

Communiqué

Health Support Services Board



This communiqué highlights key discussions from the recent HSS Board meeting.

2 July 2026

At this month's meeting, the Board were pleased to welcome Dr Shirley Bowen, Director General, Department of Health, and the Hon Meredith Hammat, MLA, Minister for Health; Mental Health.

The Director General (DG) affirmed her expectations of HSS and praised the progress HSS has made with our major Programs, and acknowledged the significant work undertaken to support system-wide priorities such as conversion to permanency, cyber security, and financial sustainability.

The Minister for Health reiterated the Premier's priorities including the Made in WA Policy, Buy Local initiatives, and supporting staff permanency. Discussion with the Minister centred around system-wide challenges such as health infrastructure project commissioning, cyber security and the use of artificial intelligence.

Both conversations were positive and productive, and the Board thanks the DG and Minister for taking the time to attend the meeting.

Key matters discussed at the meeting

The Board discussed several whole-of-Health strategic issues at this month's meeting, including the progress of the Electronic Medical Record (EMR) tender evaluation, commissioning activities, health infrastructure, and the Winter Strategy. The Public Sector's Voluntary Targeted Severance Scheme was also discussed.

The Board approved two requests in relation to critical ICT and program contracts, as well as the *HSS Internal Audit Plan 2026-27 and Forward Plan to 2028-29*.

The Board received updates from the Human Resource Management Information System (HRMIS) and the Electronic Medical Record (EMR) Programs.

The Board received updates on HSS' current financial performance, strategic initiatives across Procurement and Supply, the progress of major ICT and ICT-enabled customer-driven projects and programs, health infrastructure projects, strategic risks, and an overview of the matters considered by the People and Performance Committee and the Finance, Risk and Audit Committee, which held their meetings in June 2026.

This month's personal reflection was shared by Yaso Ponnuthurai, who spoke about the relationship between leadership, upskilling, and creating a sustainable future. Yaso

also shared insights from her musical career and empowering women through music in her birth country of Sri Lanka.

Summary of standing items for discussion and noting

The Board received the following reports and papers for discussion or noting:

- Chief Financial Officer's report
- Chief Procurement Officer's report
- Chief Information Officer's report
- HRMIS Program report
- Digital Medical Record/EMR report
- Digital Delivery and Commissioning Enablement reports
- Board Administration report.

Attendance

Dr Con Phatouros (Acting Chair)	Ms Pina Caffarelli	Mr Mark Donovan
Mr Peter Mott	Dr David McCoubrie	Ms Yaso Ponnuthurai
Dr Paul Boyatzis	Ms Amanda McKnight	

Apologies

Ms Margaret Pyrchla (Board Chair)

Standing Executive invitees

Mr Giles Nunis, Chief Executive
 Ms Emily Pestell, Executive Director, People, Capability and Culture
 Mr Chad Martino, A/Executive Director, Transformation and Strategy
 Mr Sash Tomson, Chief Financial Officer
 Mr Troy Jackson, A/Chief Procurement Officer
 Mr Anthony Lenzarini, Chief Information Officer
 Dr Sumit Sinha-Roy, Executive Director, EMR
 Ms Neha Patel, Executive Director, HRMIS

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on 6 August 2026 at 140 William Street, Perth WA 6000.

Dr Con Phatouros

A/Chair, Health Support Services Board