



## **Communique**

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

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

### **November 2020 Board Meeting**

The tenth Board Meeting for 2020 was held on 5 November 2020 at the Perth Children's Hospital (PCH).

### **Patient Experience**

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

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

### **Safety and Quality**

The Board noted that:

- with the Treatment Action Plans in place, the rating for Risk 0697 – Failure to Acknowledge Pathology Results has been reduced from high to medium; and
- Dr Geoff Smith, the Chief Psychiatrist and co-reviewers spoke at the Safety and Quality Committee to a presentation on the *Chief Psychiatrist's Targeted Review into the treatment of Ms Kate Savage by Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services* and that a report to the Minister for Health was expected by the end of October.

### **Finance**

The Board approved the CAHS Board Funding Framework.

The Board noted the reduction in risks:

- 1779 Inadequate Control Environment Within the Infrastructure, Procurement and Contract Management Function;
- 1836 Inability to meet maintenance budgets beyond the PCH Defects Liability Period;
- 2036 Inadequate budget management governance; and
- 2210 Insufficient Budget to Accommodate the Neonates Intensive Care Unit (NICU) Transfer - NMHS to CAHS.

The Board noted that risk 2308 Risk of Incurring a Service Level Agreement Deficit increased from medium to high.

The Board noted the impact of Treasurer's Instruction (TI) 323 which requires supplier payment terms for the supply of goods or services to be made within 20 business days for all payments under \$1 million, which will have a 10 per cent impact on CAHS' cash balances.

The Board noted that the Finance Committee reviewed the finance risk concerning the Midland Hub; and that the Executive is investigating a number of different options for the Hub including brownfield, greenfield and leasing options.

### **Audit and Risk**

The Board noted that no meeting had been held in the previous month.

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

The Board noted that the management of Lost Time Injuries (LTIs) and the model of care for the Children's Hospice had been discussed.

It was noted that the People, Capability and Culture staffing has been approved.

### **Clinical Advisory Group**

The Board noted that the Clinical Advisory Group will be examining matters of staff wellbeing, service integration and security.

### **Reflecting on Values**

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

### **Next Meeting**

The Board will meet again on Thursday 3 December 2020.

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