

Board Communique

Ms Pamela Michael BOARD CHAIR

This communique highlights key discussions and considerations from the Child and Adolescent Health Service (CAHS) Board meeting held on 6 March 2025, at Perth Children's Hospital.

PRESENTATION BY THE TELETHON TRUST

The Board welcomed the General Manager of the Telethon Trust, Mr Mark McCrory, to the meeting to present on the partnership with CAHS. They discussed goals, objectives, strategic priorities, and funding mechanisms. The Board gained valuable insights into the Trust's annual funding priorities and acknowledged the substantial support it provides to CAHS.

CHILD AND ADOLESCENT COMMUNITY HEALTH (CACH)

The Board discussed the Executive Report with a focus on Child Development Services and reducing waiting lists and promoting immunisation initiatives.

CHILD AND ADOLESCENT MENTAL HEALTH (CAMHS)

The Board discussed the Executive Report and highlighted expanding CAMHS Crisis Connect to increase accessibility for rural families; and compliance with policies and KPIs benchmarking across other paediatric mental health organisations.

MEDICAL WORKFORCE STRATEGIC PLANNING

The Board discussed the regular update regarding the Medical Workforce Strategic Planning, requesting assurance surrounding the management of leave and roster management for Junior Medical Officers (JMO). The Board noted the importance of JMO wellbeing and confirmed it would maintain regular oversight.

CONSUMER ENGAGEMENT

The Board discussed the Consumer Leadership Council Report, with a focus on broader promotion of non-smoking in the proximity of Perth Children's Hospital and the need to collaborate with other Health Service providers and healthcare organisations to address this issue.

The Board discussed the Lived Experience Advisory Group Report and measures being implemented to normalise mental health issues to improve accessibility to CAMHS services.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE REPORT

The Board discussed the Chief Executive Report, including the Legal update, CAHS performance report and CAHS Medical Workforce update.

SAFETY AND QUALITY COMMITTEE

The Board noted the Safety and Quality Committee Chair's Report, draft minutes and recommendations arising from the meeting held 11 February 2024.

Key discussion items included the Medical Report, Safety and Quality monthly updates, Clinical Incident Management, benchmarking across the health sector, and progress against the Striving for Excellence initiative.

AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE

The Board noted the Audit and Risk Committee Chair's Report, draft minutes and recommendations arising from the meeting held 18 February 2024.

The Board reviewed evidence provided and endorsed the closure of recommendations. The Board discussed Audit Reports.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Board noted the Finance Chair's Report, draft minutes and recommendations arising from the meeting held 25 February 2025.

Key discussion items included the Chief Financial Officer's Report and cash management updates, finance risk deep dives, and Service Level Agreements.

NEXT MEETING

The next Board Meeting will be held on 3 April 2025, at Perth Children's Hospital.