

continued improvements in the finance report and look forward to future updates as the report continues to advance and grow.

Chief Executive Report

The Chief Executive report was presented to the Board by the CE, Dr Narelle Hadlow. A few key points from the report were discussed including a one-year trial of Safe2Say, which is an anonymous online platform for staff to report misconduct. The Board looks forward to further updates on this initiative in the future.

COMMITTEE UPDATES

Forensic Biology Advisory Council (FBAC) Report

As the PathWest Board representative on the Forensic Biology Advisory Council, Professor Christobel Saunders presented the Board with the FBAC report following the 19 February 2024 meeting. The Board heard that there has been an increase in the number of specimens being reviewed, which in turn has assisted with double the number of “offender processed” crimes being solved.. The Board was impressed with these numbers and acknowledged the continued hard work from the PathWest Forensic Biology Department, providing outstanding forensic services to the WA Police Force and the WA community..

Finance Risk and Audit Committee

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

- Business Continuity and Emergency Management Plans
- Cybersecurity Framework and strategy
- ICT Recovery Plan
- Security of Critical Infrastructure (SOCI) Act 2018 Risk Management Program
- Internal Audits – Corporate Governance Healthcheck and Quality Assurance Self-Assessment
- Office of the Auditor General (OAG) LIS Application Performance Audit
- Legislative compliance and obligations
- Integrity and Ethics report
- Leave management, types and balances
- Report on active procurements over \$1M
- Core Tender update
- Regular reports including Risk Management dashboard, Audit Dashboard and the Finance and Business Performance Report

Safety and Quality Committee

The Safety and Quality Committee met on Tuesday, 29 February 2024 with the key discussions focused on:

- Reporting on audit recommendation implementation
- High Risk Results (HRR) Audit and reporting
- Key Assurance Indicators (KAI)
- Lost Specimen Data Report
- Report from the Clinician and Scientific Governance Committee
- Regular reports including the Quality Management report and the Clinical Incident Report

Clinical Governance Safety and Quality Forum

Safety and Quality Committee Chair, Mr. Kevin Taylor attended the Clinical Governance Safety and Quality Forum (the Forum) on 13 February 2024. The Forum is attended by the Chairs of the Safety and Quality Committees from each of the Health Service Providers (HSPs). The Forum focused on key points including:

- WA Safety and Quality Strategic Plan
- Safety and Quality Capability Framework
- SAC1 Investigations and Reports

MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD CHAIR

Recruitment of the Chief Pathologist position was finalised in late February 2024 and as a result I would like to announce that Dr. Priyanthi Kumarasinghe has been appointed to the position as Chief

Pathologist. Although Dr Kumarasinghe is not new to PathWest, through her work as a Senior Consultant Pathologist in Histopathology, I would like to extend a warm welcome to her as the newest member of the Executive team.

This month I attended the Rare Disease Day morning tea hosted by the Diagnostic Genomics Department and the farewell morning tea for Professor Dominic Spagnolo who has retired after nearly five decades of work in WA pathology under the Anatomical Pathology discipline.

The April Board meeting will be held in Albany, allowing myself, six Board members, the Chief Executive and Board Manager and Board Support to travel to the collection centres and laboratories in both Albany and Denmark. We look forward to touring the collection centres, laboratory and meeting with the staff in the region.

NEXT MEETING

The next scheduled Board meeting will be held in Albany, Western Australia on 4 April 2024.



Ms. Angie Paskevicius
Chair, PathWest Board
11 June 2024