



## Communique

### August 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 31 August 2021 was held at Bentley Health Service. The meeting commenced at 11.00am and concluded at 5.00pm. Between 10.00am - 11.00am 4 Board Members undertook Leader Rounding across clinical and corporate areas of the hospital.

#### Chief Executive's update

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

An update was provided on COVID preparedness and progress on staff vaccinations across EMHS.

Nursing recruitment is a current priority with EMHS engaging a recruitment agency to streamline and assist with recruitment for staff positions.

#### Presentations

The Board received presentations from Nurse Unit Managers from RPH, BHS and AHS, Dr Ricky Arenson – Chair of the RPBG Clinical Staff Association and Professor Daniel Fatovich, EMHS Director of Research.

The Board heard reports regarding the challenges and pressures being felt across the health service. Staff recruitment and retention, workloads, staff fatigue and equipment were key themes outlined by staff.

#### 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. The area of focus for the Committee is the cluster of SAC1 infection control incidents at RPH. An external infection control practitioner has been engaged to provide an independent review and assist in identifying any gaps or additional opportunities for improvement.
- The EMHS Board Audit & Risk Committee provided a summary of the key areas of focus for the Committee and approved the 2021/22 Audit Plan.
- The EMHS Board Planning & Performance Committee provided a summary of key areas of focus for the Committee discussing the EMHS Performance Commentary Report.
- The EMHS Board Digital & Innovation Committee provided a summary of the key areas of focus for the Committee. Two presentations were provided from MPT Connect WA Life



Sciences Innovation Hub and Digital Innovation Virtual Care in Outpatients.

- The EMHS Board Finance Committee provided a summary of the key issues arising at the monthly meeting.
- The Board approved the revised EMHS Delegation and Authorisation Schedule.
- The Board approved the EMHS Board Safety & Quality Annual Attestation and the Annual EMHS Audit Declaration and Attestation.
- The Board approved the draft EMHS Annual Report 2020-21.

### Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 28 September 2021

Mr Ian Smith  
Chair, East Metropolitan Health Service Board