



CHILD AND ADOLESCENT HEALTH SERVICE BOARD COMMUNIQUE APRIL 2023

This Communique highlights key discussion from the Child and Adolescent Health Service Board April 2023 meeting.

The third Board meeting for 2023 was held on 6 April 2023 at Perth Children's Hospital (PCH) Boardroom and via MS Teams.

SUMMARY OF THE BOARD MEETING

Statement on the First Nations People Voice to Parliament

The Board discussed the South Metropolitan Health Service Board Statement publicly endorse the Uluru Statement from the Health and the upcoming referendum regarding a Voice to Parliament. The Board outlined its support for the Statement and endorsed the development of a similar statement for the Child and Adolescent Health Service (CAHS) Board.

Chief Executive Report

The Board noted the Chief Executive Report and discussed:

1. **Implementation of Nurse-to-Patient Ratios** within the Perth Children's Hospital (PCH) Emergency Department and the subsequent FTE uplift requirements.
2. **WA Children's Hospice progress**, acknowledging the signed Deed of Agreement and noting that the formation of a governance group to oversee the project.
3. **Cultural Security Audit**, and the engagement of a consultant to complete the audit.

Consumer Engagement

The Youth Advisory Committee and the Consumer Advisory Committee minutes were noted from March 2023 with discussions regarding food services after hours, Security staff uniforms, availability of School Health Nurses and CAHS approach to LBQTI+ and neurodiverse patients.

Complaints and Compliments Report

The Board discussed the Consumer Experience moment tabled highlighting communication of care actions with family. In addition, the Board noted Compliments received for PCH ED and Allied Health staff.

Board Committees

The Board received reports from its Standing Committees as follows:

1. **Safety & Quality Committee**

The Board noted the Safety & Quality Chair Report and draft minutes of 14 March 2023 meeting highlighting:

- sustained high level of patient awareness of their rights and responsibilities; and high compliance with Hand Hygiene protocols;
- monitoring of the implementation of the Coroner's recommendations from the Inquest into the death of A.A., and the broader lessons learnt;
- Clinical Management Guidelines review update;
- progress regarding compliance with the Sepsis Clinical Care Standard; and
- increased governance by the Committee in SAC1 and M&M reporting.

The Board discussed Clinical Incidents report and recommendations as tabled.

2. Finance Committee

The Board noted the Finance Committee Chair's Report and draft minutes of the meeting held 29 March 2023.

The Board noted the current Budget position with budget pressures attributed to activity changes and FTE uplifts. The Committee discussed:

- reporting of Arrangement A invoicing and strategies for recovery of missed revenue;
- Early Childhood Dental Program funding; and
- local government movement towards commercial lease arrangements and its impact on community services.

3. People, Culture and Capability Committee

The Board noted the People, Capability and Culture Chair's Report and draft minutes of the meeting held 16 March 2023 and Committee discussions regarding:

- implementation of the Reconciliation Action Plan and Cultural Transformation Report;
- implementation of Service-Based Culture Training Sessions; and
- organisational compliance with mandatory training.

The Board discussed PCC resourcing and operational challenges.

Coronial Inquest into the Death of Aishwarya Aswath – Report of Findings

The Board discussed the implementation of coronial recommendations, noting three streams of activity including education and training, recruitment and retention and clinical services.

CAHS Divisional Reports

1. Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services

Key items of discussion included:

- CAHS preparation for the upcoming Coronial Inquest into the death of K.S.;
- progress of the changes to Ward 5A;
- progress against the recommendations for the ICA Taskforce; and
- proposed changes to the CAPA model.

2. Community Health

Key items of discussion included:

- Child Development Services and wait times;
- vaccination catch up programs;
- Mental health framework in schools; and
- culturally appropriate clinical models developed by the Aboriginal Health Team.

3. Perth Children's Hospital and Neonatology Services

Key items of discussion included:

- Ongoing increase in demand and Surge Demand Capacity Plan;
- Resourcing challenges;
- Paediatric Access and Capacity Program and discharge planning strategies;
- 24/7 bed capacity dashboard;
- Patient Flow Audit and triage wait times.

4. Nursing Services

Key items of discussion included:

- PARROT Chart Evaluation update; and
- Accountability and clinical governance.

5. Medical Services

Key items of discussion included:

- Transition Services; and
- Research Operations Review.

6. Procurement, Infrastructure and Contract Management

Key items of discussion included:

- Cyber Security;
- Remediation of medical devices;
- Progress regarding Perth Children's Hospice;
- KEMH Fire Remediation updates;
- Clinical Task Modules to support with clinical handovers; and
- Medical Technology replacement updates.

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