



Communique

March 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 30 March 2021 was held in the EMHS Chief Executive Office Boardroom. The meeting commenced at 11.00am and concluded at 4.00pm.

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 acute patient flow across EMHS with advice to the Board that work is progressing to address challenges identified. The Board were advised that Royal Perth Hospital (RPH) will have additional beds opening at the end of April.

The Minister for Health Your Voice in Health survey which commenced on Monday 29 March 2021 for 4 weeks, was discussed with the Board encouraging all staff members to complete the survey.

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

Presentation

The Board received a presentation from Professor Craig Valli in relation to Cyber Security. Prof. Valli provided an overview of the Top 4 issues in relation to cyber risk.

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 compliance with the EMHS Morbidity & Mortality Standard, the Committee noted that site based plans are underway to further improve compliance and an update to the Committee will be provided in 6 months.
- The EMHS Board Finance Committee provided a summary of the key issues arising at the monthly meeting.
- The Board discussed the key emergency indicators WA Emergency Target (WEAT) and Transfer of Care (TOC), following a letter received from the Minister for Health in relation to EMHS performance against the KPIs.
- The Board were pleased to be updated on the opening date of the Safe Haven at RPH.

- The Board endorsed the EMHS Values in Action Award, which was launched in April. The Board is looking forward to reviewing the nominations in January 2022 and announcing the annual winner.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 27 April 2021

Mr Ian Smith
Chair, East Metropolitan Health Service Board