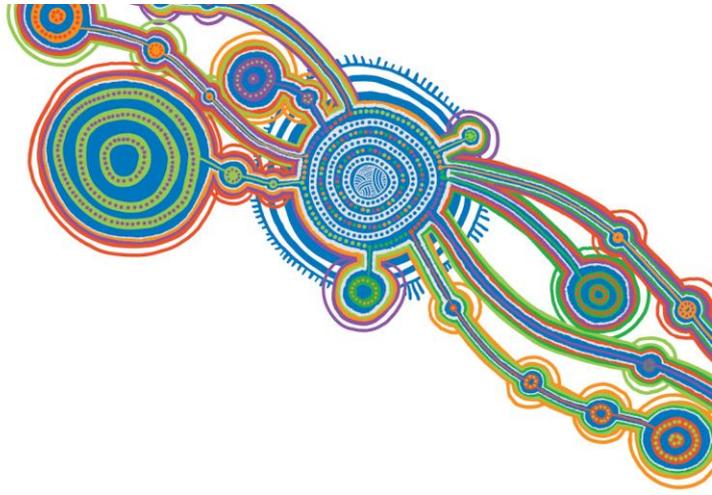




# Board Communique



30 January 2026

The Board met on 30 January 2026 at Perth Children's Hospital.

## Attending:

Dr Neale Fong, Board Chair    Ms Valerie Buic, CE  
Mr John McLean  
Prof Karen Strickland  
Prof Eli Gabbay  
Prof Peter Steer  
Mr Amit Khullar  
Ms Kelly Worlock  
Mrs Mary Anne Stephens

## Apologies:

Mrs Meghan Maor  
Ms Tracey Brand

## The Board Membership

The Board welcomed new members Mrs Mary Anne Stephens and Mr Amit Khullar, and noted apologies from Ms Tracey Brand and Mrs Meghan Maor.

## Consumer Story

The meeting commenced with a presentation from the Director, Child and Family Liaison Service, outlining the Service's functions and relationship framework. The Board acknowledged the quality and impact of the service and congratulated the team on being awarded the 2025 Institute for Public Administrators Australia (IPAA) WA Achievement Award for complaints management improvement, recognising excellence and best practice in child-focused complaints handling. The Board noted the future plans of the service.

## Key matters for discussion

**Strategy and Operations planning:** The Board noted the progress of planning for the organisation's new strategy and discussed the proposed concept. The Board supported management's direction in principle and agreed to reconvene for the Strategy Development and Delivery Approach. The Board emphasised that the strategy should be aspirational, outcome-focused and firmly centred on children and families.



**Child Development Services:** The Board reiterated their support for the ongoing reforms and commended the team on the demonstrated progress in reducing waiting lists through a significant increase in first-appointment throughput. The Board noted the anticipated impact of the reforms and thanked the teams for their continued commitment and delivery.

**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.

**Medical workforce update:** The Board noted significant progress in strategic workforce planning and staff wellbeing.

## Board Committees

No committees were held in January 2026. The Board approved Committee memberships for 2026.

## Next meeting

The next Board meeting will be held at Perth Children's Hospital on 20<sup>th</sup> February 2026.

Dr Neale Fong  
BOARD CHAIR  
January 2026

