



# HSS Board COMMUNIQUÉ

## November 2020 Meeting

This communiqué outlines key discussions from the Health Support Services (HSS) Board meeting held on 5 November 2020 at 140 William Street, Perth WA.

Due to COVID-19 related travel restrictions currently in place, the HSS Board Chair attended the meeting remotely from Queensland.

The Board was pleased to welcome guests from the Department of Health who provided an overview of the strategy to develop a system-wide Electronic Medical Record business case. This is an important initiative for the WA health system and HSS is supporting the Department of Health in the development of the first business case.

Key highlights for the month were discussed, including the publication of the 2019-20 HSS Annual Report and the Minister for Health's staff forum held on 28 October 2020.

### Chief Executive's Update

Mr Robert Toms, Chief Executive, provided an overview of the current areas of focus across HSS including progress with the Human Resource Management Information System Program, the HSS Transformation Program and COVID-19 management efforts. This was followed by an open discussion on financial, people and operational performance and strategic matters.

### Key Decisions

- The HSS Risk Management and Compliance Policy Frameworks were approved by the Board.
- An amendment to the HSS Internal Audit Plan was approved by the Board.
- The Board approved the proposed approach to HSS Board Risk Workshop.

### Board Reports

The Board received the following presentations, reports and papers for noting:

- DoH1552811 ICT Network Communication Solutions (Strategy for Contract Award)
- OAG General Computer Controls Audit recommendations: implementation update
- HealthNext Program update
- Finance Risk and Audit Committee Report
- Board Administration Report

### Attendance

Mr Michael Walsh (Chair)  
Ms Margaret Pynchla (Deputy Chair)  
Dr Paul Boyatzis  
Ms Cheryl Chan

Dr Rowan Ellis  
Ms Diana Forsyth  
Mr Jonathan Ford

Ms Amanda McKnight  
Dr Con Phatouros  
Ms Yaso Ponnuthurai

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### Apologies

Nil.

### Standing Invitees in Attendance

Mr Robert Toms, Chief Executive

Mr Sash Tomson, Chief Financial Officer

Mr Ralph Bates, Executive Director, Customer Experience

### Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on 3 December 2020 at 140 William Street, Perth WA 6000.

Mr Michael Walsh

**Chair, Health Support Services Board**