



Communique

Child and Adolescent Health Service

This communiqué highlights key discussions from the Board's October meeting as well as other important information.

October 2016 Board Meeting

The Board Meeting was held on 13 October 2016 at Princess Margaret Hospital for Children (PMH), where the Board either discussed or received presentations or reports on the following areas:

Safety and quality

- A monthly safety and quality update, co-presented by the Safety and Quality Board Committee Chair and the CAHS Executive Director Organisational Development.
- The Board endorsed the Safety and Quality Committee's Terms of Reference
- The Board also discussed strategic initiatives for Safety and Quality performance in CAHS.

Patient experience/ consumer engagement

- The Board received a presentation on Patient Opinion, including the good news stories recently published on the PMH page of the website
- Other strategies for patient and consumer engagement were also discussed.

Employee experience/ organisational culture

- The Board received an update on the annual survey to ask all staff across CAHS about their experience at work, conducted by Press Ganey, and had the opportunity to enquire from the Chief Executive and the Executive Director Organisational Development about other employee engagement strategies.

Finance

- CAHS monthly finances and activity reports were presented to the Board by the Executive Director Finance, Procurement and Contract Management, where the Board had opportunity to discuss the activity trends across the health service and the strategies underway to address CAHS' long term financial sustainability.
- The Board endorsed the Finance Committee's Terms of Reference.

PCH Commissioning

- The Board were provided with a comprehensive update on the construction and commissioning of PCH.

- It was at this time that the Board wished to record their appreciation for the significant effort of PMH and PCH staff to the commissioning of the hospital; much of this effort being undertaken on top of normal duties. The Board also appreciates how challenging it is for staff that CAHS has not yet moved into this wonderful new hospital.

Audit and Risk

- The Board endorsed the Audit and Risk Committee's Terms of Reference

Presentations

- The Board received a presentation from the Public Sector Commissioner, Mr Mal Wauchope, and his colleague Ms Joy Hillman, A/Director Public Sector Practice.

Other

- The Board attended to various Board administration matters, including the Draft Code of Conduct, Draft Board Manual and Charter, and organising a strategic objectives planning session.

Next Meeting

The next meeting has been scheduled for 10 November 2016.

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Chair, Child and Adolescent Health Service Board
14 October 2016