

Health, Social Care and Sport Committee

23rd Meeting, 2023 (Session 6), Tuesday, 27 June 2023

Performance of frontline NHS Boards and NHS Recovery

Note by the clerk

Background

1. At its meeting on 17 January 2023, the Committee agreed to invite a series of frontline NHS boards to give evidence on their performance, financial sustainability and recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic as well as key issues related to workplace culture and workforce.
2. For the purposes of this exercise, frontline NHS boards were determined as comprising Scotland's 14 territorial boards as well as the Scottish Ambulance Service, NHS24, the Golden Jubilee Hospital and the State Hospital.
3. It was subsequently agreed that this scrutiny exercise would conclude with the Committee taking evidence from the Cabinet Secretary for NHS Recovery, Health and Social Care to explore some of the key issues raised during earlier evidence sessions with frontline NHS boards.

Previous Scrutiny of NHS Boards

4. For each evidence session with frontline NHS boards, it was agreed that one representative of each frontline board would be invited to give evidence and that these evidence sessions would be scheduled as and when other work programme commitments allowed.
5. Each of these sessions had a focus on scrutinising these NHS boards' performance against NHS recovery plans as well as medium term financial planning, workforce planning (both at board and national level) and any specific current performance issues.
6. The programme of scrutiny of frontline NHS boards was completed according to the following timetable:

Date	NHS board	Official report link
21 March 2023	• NHS Ayrshire and Arran	21 March 2023

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NHS Borders • NHS Forth Valley 	
28 March 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NHS Golden Jubilee National Hospital • NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde • NHS Highland 	28 March 2023
2 May 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NHS Dumfries and Galloway • NHS Lanarkshire • NHS Tayside 	2 May 2023
23 May 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NHS Eileanan Siar • NHS Orkney • NHS Shetland 	23 May 2023
30 May 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The State Hospitals Board for Scotland 	30 May 2023
6 June 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NHS Fife • NHS Grampian • NHS Lothian 	6 June 2023
20 June 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NHS24 • Scottish Ambulance Service 	20 June 2023

7. Each NHS board was invited to submit written evidence to the Committee in advance of their appearance. Written submissions from all NHS boards invited to give evidence can be accessed [on the Committee web pages](#).

Today's meeting

8. At today's meeting, the Committee will conclude its scrutiny of frontline NHS boards by taking evidence from the Cabinet Secretary for NHS Recovery, Health and Social Care.

Clerks to the Committee
22 June 2023