



Communique

December 2022 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 20 December 2022 was held in the EMHS Chief Executive Boardroom. The meeting commenced at 08:00am and concluded at 12:20pm.

Chief Executive's update

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

The Board welcomed Linda Toomath to the meeting, who provided an update on EMHS' COVID response. Sumit Sinha-Roy was also welcomed to discuss key areas from the Emergency Access Update report.

Presentations

The Board welcomed Royal Perth Bentley Group (RPBG) Mental Health (MH) leads to the meeting. The MH leads provided an overview of RPBG MH services and discussed challenges in the MH workforce.

The Board thanked the MH leads and requested they attend again in 6-months to provide a further update.

Board Reports

EMHS Board received and discussed written 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 provided a summary of the safety and quality metrics and key areas of focus for the Committee. EMHS continues to indicate positive trends and improvement across the key performance indicators, however, a slight deterioration in the Hospital Diagnosis Standardised Mortality Ratio was noted and will continue to be monitored.
- The EMHS Board Digital and Innovation Committee Chair provided a verbal update on the Committee's areas of focus.
- The EMHS Board Audit and Risk Committee provided a summary of discussion from



this month's meeting, including audit, ICT recommendations, clinical billing and EMHS risks.

- The EMHS Board Planning and Performance Committee Chair outlined key areas of focus for the Committee, including staff wellbeing and workforce matters, improvement in elective surgery waitlists (particularly for gastroenterology), and major programs and plans to improve service quality, effectiveness and efficiency. EMHS was noted as the best performing Health Service Provider (HSP) measured across all indicators for October 2022.

The Board also received updates from the relevant Executive Directors on workforce matters, cyber security and procurement and contract management.

Thank you and farewell

This was the final meeting for the inaugural EMHS Board Chair, Ian Smith, who will be retiring from 31 December 2022. The EMHS Board sincerely thanked Ian for his outstanding service and leadership since 2016.

The EMHS Board welcomes Pia Turcinov as the new EMHS Board Chair in 2023.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 28 February 2023.

Mr Ian Smith
Chair, EMHS Board