



Communique

April 2021 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 27 April 2021 was held in the EMHS Chief Executive Office Boardroom. The meeting commenced at 11.00am and concluded at 4.30pm.

Chief Executive's update

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

An update was provided on the COVID Vaccination program across EMHS advising the Board that 60% of all staff have now been vaccinated. Further work is occurring on ensuring all Phase 1A staff are vaccinated.

The Health Service Performance Report results were discussed, with the Board noting improvement on the number of performing indicators.

Presentation

The Board invited senior clinicians from the RPH Emergency Department to attend the meeting.

The Board heard of the strategies that have been implemented across RPH to address clinical risk within the Emergency Department. A Rapid Assessment Team has been initiated to provide oversight of patients in the waiting room. This initiative will also provide support to the staff working the ED.

The Board were also advised of the refurbishment occurring in the ED which will open the ambulatory pathway for patients, in a bid to expediate patient treatment and reduce wait times experienced in ED.

Board reports

EMHS 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 a summary of the safety and quality metrics and key areas of focus for the committee. An area of focus for the Committee is a new Coronial Recommendations Tracker which outlines recommendations following coroners' cases that EMHS have considered in terms of applicability.
- The EMHS Board Audit & Risk Committee provided a progress summary of the audit log recommendations as well as an overview of the current reviews being undertaken.



- The EMHS Board Planning & Performance Committee provided a summary of key items discussed. The Health Service Performance Report (HSPR) was tabled at the committee outlining KPIs that continue to underperform across EMHS.
- The EMHS Board Digital & Innovation Committee discussed capturing and reporting on allocated KPIs. The Committee were provided with a presentation on Innovation Stories from Hackathons and Think Tanks that have occurred across EMHS.
- The EMHS Board Finance Committee provided a summary of the key issues arising at the monthly meeting.
- The Board discussed the Your Voice in Health Employee Engagement Survey 2021, noting that EMHS is currently sitting at a 40% response rate.
- The Board noted the current Project Status Update for the HIVE including the launch of the program at Armadale Health Service.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 25 May 2021

Mr Ian Smith
Chair, East Metropolitan Health Service Board