



November 2024

EMHS Board Communique

The latest news, views, and announcements

This communique highlights key discussions and considerations of the EMHS Board meeting held on Tuesday 26 November 2024 at Armadale Health Service.

Board Members Present:

- Ms Pia Turcinov AM, Board Chair
- Dr Denise Glennon, Deputy Board Chair
- Mr Ross Keesing, Board Member
- Mr Peter Forbes, Board Member
- Prof. Tracey Moroney, Board Member
- Ms Melissa Grove, Board Member
- Ms Vanessa Elliott AM via Teams, Board Member
- Mr Andrew Whitechurch, Board Member
- Mr Steven Patchett via Teams, Board Member

Board Leader Rounding:

- Melissa Grove, Tracey Moroney and Denise Glennon – Emergency Department and Dialysis with Tania Strickland and Helen Fullerton
- Peter Forbes and Ross Keesing – Kitchen & Patient Support Services with Mike Morton
- Andrew Whitechurch – Allied Health and Community Rehab with Dan Kilmurray



Board Chair – Ms Pia Turcinov

- The Board Members held the November Board Meeting at Armadale Health Service (AHS) and undertook leader rounding across designated areas within AHS.
- Ms Turcinov provided an overview to the Board of key activities:
- Attendance at the monthly Ambulance Ramping Taskforce meeting.
- Attendance at the Health Support Services (HSS) Board Meeting – Topics for discussion included cyber security, artificial intelligence, ICT Infrastructure and Community Virtual Healthcare. HSS welcomed this engagement opportunity and the open discussion. The visit was well received, with an invitation extended to attend again in 2025.
- Attendance at the bi-monthly meeting with the Minister for Health; Mental Health.
- Ms Turcinov attended the 2024 WA Health Excellence awards, held on Thursday 7 November 2024 and was pleased to see a number of EMHS staff and teams be recognised and awarded for their dedication and commitment to their work.
- Ms Turcinov also attended the 2024 EMHS RPBG Nursing and Midwifery Awards which celebrated nursing and midwifery staff for their outstanding contributions across EMHS.





EMHS Chief Executive – Dr Lesley Bennett

Dr Bennett provided an update on key matters across EMHS including:

- The successful transition of Next Step Services (NSS) from the Mental Health Commission to Royal Perth Bentley Group (RPBG).
- The Premier and Minister for Health will be attending Bentley Health Service to open the Birth Centre

EMHS Site Updates

Mr Neil Cowan – Executive Director AKG provided an update on matters this month:

- AKG DMR reached the 2 million record milestone.
- Comprehensive Care Plan roll-out commences on AKG sites.
- WA Health Excellence Awards: Danish Mahmud and ART Team win, with vascular access team also a finalist.

Mr Ben Noteboom – Executive Director RPBG provided an update on matters this month:

- Digital Medical Record rollout anticipated in March 2025 for BHS and May 2025 for RPH.
- Ambulance Co-Response Service virtual triage to commence 20 November 2024.
- Dr Andrew Yeates achieved the highest score nationally in the 2024 Australasian College of Health Service Management (ACHSM) Fellowship exam.
- Innovation Hub Launch 25 November 2024.

Presentations to the Board:

The EMHS Board welcomed the Mental Health Commissioner – Maureen Lewis. Ms Lewis provided an overview of key items from the Mental Health Commission, such as, Ministerial Advisory Committees, Mental Health priorities for 2025 and the 5-year Mental Health Drug and Alcohol Strategy.

The EMHS Board welcomed Dr Scott Blackwell – WA Health Chair Voluntary Assisted Dying (VAD). Dr Blackwell provided an overview of key items, such as, increasing VAD numbers and reflections from people who have utilised the service.

EMHS Board Committee Reports

The Board discussed reports from the Chairs of the Board Safety & Quality, Board Operational Performance & Strategy, and Board Finance Committees.

Board Safety & Quality:

- High level reporting will be provided to the Committee to gain oversight over accreditation.
- The Committee noted the thematic review of Violent and Aggressive Incidents 2023.

Operational Performance & Strategy:

- Discussions at the Committee focussed on the National Lung Cancer Screening Program, DoH Demand and Capacity Model & EMHS Mandatory Training compliance.

Finance:

- The Committee discussed the EMHS financial matters for the month.
- The WA Health Financial Sustainability Taskforce held its first meeting.

