



# EMHS Board Communique

## The latest news, views, and announcements

This communique highlights key discussions and considerations of the EMHS Board meeting held on Tuesday 3 March 2026 at Bentley Health Service.

### Board Members Present

Ms Sally Carbon	Board Chair
Dr Denise Glennon	Deputy Board Chair
Mr Andrew Whitechurch	Board Member
Ms Clare Grieveson	Board Member
Dr Glenn Murray	Board Member
Dr Cathy Nottage	Board Member
Mr Kane Blackman	Board Member



## March 2026





### EMHS Board Chair – Ms Sally Carbon

- Ms Sally Carbon presented to the full Area Executive Group (AEG) about how the Board is functioning together, the Board Workplan and Board Committees.
- Health and Disability Services Complaints Office (HaDSCO) Director and Deputy Director completed their annual visit to EMHS and presented their report to the Chief Executive and myself.
- Dr Denise Glennon attended the Minister’s Ramping Taskforce – 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2026. Discussions focussed on proactive planning of elective surgery and medically cleared for discharge patients.
- Ms Clare Grieveson attended St John of God Midland Hospital, which was arranged by SJOG Board Chair, with a visit from the Governor on 25 February 2026. The visit is the execution of First Nations services, a consequence of Governor’s Ball fundraising.

### EMHS Board ‘Yellow’ meeting Executive Question

The March Board Meeting was the EMHS Board first ‘Yellow’ meeting for the year. The ‘Yellow’ meeting encourages strategic thinking and problem solving, focussed on executive questions.

The first executive question for the meeting was “How is EMHS progressing its digital positioning, capability or focus between now and 2030?”

Mr Chris Barton – EMHS Chief Information Officer presented to the Board and provided an overview of EMHS digital success over the past 5 years and focussed on the following areas:

- WA Health Digital Governance
- WA Health Digital Challenges
- EMHS Digital Journey from 2020-2025
- EMHS Own Investment and Delivery of Wi-Fi
- EMHS Digital Future

### Mr Philip Aylward, A/Chief Executive

Mr Philip Aylward presented the Board with his Mini CE Report. Discussions centred around:

- EMHS Financial Performance
- Mount Lawley Hospital Transition Program
- EMHS Winter Strategy
- EMHS Activity and Trends
- Infrastructure – Health Asset Maintenance Fund (HAMF)
- Royal Perth Hospital Emergency Department Project
- Bentley Surgicentre
- Byford Health Hub





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The second executive question for the meeting was “What value would be created by integrating Bentley Health Service Surgicentre, Mount Lawley Hospital and Royal Perth Hospital to improve access to elective surgery?”

Ms Ann Blunden and Nerissa Wood presented to the Board and outlined the following topics”

- EMHS Hospital Clinical Services Framework Levels and Roles
- Timeline of additional Elective Surgical Capacity Planned for EMHS
- Surgical Specialties by site 2026-2029
- Elective Surgical Performance
- Future Opportunities

## Board Leader Rounding

The Board Members shared learnings from the Board Leader Rounding visits to the Midwifery Birth Centre and Ward 2. The Midwifery Birth Centre is the first in the EMHS region providing a contemporary model of care for women. All the midwives are credentialed and endorsed, allowing them to admit women and prescribe appropriate medications and vaccinations. Ward 2 was an initiative of the 2025 Winter Strategy with a capacity of 20 beds. It provides a hospital-based option to deliver and maintain the most appropriate model of care for patients who no longer require acute inpatient or specialist rehabilitation services and require Residential Aged Care Home placement.



Midwifery Birth Centre



Ward 2

