



Communique

April 2020 meeting of the East Metropolitan Health Service (EMHS) Board

The EMHS Board meets each month to consider and decide on any matters related to its regulatory and governance function.

This Communique aims to inform stakeholders of the work of the Board and provides an overview of some items discussed. Due to the sensitivity of items not all are included within this Communique. Please forward it onto colleagues and employees who may be interested in its content. All Board Communiques can be accessed [via this link](#).

The meeting of the Board on 28 April 2020 was held in the Boardroom, Kirkman House, East Metropolitan Health Service. The meeting commenced at 11.00am and concluded at 2.30pm. Due to the current COVID-19 situation and social distancing requirements the Board Members attended via video-conference.

Chief Executive's Update

Sandra Miller, A/Chief Executive provided an overview of the current areas of focus across the EMHS. An update on COVID-19 was provided to the Board and included information on the planning and preparations that had occurred to date.

The Board were advised that EMHS have recommenced elective surgery in accordance with the System Managers instructions.

The Board discussed the COVID-19 mobile tracking application and affirmed that they had downloaded the application on their personal devices and encouraged all EMHS staff to do so as well.

Board Reports

The Board received direct reports from the Chairs of the respective Board Committees regarding issues considered at their most recent meetings:

- The EMHS Board Safety and Quality Committee reviewed performance for the month, the Committee noted EMHS performance in the SQiS comparative report indicators in majority of areas, compared favourably with other HSPs.
- The EMHS Finance Committee discussed financial performance and activity. The Committee were also advised of the new guidelines, developed in consultation with NMHS and SMHS, to ensure a uniform approach to financial controls and management incurred in relation to the pandemic.
- The Board approved the updated EMHS Authorisation and Delegation Schedule.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on 26 May 2020

Mr Ian Smith
Chair, East Metropolitan Health Service Board

