



Communique

Child and Adolescent Health Service

This communiqué highlights key discussions from the Board's May 2017 meeting as well as other important information.

May 2017 Board Meeting

The Board meeting was held on Thursday 11 May 2017, and for the first time, in the new Boardroom at the Perth Children's Hospital.

The Board either discussed or received presentations or reports on the following areas:

The PMH Review

- The Board had invited the Director General (DG) of the Department Health to this part of the meeting. The Board and the DG discussed the draft report on the *Child and Adolescent Health Service Review (the "Review") of the morale and engagement of clinical staff at Princess Margaret Hospital (PMH)*, and identified questions and clarifications that would be put to the Reviewers.

Safety and quality

- A member of the Safety and Quality Committee updated the Board on the discussions had at their meeting of 9 May 2017.
- The Board noted the full safety and quality report (as opposed to the regular dashboard report), which the Committee has requested the Board receives twice annually.
- The Board noted the Committee's concern in relation to the culture of completing discharge summaries at Princess Margaret Hospital for Children (PMH).
- The Board accepted the Committee's recommendation for the Board to invite the Director of Aboriginal Health to present to the next Board meeting in relation to the CAHS Aboriginal Health Strategy 2017-2020.
- The Board also noted the exceptional performance of CAHS in relation to several safety and quality key performance indicators for the reporting period March 2017, including hand hygiene performance.

Patient Experience/ consumer engagement

- The Board met with a member of CAHS' Consumer Advisory Council (CAC), who provided a presentation of her experience as a mother of two frequent visitors to the Princess Margaret Hospital for Children (PMH).

Finance

- The Chair of the Finance Committee provided an overview of the issues discussed at their most recent meeting on 4 May 2017.

Perth Children's Hospital (PCH) Commissioning

- The Board received a presentation from the Executive Director of Perth Children's Hospital, who provided an overview of the Strategic Completion Program for PCH

Audit and Risk

- The Deputy Chair of the Audit and Risk Committee updated the Board on the discussions had at their meeting of 26 April 2017.
- The Board discussed the CAHS Board delegations of authority and made an action plan for ensuring the delegations were appropriate for the Board and the management of CAHS' operations.

Board matters

- The Board noted the Board evaluation exercise which an external consulting firm has been commissioned to undertake.

Presentations

- Dr Peter Richmond, Director Clinical Research & Education at PMH, presented to the Board an overview of governance of research and education in CAHS.

Next Meeting

The Board will meet again on Thursday 8 June 2017.

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11 May 2017