Government of **Western Australia**
Child and Adolescent Health Service

Board Communique

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BOARD CHAIR

This Communique highlights key discussions and considerations from the Child and Adolescent Health Service (CAHS) Board meeting held on **3 July 2025,** at Perth Children's Hospital.

BOARD MEMBERSHIP AND RECRUITMENT

The Board noted membership changes with the resignation of Mr James Jegasothy and acknowledged his valuable contribution during his tenure. The Board continue to await advice from the Minister for Health and Department of Health regarding the appointment of additional members.

KEY DISCUSSION POINTS

- CAHS Operational Performance Report
- WA Children's Hospice Update, noting the Perth Children's Hospital Foundation is progressing the build and completion is estimated for March 2026
- Project Management Office update
- Legal Matters update
- State Public Health Plan
- Consumer Leadership Council update
- Update on Perth Children's Hospital Foundation's most recent Board meeting, which was attended by CAHS Board member, Dr Alexius Julian

CHIEF EXECUTIVE REPORT

The Board noted the report as provided and discussed research agreements between CAHS and The Kids Institute, six-month approval for the use of spring craniotomy wires from the Therapeutic Goods Association, the Cultural Safety Audit, the State Public Health Plan, and clarification that the WAVED Kids initiative is led by the State Health Operations Centre.

PERTH CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL AND NEONATOLOGY (PCH&N) REPORT

The Board noted the report as provided and discussed the pleasing performance of Hospital in the Home including its increased usage during winter months, and observed increases in general paediatrics admission rates (viral and respiratory) and social-related admissions. The Board commended the Executive Director of PCH&N on his efforts in helping facilitate the recent Town Hall.

CHILD AND ADOLESCENT COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES REPORT

The Board discussed the report as tabled, and highlighted progress of onboarding of additional staff and an external review that identified opportunities for productivity improvements.

CHILD AND ADOLESCENT MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES REPORT

The Board noted the report as provided and discussed the Bentley site relocation, and the new CAMHS Dashboard. The CAMHS Info Reel was presented, and it was highlighted that an evaluation tool has been developed in partnership with the CAMHS Research team. The Board commended the CAMHS team for their work.

AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE

The Board noted the Audit and Risk Committee Chair's Report, draft minutes and recommendations arising from the extraordinary meeting held **17 June 2025.**

Key discussion items included: the ARC Risk Deep Dive Schedule 2025-26, the CAHS Discipline Management External Review and consideration of Integrity and Ethics reporting and the need for alignment and partnerships, the CAHS Integrity Maturity Assessment report and the upcoming annual SOCI attestation.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Board noted the Finance Committee Chair's Report, draft minutes and recommendations arising from the meeting held **24 June 2025.**

Key discussion items included: the WA Health Financial Sustainability report, financial performance projections for the end of the financial year, and the renewal of RiskCover Insurance for 2025-26. The Board commended the Finance team on their efforts in managements CAHS's financial position.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

The next Board meeting will be held on **7 August 2025**, at Perth Children's Hospital.