



Board Communique

7 November 2025

The Board met on 7 November 2025 at Perth Children's Hospital.

Members attending:

Dr Neale Fong, Board Chair
Mr John McLean
Prof Karen Strickland
Ms Meghan Maor
Dr Peter Steer

In Attendance:

Ms Valerie Buic, CE
Ms Ashlee Wells, DOCE

Apologies:

Ms Kelly Worlock
Prof Eli Gabbay

Key matters for discussion

The Board discussed Chief Executive's report noting that a new on CAHS Strategy from 2026 is required to set future direction.

The Board discussed progress report on the Child Development Service reform, acknowledging that implemented actions have demonstrated measurable improvement, reflected in an increase in new assessments. The Board reiterated their support for the Executive Director in advancing the reform agenda as a priority and emphasised the importance of sustaining efforts to further reduce waiting lists and enhance booking processes.

The Board discussed the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS) progress report, reaffirming their strong support for the Executive Director in driving reforms aimed at delivering sustainable, efficient care and expanding access to CAMHS services.

The Board discussed Perth Children's Hospital and Neonatology Services monthly report, noting that strategic priorities continue to progress, with a sustained focus on capacity and demand management, outpatient reform, and reduction of elective surgery waiting lists. The Board discussed ongoing partnerships with Aboriginal Health and Community Services and encouraged strengthening cooperation.

Board Committees

The Board discussed reports and recommendations arising from the October 2025 meetings of the Safety and Quality Committee, Finance Committee, and Audit, Risk and Compliance Committee.



Key matters for discussion

- Touchstone Interim Model of Care
- Approval of future Audit scopes
- Closure of audit recommendations
- Updated Audit Charter
- High and Extreme Risk Movements
- Committee membership

Items for noting

- CAHS Performance Report
- Reports to actions raised in previous meetings

Next meeting

The next Board meeting will be held at Perth Children's Hospital on 19th December 2025.

Dr Neale Fong
BOARD CHAIR
November 2025

