



Board Communique

20 February 2026

The Board met on 20 February 2026 at Perth Children's Hospital.

Attending:

Prof Eli Gabbay, A/Board Chair
Ms Valerie Buic, CE
Mr John McLean
Prof Peter Steer
Mr Amit Khullar
Ms Kelly Worlock
Mrs Mary Anne Stephens
Mrs Meghan Maor
Ms Tracey Brand

Apologies:

Dr Neale Fong, Board Chair

Prof Karen Strickland

The Board Membership

The Board noted that Ms Tracey Brand will step down from the Safety and Quality Committee and will remain at the People, Capability and Culture Committee.

Consumer Story

The Board reflected on a recent consumer experience within the Respiratory/Sleep Study Service, where a family provided constructive feedback to strengthen support for neurodivergent children. The family were pleased to be informed that all recommendations have now been implemented.

The Board was assured that neurodiversity and enhanced care for neurodivergent children remain key priorities for CAHS.

The Board commended the team for their strong commitment to listening to consumers and demonstrating leadership in driving meaningful service improvement.

Key matters for discussion

Strategy planning: The Board dedicated the key part of the meeting to discussing the strategy approach, including assessing strategy effectiveness, organisational readiness, change management strategy and fostering continuous improvement. Following a robust discussion, the Board resolved to support developing a five-year strategic plan.



Child Development Services: The Board discussed progress in the implementation of the Child Development Service (CDS) reforms and noted work in strengthening collaborations with key stakeholders. The Board reaffirmed their support and commitment to maintaining focus in this priority area.

Chief Executive Report and CAHS service reports: The Board discussed reports provided, including the organisation's current financial positions. The Board also discussed ongoing health initiatives and planning for the winter strategy.

Board Committees

The Board noted the Safety and Quality Committee Chair's report and commended teams for the high quality of reporting and continued progress in safety and quality initiatives.

Next meeting

The next Board meeting will be held at Perth Children's Hospital on 27 March 2026.

Prof. Eli Gabbay
A/BOARD CHAIR
February 2026

