



Communique

September 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 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 29 September 2020 was held in the EMHS Chief Executive Office Boardroom. The meeting commenced at 11.00am and concluded at 3.30pm.

Mr Michael Walsh, Health Support Services – Board Chair and Mr Robert Toms, Health Support Services – Chief Executive attended the meeting via video-conference and provided an overview of the HSS Board, HSS ICT Services and ICT Portfolio Summary. The Board were advised of two major projects commencing across Wa Health in relation to the replacement of the HR and Payroll system and the Electronic Medical Record Project.

Dr Justin Waring, Chair – Medical Advisory Committee (MAC) Royal Perth Hospital (RPH); Dr PK Loh, Chair – MAC Bentley Health Service (BHS) and Dr Nick Waldron, Chair – MAC Armadale Health Service (AHS) attended the meeting and provided an overview of key areas of focus for the MAC.

Chief Executive's Update

Liz MacLeod, Chief Executive provided an overview of the current areas of focus across the EMHS.

The Health Service Performance Report results were discussed with the Board, highlighting areas to be improved and a key focus for EMHS.

An update was provided on the challenges for the health services emergency departments due to an increase in demand for mental health beds.

An update on COVID-19 and a summary of lessons learnt encompassing information from the eastern states was discussed.

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 provided summary of the safety and quality metrics and key areas of focus for the committee.
- The EMHS Finance Committee presented the financial performance and activity. It was noted the meeting with the OAG for a formal review of the OAG's Closing report with respect to the audit of EMHS Financial Statement for the year ended 30 June 2020.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on 27 October 2020

Mr Ian Smith
Chair, East Metropolitan Health Service Board