



Communique

Child and Adolescent Health Service

This communiqué highlights key discussions from the Board's February 2017 meeting as well as other important information.

February 2017 Board Meeting

The first Board Meeting for 2017 was held on 9 February 2017 at the Princess Margaret Hospital for Children (PMH), where the Board either discussed or received presentations or reports on the following areas:

Safety and quality

- The CAHS Board received an overview of safety and quality issues discussed at the Safety and Quality Committee meeting on 18 January 2017.
- The Board made special note of the excellent progress made to reduce the number of overdue discharge summaries, and commended the Junior Medical Officers involved in this project.
- The Board also noted that the Safety Team Afterhours Response Service (STARS) had recently been implemented at PMH to strengthen the medical and nursing resources available afterhours and provide a more coordinated and integrated response to the clinical review and management of inpatients.
- The Board received updates to other safety and quality issues which it has overseen recently, including CAHS' hand hygiene performance, overdue SAC 1 recommendations and outpatient clinic waiting times.

Employee experience/ organisational culture

- As per the Board's delegation for the Safety and Quality Committee to oversee employee experience and organisational culture in CAHS, the Chair of the Safety and Quality Committee gave an update of his most recent meetings with the Chair of the Clinical Staff Association.
- The Board also received an overview of the preliminary results of the Press Ganey Voice of the Staff report.

Finance

- The Chair of the Finance Committee provided an overview of the issues discussed at their most recent meeting on 24 January 2017. This included discussion of CAHS' end of year financial forecast to date and the draft Finance Risks and Opportunities Register.

Perth Children's Hospital (PCH) Commissioning

- The Board received a presentation from Professor Frank Daly, CAHS Chief Executive, and Dr Gervase Chaney, A/Executive Director of PCH Commissioning, covering the latest progress to the commissioning of the new hospital.

Audit and Risk

- There had been no Audit and Risk Committee meetings since the last Board meeting. The next Audit and Risk Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday 23 February 2017.

Presentations

- The Board received a presentation from Ms Kylie Towie, Chief Executive Health Support Services (HSS), accompanied by Ms Rebecca Brown, Deputy Director General.
- My Towie gave an overview of the function of HSS and how it integrates with CAHS to deliver high quality services to support the delivery of optimal patient care.

Strategic Planning session

- The Board spent the afternoon participating in a strategic planning session. The purpose of this was to understand and plan the future of CAHS in the context of our current values of excellence, integrity, equity, compassion and respect.

Next Meeting

The Board will meet again on 9 March 2017.

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Board Chair
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9 February 2017