



# Board Communique

1 May 2026

The Board met on 1 May 2026 at the Kids Research Institute Boardroom, Perth Children's Hospital.

## Attending:

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

Ms Valerie Buic, CE

## Apologies:

Mr John McLean

The Board expressed condolences and solidarity with Aboriginal people in Alice Springs.

**CAHS Strategy Refresh Workshop:** The Board and Executive Directors came together for a further strategy session to shape the organisation's future, strengthening alignment on vision, mission, strategic priorities and stewardship.

**Consumer Story:** The Board reflected on consumer experience – Little Big steps.

## 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.

**Paediatric State Trauma Service:** The Board met with Dr Gera Parshotam, Dr Hayley Hebert and Ms Carrie Dunbar, highlighting current trauma services offered at PCH and discussed opportunities of establishing a dedicated WA Paediatric State Trauma Service. This included consideration of a more structured service model. The Board expressed their strong support for this initiative.



**CAHS Chief Executive Report and Service Updates:** The Board noted updates on service performance, legal matters, 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.
- **Audit Risk and Compliance Committee:** The Board discussed and endorsed recommendations from the Committee Chair's report.

**Meeting with Stakeholders:** The Board met with representatives from ICWA and noted updates as provided.

## RESOLUTIONS

Key resolutions included:

- The Board APPROVED closure of the high rated audit recommendations
- The Board APPROVED high and extreme risk movements
- The Board APPROVED the Fraud and Corruption Control System.
- The Board ENDORSED to enter and affix the Common Seal of the Child and Adolescent Health Service in accordance with section 41 of the Health Services Act (2016) to the 2025-26 Mental Health Commission Service Agreement Deed of Variation 1.

## Next meeting

The next Board meeting will be held at Perth Children's Hospital on **19 June 2026**.

Dr Neale Fong

BOARD CHAIR  
May 2026

