



NMHS Board Communiqué

This communiqué highlights key discussions of interest at the North Metropolitan Health Service (NMHS) Board's most recent meeting which was held on 26 March 2021 at SCGOPHCG Surgical Services Division.

At this meeting:

- The Director General, Dr David Russell-Weisz attended the meeting and provided the Board with an overview of the critical factors influencing health such as patient demand and Code Yellow emergencies across several services; including COVID management and the request for assistance from Papua New Guinea.
- The Board also received a presentation from SCGOPHCG Surgical Services. The team provided the Board with an insight into the work being undertaken by the division and the serious risks being mitigated against to ensure patient flow and safety. The Board was appreciative of the frank and open conversation and were impressed by the dedication of the whole Surgical team and is supportive of the Surgical Services approach and plans.
- The Board reviewed the minutes of its Committees and were provided with a precis from each Chair as follows -
 - People, Engagement and Culture (PEC) Committee provided the Board with an update outlining their structural changes; ongoing focus on receiving updates from services/ craft groups regarding culture and engagement; work on the development of dashboard reporting to assist in the monitoring of our people and core indicators around OSH, Integrity and organisational development and the release of the Minister for Health Your Voice in Health survey on the 29 March 2021.
 - Safety and Quality Committee provided an overview of their activities which included an exceptional and very informative presentation regarding Outpatient Reform in conjunction with its normal interrogation of performance against KPIs.
 - Finance Committee focussed on –
 - Year to date financial outcomes inclusive of achievements against budget, activity, FTE, cash balance, leave liability etc.
 - SCGOPHCG presentation regarding their budget position and savings year to date.
 - Audit and Risk Committee did not meet this month however the Chair noted ongoing work being undertaken with the Office of the Auditor General and liaison with other HSP Audit & Risk Committee Chairs.
- The Chief Executive provided the Board with an update on key issues for NMHS inclusive of an update regarding COVID-19 and the vaccination process being rolled out across NMHS.

The next regular meeting of the NMHS Board is scheduled to be held on Friday 30 April 2021 and will be held at T Block and will celebrate the improvements adopted in the reception area to ensure it is more welcoming and culturally friendly. A Smoking Ceremony and presentation regarding Voluntary Assisted Dying are also planned.

**Clinical Professor David Forbes AM, Chair
North Metropolitan Health Service Board, 26 March 2021**

