To protect individuals from avoidable harm to continually assessing and managing risk, learning, and improving the reliability and safety in everything we do.	X
CO3	To champion efficiency and effectiveness in our services that delivers minimum possible waiting times.	
CO4	To pro-actively stimulate and intensify our research and application of effective innovation to improve how we care for patients today and into the future.	
CO5	To promote and support people to live longer healthier lives	
CO6	To specifically target early years, health inequalities, vulnerable and underrepresented and more difficult to engage with groups.	
CO7	To continually improve and modernise our integrated healthcare services and assurance systems.	
CO8	To value, support the wellbeing of, and develop and sustain a compassionate, confident, competent, flexible and responsive workforce.	
CO9	To deliver our commitment to partnership working to deliver national standards, targets and guarantees.	
CO10	To have a sustained focus on prevention, anticipation, support self-management and care at home.	
CO11	To ensure that all resources are deployed to the best effect, achieving desired outcomes, values for money and progressive approach to sustainability.	
-	None of the above	X

2 Report summary

2.1 Situation

Every quarter, a summary of Information Governance activity is submitted to CMT>Board.

2.2 Background

The attached shows Information Governance activity relating to Subject Access Requests, FOIs, reported Data Breaches and IG training compliance up to Quarter 1 of 2025, 31/03/2025.

2.3 Assessment

Quarterly IG summary report.

2.3.1 Quality/ Patient Care

There is no direct impact of these policies which has either a positive or negative impact on quality of care (and services),

2.3.2 Workforce

N/A

2.3.3 Financial

Describe the financial impact (capital, revenue and efficiencies) and how this will be managed.

Name – Director of Finance / Finance Manager	Signature
Comment from the Director of Finance / Finance Manager	

2.3.4 Risk Assessment/Management

N/A

2.3.5 Equality and Diversity, including health inequalities

An impact assessment has not been completed because there is no relevance to the Public Sector Equality Duty or the Board's Equalities Outcomes.

2.3.6 Climate Emergency and Sustainability Development

State how this report will support or impact on the Scottish Government's policy on Global Climate Emergency and Sustainability Development DL(2021)38, against the 5 themes:

1	Sustainable Buildings & Land	
2	Sustainable Travel	
3	Sustainable Goods and Services	
4	Sustainable Care	
5	Sustainable Communities	
Describe other relevant impacts: The policy does not refer to or impact on Climate Emergency and Sustainability Development.		

2.3.7 Other impacts

There are no other relevant impacts.

2.3.8 Communication, involvement, engagement and consultation

The Board has carried out its duties to involve and engage external stakeholders where appropriate:

State how this has been carried out and note any meetings that have taken place.

N/A – The report does not require any communication or engagement with external stakeholders.

2.3.9 Route to the Meeting

This has been previously considered by the following groups as part of its development. The groups have either supported the content, or their feedback has informed the development of the content presented in this report.

- Awareness by Director Public Health via email on submission to CMT.

2.4 Recommendation

State the action being requested. Use one of the following directions for the meeting. No other terminology should be used.

- **Awareness and Assurance**

3 List of appendices

The following appendices are included with this report:

- NHSWI IG Summary Report Q1 2025

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