



Board Communique

17 July 2026

The Board met on 17 July 2026 at, Perth Children's Hospital (PCH), Boardroom.

Attending:

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

In Attendance:

Ms Valerie Buic, CE

Apologies:

Nil

Consumer Story: The Board reflected on the consumer experience *Being at Home Made All the Difference* and noted the positive impact of Hospital in the Home (HiTH), Post-Acute Care and Remote Monitoring Services for children and their families. The Board acknowledged strong consumer feedback highlighting reduced stress, improved family experiences, and the benefits of receiving care in a home environment. The Board also noted improvements in discharge processes, continuity of care, patient flow and family-centred care.

Key matters for discussion

Child Development Services (CDS): The Board discussed progress in implementing CDS reforms and reiterated expectation that planned improvements deliver meaningful outcomes for children and families.

Community CAMHS Update: The Board received an update on Community Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) reform activities, noting progress to date and reaffirming its support for the ongoing transformation program.

CAHS Priority Setting: The Board discussed their role in informing and influencing annual budget priorities to support strategic and operational objectives across CAHS.

Meeting with Chief Registrar: The Board met with CAHS Chief Registrar, Dr Jemma Hogan, who provided an overview of opportunities available to Junior Medical Officers (JMOs) and shared feedback received through the Australian Medical Association (AMA) Health Check.

Chief Executive Report: The Board noted and discussed current the financial position and forecast, performance and service updates.

Board Committees

- **Finance Committee:** The Board discussed and endorsed recommendations from the Committee Chair's report.
- **Audit, Risk and Compliance Report:** The Board discussed and endorsed recommendations from the Committee Chair's report.

Meeting with CAHS paediatric physician trainees



Board members met with paediatric physician trainees who recently achieved success in the Royal Australasian College of Physicians (RACP) Written and Clinical Examinations. The Board congratulated the trainees on this significant achievement and recognised their dedication, hard work and commitment to delivering high-quality care for children and young people. During a morning tea celebration, Board members heard about their training experiences and future aspirations and acknowledged the important contribution these clinicians make to the future paediatric workforce.

Next meeting

The next Board meeting will be held at Perth Children's Hospital on **28 August 2026**.

Dr Neale Fong
BOARD CHAIR
July 2026

