



## **Communique**

### **Child and Adolescent Health Service**

This communique highlights key discussions from the Board's August 2020 meeting as well as other important information.

### **August 2020 Board Meeting**

The seventh Board Meeting for 2020 was held on 6 August 2020 at the Perth Children's Hospital (PCH).

### **Patient Experience**

The Board noted the patient experiences and the CAHS' response.

The Board received reports from its four Standing Committees as follows:

### **Safety and Quality**

- The Board approved the Consumer Engagement Strategy.
- The Board approved the Safety and Quality KPIs for the Annual Report 2019-2020.
- The Board approved changes to the Committee's Terms of Reference to meet the Board's requirements with respect to National Safety and Quality Standard 1.
- The Board noted that the risk relating to Neonatal Emergency Transport Service remains extreme; and that a report will be received by the Safety and Quality Committee in September 2020.
- The Board noted that CAHS has been provided with additional Weighted Activities Units (WAUs) to undertake surgery to address the increase in the surgical wait list due to COVID-19; and progress on waiting list reduction will be reported to the Safety and Quality Committee in September 2020.

### **Finance**

- The Board approved a number of requests for the release of information by way of Section 28 of the *Freedom of Information Act 1992 (WA)*.
- The Board approved the Health Support Services SLA 2020-2021.
- The Board approved the PathWest SLA 2020-2021, subject to amendments regarding results acknowledgement and dispute resolution.
- The Board approved payment of the 2020-21 RiskCover premium.
- The Board approved the CAHS 2020-21 internal budget allocation, and noted the exceptional work of the Finance team in developing the budget.

## **Audit and Risk**

- The Board approved changes to the Audit and Risk Terms of Reference to reflect the Treasurer's Instructions 1201 and to comply with the National Safety and Quality Health Service (NSQHS) Standards.
- The Board noted there are six extreme risks that require immediate attention:
  - three of these risks reside with the Safety and Quality Committee (1783 NETS, 2463 single clinician, 2462 single clinician), and the Audit and Risk Committee recommend that Board request a deep dive into these risks with a report back to the Board by the Safety and Quality Committee, noting that the NETS risk is being addressed at the August Safety and Quality Committee meeting;
  - the three remaining risks (2020 controls re confidential information, 0531 cyber security, 2022 governance re confidential information) reside with the Audit and Risk Committee and the Committee has requested a deep dive into these risks at its next Committee meeting in September and will report back to the Board once this is completed.

## **People, Capability and Culture Committee**

- The Board noted that the People, Capability and Culture Committee met to discuss the Midland Hub on 30 July 2020.

## **Clinical Advisory Group**

- The Board discussed the Clinical Advisory Group's Terms of Reference, and agreed that the Board Chair would attend the Group's August meeting.

## **Accreditation**

- The Board received an update on accreditation from Ms Sandy Thomson.

## **Reflecting on Values**

- The Board reflected on the values informing decision-making in the meeting.

## **Director General**

- Dr David Russell-Weisz attended the Board meeting to discuss system-wide matters relevant to CAHS.

## **Next Meeting**

The Board will meet again on Thursday 3 September 2020.

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11 August 2020