



Communique

Child and Adolescent Health Service

This communiqué highlights key discussions from the Board's September 2018 meeting as well as other important information.

September 2018 Board Meeting

The eighth Board Meeting for 2018 was held on 28 September 2018 at the Perth Children's Hospital (PCH).

The Board welcomed new Board member, Ms Miriam Bowen.

The Board received reports from its three Standing Committees as follows:

Safety and Quality

- The Chair of the Safety and Quality provided an overview of items discussed at the 18 September meeting, including internal audits on informed consent and open disclosure.
- In response to the Committee's concerns regarding paediatric wait times for mental health presentations in other metropolitan hospitals, the Board agreed that the issue of delays in mental health transport will be raised with the Director General of the Department of Health.
- The Board agreed to continue including a patient experience example at the beginning of each Board meeting.

Finance

- The Chair of the Finance Committee provided an overview of items discussed at the 25 September meeting, including internal audits on patient revenue and payroll.
- The Board acknowledged the actions of the Executive Director Corporate Services, Manager Audit and Risk, and the Audit and Risk Chair in working toward remedying the OAG qualification from 2016-17, resulting in the removal of the qualification.

Audit and Risk

- The Board approved updates to the Audit Plan to incorporate procurement and contract management audit and to bring forward the planned audit concerning fraud and corruption prevention.
- The Board heard updates from internal auditors Stantons International regarding the contract management audit, which had been initiated as a result of the CCC Report into bribery and corruption in maintenance and service contracts within North Metropolitan Health Service

The Board heard information on and discussed the following:

Aboriginal health focus

- The Board agreed to invite guest speakers in the field of Aboriginal health and research to the February meeting.

Clinical Advisory Group

- The Board noted recommendations from the Group's 20 September meeting regarding the cohesiveness of CAHS and matters raised in the CCC report.
- The Board Chair and Chief Executive, CAHS will meet with the Chair and Deputy Chair of the Group on 10 October to discuss the recommendations.

Annual Report 2017-18

- The Board resolved, following recommendations by the Finance Committee, to approve the financial statements and KPIs, and to include these in the CAHS Annual Report 2017-18.
- The Board also resolved to adopt the Annual Report and transmit it to the Minister for Health.

PCH Governance

- The Board agreed to close the PCH Governance Transition Working Group.
- The Board noted the establishment of a steering committee replacing the PCH Commissioning Oversight Committee, which will be in place until the end of the Defects Liability Period. This will be chaired by the Chief Executive, CAHS.

Next Meeting

The Board will meet again on Friday 26 October 2018 at 9am.

Ms Deborah Karasinski
Board Chair
Child and Adolescent Health Service
2 October 2018