

PATHWEST Board Communiqué

This Communiqué highlights key discussions and considerations from the 5 September 2024 Board Meeting.



KEY MATTERS:

Discussion with the Director General

The PathWest Board and Executive were joined by the Director General of Health, Dr. Shirley Bowen, for a roundtable discussion regarding the Director General's vision for the future of the WA Health system, and PathWest's critical role within the delivery of this vision. Topics such as overall sustainability of the health system, changing health priority areas, innovation and clinical excellence were discussed by all in attendance. The PathWest Board and Executive are committed to this vision and continuing the vital work in supporting all West Australians in meeting their healthcare needs.

Board risks and Risk Appetite Statement

Concluding a substantial body of work, Mr. Liam Murphy, Manager Audit and Risk Management presented the Board with the comprehensive Board risk profile, Key Risk Indicator Dashboard and the PathWest Risk Appetite Statement.

The Board commended Mr. Murphy and the Audit and Risk team for their significant effort and dedication in bringing this project to fruition, and further strengthening PathWest's operational governance.

STANDING REPORTS:

Finance and Business Performance Report

Mr. Sandy Kerr, Executive Director, Finance, Procurement and Commercial Services presented the Finance and Business Performance Report. This report focused heavily on analysing PathWest's financial performance moving into the 2024/25 financial year and identifying trend data early to assist in cost forecasting. An increase in debt management was noted, with cost recovery efforts improving over the reporting period.

Chief Executive Report

Dr. Hadlow presented the Chief Executive report which included the following items:

- Appointment of the PathWest General Counsel
- Updates from the external audits from the Office of the Auditor General.
- Laboratory Information System modernisation project progress update.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance, Risk and Audit Committee report

The Finance, Risk and Audit Committee met on Tuesday, 27 August 2024 with key discussions focused on:

- Developmental progress of and updates to PathWest's Business Continuity Planning Framework and Emergency Management plans, including scenario testing.
- Organisational risks and mitigation for management works.
- Auditing progress and identified focal points.
- The appointment of a new independent committee member specialising in cyber security compliance and governance.

Safety and Quality Committee

The Safety and Quality Committee met on Tuesday, 3 September 2024 with key discussions focused on:

- Discipline Management Committee progress including the oversight of the Safety and Quality Key Assurance Indicator framework.
- Specimen collection and transportation quality assurance reporting.
- Quality management and clinical incident reporting focusing on key items across the reporting period.

MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD CHAIR

Since the last Board meeting, our Board Chair and Chief Executive Morning Teas have continued, meeting staff at King Edward Memorial Hospital and Osborne Park Hospital. The upcoming schedule for the morning teas are noted below, and we encourage you to register for these morning teas.

Location	Date	Time	Room
Media Manufacturing Unit	Thursday, 31 October 2024	10:00-11:00am	Media Manufacturing Unit Staff Tea Room
Armadale	Tuesday, 5 November 2024	10:00-11:00am	Seminar Room, Level 1
Fremantle	Monday, 2 December 2024	10:00-11:00am	John Holme Meeting Room, B Block

NEXT MEETING

The next scheduled Board meeting will be held in Perth on 3 October 2024.



Ms. Angie Paskevicius
Chair, PathWest Board
1 October 2024