



Communique

August 2019 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 some items discussed. Due to the sensitivity of items discussed at the Board Meeting 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 27 August 2019 was held in the Boardroom, Kirkman House, East Metropolitan Health Service. The meeting commenced at 12.00 and concluded at 5.00pm.

Chief Executive's Update

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

Key Services Update

Ms Annette Baker, Nursing & Site Director – Bentley Health Service, attended the Board Meeting and provided a presentation on the “Bentley Hospital Site Services Overview”.

The Board were advised that Bentley Hospital (BH) is made up of 15 buildings and has a total health service bed number of 227 (inclusive of 31 closed beds).

The first stage of BH was constructed in 1967. At the time of construction the hospital was estimated to have cost \$1.45 million, and contained 71 beds, including 20 maternity beds and was the first hospital to be built south of the Swan River in the Perth Metropolitan area.

Royal Perth Bentley Group (RPBG) Executive Director Lesley Bennett provided a verbal report on RPBG and highlighted areas of focus including WEAT and the launch of the Your Time Counts program.

The Board were also updated on the improvement from RPBG on the pressure injury rate after review of the Health Roundtable Data.

Armadale Kalamunda Group (AKG) Executive Director Di Barr provided a verbal report on AKG and highlighted areas of focus. It was noted that the Emergency Department is performing well with WEAT scores sitting around 76%. Noting that whilst activity and demand has dropped, the volume and acuity is still high.

Board Reports

The 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 were provided with feedback that a high degree of attention is being focussed on infection rates in the blood stream and surgical site infections.

- The EMHS Audit & Risk Committee acknowledged the significant work undertaken to close off a number of audit recommendations.
- The EMHS Planning & Service Delivery Performance discussed activity across the EMHS. The Committee's areas of focus were WEAT, WEST and DAMA.
- The EMHS Finance Committee discussed the financial and activity reports.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on 24 September 2019

Ms Suzie May
A/Chair, East Metropolitan Health Service Board