



Board Communique

19 June 2026

The Board met on 19 June 2026 at, Perth Children's Hospital (PCH), Boardroom.

Attending:

Dr Neale Fong, Board Chair
Prof Eli Gabbay, Deputy Board
Mr John McLean
Prof Peter Steer
Mr Amit Khullar
Mrs Mary Anne Stephens
Ms Tracey Brand

In Attendance:

Ms Valerie Buic, CE

Apologies:

Prof Karen Strickland
Ms Kelly Worlock
Mrs Meghan Maor

Meeting with Hon. Meredith Hammat MLA

The Board welcomed Minister Hammat and appreciated the opportunity to discuss key priorities, including service delivery, ongoing reforms and future initiatives.

A range of strategic, clinical and operational matters were discussed, with an acknowledgment of CAHS' unique role as the state-wide paediatric



health service.

CAHS Strategy Refresh Workshop: The Board and Executive Directors worked together at the next strategy session - *From Strategic Direction to Delivery and Assurance*.

Consumer Story: The Board reflected on consumer experience – I wear a veil poster.



Key matters for discussion

Child Development Services (CDS): The Board discussed progress in reducing waiting times for the Child Development Services, noting improvements from both internal service changes and broader system reforms. Early signs of progress were recognised and importance of maintaining momentum to ensure timely access to care was emphasised. The Board reaffirmed their support.

Infant, Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service: The Board discussed the progress achieved to date and reaffirmed their strong support to the ongoing reforms to strengthen infant, child and adolescent mental health services with a focus on accessible, community-based support and early intervention.

CAHS Chief Executive Report and Service Updates: The Board noted updates on service performance, financial position, activity levels and workforce trends. The Board emphasised the importance of delivering safe, equitable and patient-centred care, alongside strong collaboration across the health system to ensure the best outcomes for patients and families.

Board Committees

- **Safety and Quality Committee:** The Board noted the Committee Chair's report.
- **Finance Committee:** The Board discussed and endorsed recommendations from the Committee Chair's report.
- **People Capability and Culture Committee:** The Board discussed and endorsed recommendations from the Committee Chair's report.

Resolutions

Key resolutions included:

- The Board ENDORSED the Finance Committee's Terms of Reference;
- The Board APPROVED the 2027-28 CAHS Budget Priorities;
- The Board ENDORSED CAHS Authorisations and Delegations Schedule;
- The Board resolved to enter into and affix the common seal of the Child and Adolescent Health Service in accordance with section 41 of the Health Services Act 2016 (WA) to the Mental Health Commission Service Agreement - Deed of Variation 2.
- The Board ENDORSED the People, Capability and Culture Committee's Terms of Reference.

Next meeting

The next Board meeting will be held at Perth Children's Hospital on **17 July 2026**.

Dr Neale Fong
BOARD CHAIR
June 2026

