



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 August 2025 at Royal Perth Hospital.

Board Members Present

Ms Pia Turcinov AM	Board Chair
Dr Denise Glennon	Deputy Board Chair
Mr Peter Forbes	Board Member
Dr Steve Patchett	Board Member
Prof. Tracey Moroney	Board Member
Ms Elizabeth Koff	Board Member
Ms Melissa Grove	Board Member
Ms Vanessa Elliott	Board Member
Mr Andrew Whitechurch	Board Member



Left to right: Denise Glennon (Deputy Board Chair), Leah Williams (HIV/Immunology Nurse Practitioner), Allison Cain (Clinical Nurse Specialist immunology – HIV), Melissa Grove (Board Member), Dr David Nolan (Immunology Consultant & Head of Department), Jessica Summerville (A/Coordinator of Nursing Medical Division), Helen Fullarton (Medical Division Co-Director).

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Board Chair – Pia Turcinov AM

- Ms Pia Turcinov attended the EMHS Aboriginal Business Expo this month where 14 Aboriginal businesses showcased their services for EMHS.
- Ms Turcinov and Dr Lesley Bennett attended the Ambulance Ramping Taskforce meeting and met with Hon. Meredith Hammat MLA, Minister for Health; Mental Health to discuss various issues across the organisation.
- Ms Turcinov chaired the Health Service Provider (HSP) Board Chair Forum where Board Chairs from all HSPs discussed common issues across the system. Hon. Meredith Hammat MLA, Minister for Health was also in attendance.
- Hon. John Carey MLA, Minister for Planning and Lands; Housing and Works; Health Infrastructure and Mental Health Commissioner, Ms Maureen Lewis both attended the August Board Meeting.

EMHS Board Committee Reports

Board Finance Committee

- The Committee discussed EMHS' financial standing and budget discussions across the system.

Board Patient Experience and Clinical Excellence Committee

- Dr Sangeeta Malla Bhat from the Armadale Health Service Maternity Unit provided the Committee with a presentation on the service.
- The Committee discussed safety and quality metrics and EMHS' strategic approach to the patient experience and clinical excellence.

Board Audit and Risk Committee

- The Committee discussed the outcomes of recent internal and external audits and finalised EMHS strategic risks.

Board Leader Rounding

Board Members had the opportunity to visit the newly refurbished Ward 2K and the HIV Injectables Clinic for Board Leader Rounding this month and commended the great work and dedication of staff in these areas.



Left to right: Wade Emmeluth (Service Co-Director, Mental Health), Tracey Moroney (Board Member), Pia Turcinov (Board Chair), Sarah MacKinnon (Coordinator of Nursing, Mental Health Royal Perth Hospital), Steve Patchett (Board Member)



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EMHS Chief Executive – Dr Lesley Bennett

- Dr Lesley Bennett provided an overview of the various Health Executive Committee (HEC) meetings held in August including the Digital Health Steering Committee, Workforce and Culture and System Flow and Reform.
- Dr Bennett held a Chief Executive (CE) forum in August for EMHS leaders to discuss current challenges and provide relevant updates from the Executive.
- Winter Planning, Financial Sustainability and the Staff Survey results were all discussed at the August Board meeting.

EMHS Site Updates



Armadale Kalamunda Group (AKG)

- AKG received full accreditation status this month.
- Initiatives to improve patient flow in the Emergency Department continue to be monitored and refined.
- Staff shortages continue to be a challenge for AKG.



Royal Perth Bentley Group (RPBG)

- RPBG achieved successful accreditation reassessment.
- Despite implementing strategies to reduce pressure and improve flow, winter continues to challenge RPBG. Improvement strategies continue to be explored.

Mental Health

- Planned additional activity and improvement initiatives are underway to improve the utilisation of the Ambulance Mental Health Co-Response.
- Mental Health bed flow has been a challenge across the system with high admission rates, EMHS continues to work with the State Health Operations Centre (SHOC) on improvement initiatives.

Presentation

Ms Maureen Lewis – Mental Health Commissioner

Ms Maureen Lewis provided the Board with an overview of activities being undertaken by the Mental Health Commission.

Key items discussed included:

- The new Mental Health and Alcohol and Other Drugs Strategy
- Flow in the mental health space across the system
- Preventative Health and education campaigns