



Board Communique

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BOARD CHAIR

This Communique highlights key discussions from the Child and Adolescent Health Service (CAHS) Board meeting held on **7 August 2025**.

BOARD AND COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

The CAHS Board continues to evolve. The Board thanked Prof Dan McAullay for his significant contribution and recognised this being his final meeting after nine-years of service as a Board member.

The Board welcomed the appointment of two new members, Prof Eli Gabbay and Dr Richelle Douglas. This was Prof Gabbay's first CAHS Board meeting. The Board were advised that Dr Douglas would commence her term in the coming months, due to other commitments.

The Board renewed appointments for Ms Jude Bridgland, Consumer Representative on the Safety and Quality Committee, and Prof Gary Geelhoed, External Expert on the Audit and Risk Committee.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE REPORT

The Board noted the report as provided and discussed ongoing work on sustainable finance management, quarterly reporting of major projects, strategic partnerships, and an evaluation of the current Behavioural Health and Neuro-Developmental Disorders Service.

CHILD AND ADOLESCENT COMMUNITY HEALTH

The Board discussed the report as provided with a focus on the Child Development Services (CDS) update and noted that strong leadership is in place with a commitment to service improvements. CDS reform and implementation plans will be provided to the September 2025 Board meeting.

CHILD AND ADOLESCENT MENTAL HEALTH SERVICE (CAMHS)

The Board noted the report as provided and discussed the Gender Diversity Service Model of Care and Access and Intake Model of Care.



PERTH CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL AND NEONATOLOGY REPORT (PCH&N)

The Board noted the report as provided and highlighted that PCH is successfully managing the winter surge in demand.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Board noted the Finance Committee Chair's Report, draft minutes and recommendations arising from the meeting held **29 July 2025**.

Key discussion items included: Register of funding submissions, major projects update, 2024-25 Annual Financial Statements, Efficiency Key Performance Indicators, 2025-26 Annual Estimates for progression to the Minister for Health and the 2024-26 Strategic Asset Plan. The Committee noted the Meals on Demand project is fully operational and has been met with positive consumer feedback.

PEOPLE, CAPABILITY AND CULTURE COMMITTEE

The Board noted the People, Capability and Culture Committee Chair's Report, draft minutes and recommendations arising from the meeting held **2 July 2025**.

Key discussion items included: the Aboriginal Workforce Action Plan 2025-27 and opportunities for better engagement with prospective Aboriginal employees, the Work, Health, Safety and Wellbeing Director's report, the Diversity and Inclusion deep dive, workplace violence and aggression.

SAFETY AND QUALITY COMMITTEE

The Board noted the Safety and Quality Committee Chair's Report, draft minutes and recommendations arising from the meeting held **8 July 2025**.

The Committee reviewed the AHSSQA Attestation Statement and the Clinical Governance Framework. Key discussion items included: the Safety and Quality monthly report, restrictive practices, retinoblastoma treatment, ED Triage Audit report, and Clinical Investigation reports. The Committee noted that the Morbidity and Mortality Framework has been successfully integrated across PCH&N, Medical Services and CAMHS.

NEXT MEETING

The next Board Meeting will be held on **4 September 2025**, at Perth Children's Hospital.