Communique

November 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 26 November 2019 was held in the Boardroom, Kirkman House, East Metropolitan Health Service. The meeting commenced at 12.00 and concluded at 5.00pm.

Presentation to the Board

Dr Helen Daly, Chair of the Clinical Staff Association (CSA) at Royal Perth Bentley Group (RPBG) attended the Board Meeting to present on behalf of the CSA.

Chief Executive's Update

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

Key Services Update

RPBG Executive Director Lesley Bennett provided a verbal report on RPBG and highlighted areas of focus including WEAT and the launch of the Stand-Up Meetings from the Your Time Counts Program, advising the Board that there has been good engagement from across the hospital.

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 77% - 78%.

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 and update on the Patient Opinion stories for the month, plans at RPBG to trial a central IV team to assist in the prevention of infection related clinical incidents and a briefing on audit findings and strategies to prevent unplanned readmissions to a mental health inpatient unit within 28 days.
- The EMHS Finance Committee discussed the financial and activity reports.
- The Board approved the EMHS Cancer Plan.
- The Board discussed SHR priority areas for EMHS to progress.
- The Board noted the Royal Perth Hospital (RPH) Human Research Ethics Committee (HREC) Annual Report 2018-19.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on 18 December 2019

Mr Ian Smith Chair, East Metropolitan Health Service Board