



Dumfries and Galloway  
Integration Joint Board  
Audit, Risk and Governance Committee

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This Report relates to  
Item 9 on the Agenda

# NHS Audit and Risk Committee Annual Report and Assurance Statement 2024/2025

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*For Noting*

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<b>List of Background Papers:</b>	
<b>Appendices:</b>	<b>Appendix 1</b> – NHS Audit and Risk Committee Annual Report and Assurance Statement 2024/25

<b>1.</b>	<b>Introduction</b>
1.1	This paper provides the IJB Audit, Risk and Governance Committee with a copy of the NHS Audit and Risk Committee Annual Report and Assurance Statement for 2024/25
<b>2.</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>
2.1	<p><b>The IJB Audit and Risk Committee is asked to:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Note the NHS Audit and Risk Committee Report and Assurance Statement for 2024/25 to support assurances for the IJB Annual Accounts process.</b></li> </ul>
<b>3.</b>	<b>Background and Main Report</b>
3.1	<u>Background</u>
3.2	All NHS Board Committees are required to provide a Committee Governance Statement, which gives assurance to the Chief Executive Officer that each committee is adhering to their roles and responsibilities and have met any specific criteria set out by either the Board or the Scottish Government Health and Social Care Directorate.
3.3	As part of the overall Governance Statement process, each Standing Committee Chair is asked to demonstrate that appropriate arrangements are in place to allow the Board to undertake its business in a structured and efficient manner.
3.4	<u>Main Report</u>
3.5	The attached NHS Audit and Risk Committee Report and Assurance Statement for 2024/25 was approved at NHS Audit and Risk Committee on 28 April 2025. This was subsequently submitted to the Corporate Business Team in May 2025 to support the drafting of the Governance Statement within the NHS Board's Annual Report and Accounts for 2024/25. The NHS Board Annual Report and Accounts 2024/25 were approved by Board on 30 June 2025.
<b>4.</b>	<b>Conclusions</b>
4.1	A copy of this report is provided for completeness only, to ensure IJB Audit, Risk and Governance Committee have oversight of the NHS Audit and Risk Committee Annual Statement for 2024/25 and to support assurances for the IJB Annual Accounts process.
<b>5.</b>	<b>Resource Implications</b>
5.1.	There are no resource implications identified.
<b>6.</b>	<b>Impact on Integration Joint Board Outcomes, Priorities and Policy</b>
6.1.	There are no impacts identified.
<b>7.</b>	<b>Legal and Risk Implications</b>
7.1.	There are no legal or risk implications identified.

**8. Consultation**

- 8.1. The Chair of NHS Audit and Risk Committee and the NHS Director of Finance developed the Annual Report and Assurance Statement. In addition, all NHS Audit and Risk Committee members were asked to complete an annual survey in April 2025 and the outcome of the survey was reviewed by the Chair of NHS Audit and Risk Committee and the NHS Director of Finance and fed into the Annual Report and Assurance Statement.

**9. Equality and Human Rights Impact Assessment**

- 9.1. As this report does not propose a change in policy/strategy/plan/project, it is not necessary to complete an impact assessment.

**10. Glossary**

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