



Communique

February 2023 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 28 February 2023 was held at the EMHS Corporate Office in the Boardroom. The meeting commenced at 11.30am and concluded at 5.20pm.

Chief Executive's update

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

The Nursing & Midwifery Ward Night was held on Saturday 23 February 2023 with EMHS nurse being nominated across most of the award categories.

EMHS are planning to rollout the Health in a Virtual Environment (HIVE) to Kalgoorlie Hospital. Work is being progressed with the WA Country Health Service in setting up the service.

Board reports

EMHS Board received updates from Armadale Kalamunda Group, Royal Perth Bentley Group and EMHS mental health.

Direct reports from the Chairs of the respective Board Committees were also presented, providing an update on issues considered at their most recent meetings:

- The EMHS Board Safety and Quality Committee Chair tabled a summary of the safety and quality metrics and key areas of focus for the Committee. Pressure Injury rates at RPH have deteriorated and case reviews are underway. HAC Injurious falls are underperforming with case reviewed underway and a report to come back through to the Committee next month.
- The EMHS Board Audit & Risk Committee Chair tabled a summary of key areas of focus for the Committee. ICT recommendations were discussed with the Committee being advised that recruitment for the Chief Cyber Security Officer being finalised.
- The EMHS Board Planning & Performance Committee Chair tabled a summary of key areas of focus for the Committee. There is a continued strong focus on systems in place to ensure compliance with the new Work Health and Safety Legislation. The EMHS Wellbeing Strategy was launched in February 2023. EMHS continues to improve performance against the Elective Surgery Waitlist KPIs, in particular gastroenterology.
- The EMHS Board Finance Committee Chair provided an overview of EMHS activity and financial performance for December 2022 and January 2023.

The Board discussed the summary of Amendments to the Health Services Act (2016) with a review of the Authorisations and Delegations Schedule required to implement the changes.



The Board discussed the outcomes and recommendations following the EMHS Board Committee External Review.

Next meeting

The next meeting will be held at Armadale Health Service on Tuesday 28 March 2023

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Chair, EMHS Board