

PATHWEST Board Communiqué

This Communiqué highlights key discussions and considerations from the 7 November 2024 Board Meeting.



KEY MATTERS:

Environmental Sustainability and Climate Change Governance

Mr. David Miotti, General Manager presented the PathWest Board with an in-depth and comprehensive overview of the many projects and initiatives implemented over the past 12-months in response to the PathWest's strategic pillar of Protecting our Environment. A fundamental objective and driving force behind these initiatives is to become the first pathology provider in Western Australia to achieve accreditation against the international standard ISO14001. Some key achievements include:

- An increase of over 300% in recycling initiatives across PathWest sites.
- Fiona Stanley Hospital has contributed to 28 tonnes of recycling, equating to 11% of the total PathWest waste, working towards a goal of 20% of annual waste being recycled.
- Reuse and repurposing of unused collection tubes and blood film slides for educational purposes.
- Progress towards the electrification of PathWest's fleet, including electric vehicle charging facilities at both Fiona Stanley Hospital and QEII.
- Technological improvements regarding the use of single-use dry ice.
- Significant reductions in carbon dioxide footprint resulting from improved travel practices.

The Board were very impressed with the progress made to date and the sheer diversity of initiatives implemented. The efforts made by staff across all sites through their participation in such initiatives, and eagerness to protect and care for our environment is truly inspiring.

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 highlighted workforce increases in key

departments include Forensic Biology and ICT. Additionally, increases to service delivery above forecast was observed.

Chief Executive Report

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

- Involvement in and contributions of key clinical staff to various medical educational forums and publications including topics such as advancements in Anatomical Pathology, Gastrointestinal Pathology, and Gastrointestinal tumours.
- Continued progress against the Cyber Security Roadmap, various ICT Disaster Recovery Plans, emergency data restoration scenarios, and improvements to existing software database systems to modernise operations.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Safety and Quality Committee report

The Safety and Quality Committee met on Monday, 4 November 2024 with key discussions focused on:

- Regular reporting items including specimen collection and transportation quality assurance, quality management and clinical incident reporting, and the evolving clinical governance structure focusing on key items across the reporting period.
- Milestone update regarding the implementation of an electronic results delivery platform.
- Internal performance evaluations and acknowledgment of sustained improvements in reporting quality over the calendar year.

MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD CHAIR

November saw PathWest involved in or contribute to a number of valuable health initiatives including the WA HSP Innovation Showcase, CAR-T Therapy workshop, and various stakeholder engagements. Additionally, I am delighted to be able to attend and support a number of PathWest employees and teams in being recognised at the upcoming WA Health Excellence Awards on Thursday, 7 November 2024.

Our Board Chair and Chief Executive Morning Tea program continues, visiting the dedicated team at Armadale Hospital earlier in the month, and I look forward to the final morning tea event for 2024 with the team at Fremantle Hospital on Monday, 2 December 2024.

NEXT MEETING

The next scheduled Board meeting will be held in Perth on 5 December 2024.



Ms. Angie Paskevicius
Chair, PathWest Board
4 December 2024