



## Communique

### December 2020 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 16 December 2020 was held in the EMHS Chief Executive Office Boardroom. The meeting commenced at 8.00am and concluded at 12.45pm.

#### Chief Executive's update

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

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

An update was provided on the Health in a Virtual Environment (HIVE) with the Board congratulating EMHS and the HIVE staff on the opening and the progress made on the project deliverables to date.

#### 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 Committee noted the improvement in unplanned readmission rates for knee and hip replacement and cataract surgery,
- The EMHS Board Audit & Risk Committee provided a summary of audits currently being conducted and the review of in progress and closed out audit recommendations. The Committee discussed the 6 extreme risks and noted the progress made against the TAPs associated with each extreme risk.
- The EMHS Board Planning & Performance Committee provided a summary of key items addressed at the December meeting. The Committee endorsed the Building Healthy Communities Document and noted the progress on the AKG Clinical Service Plan and the DoH Demand Capacity Model.
- The Board were pleased to note the opening of the Safe Haven, one of the Government's election commitments, in January 2021.
- The Board endorsed the EMHS Multicultural Plan 2021-2023.
- The Board approved the creation of a new Board Committee – Digital and Innovation Committee which will provide advice, independent assurance and assistance on digital, transformation, innovation and cybersecurity matters.



## Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on 23 February 2021

Mr Ian Smith  
Chair, East Metropolitan Health Service Board