



## **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 24 April 2020 via MS TEAMS.

At this meeting;

- The Board continued to review the impact of COVID-19 across NMHS and reflected on the resilience shown by all in this time extending their gratitude to each and every employee for an amazing job.
- The Board also reviewed the minutes of its Committees and I personally acknowledged the work of the Committee Chairs. Their detailed work in their respective Committees enables the Board to be kept very well informed and move forward in their decision-making processes.
  - Audit and Risk Committee focussed on -
    - OAG Annual Finance Audit
    - NMHS 3 Year Strategic Audit Plan 2020-2023
    - Strategic Risks.
  - Finance Committee focussed on –
    - RiskCover Directors Liability Insurance 2020 – Board endorsement.
    - Finance Report March 2020 – impacts of COVID-19 on the year to date net cost of service position, reduced activity and own source revenue.
    - Health Service Performance Report – reviewed with ongoing concern expressed by failure to meet certain KPIs, even with a reduced activity load.
  - Safety and Quality Committee focussed on –
    - SAC1 incidents and clusters.
    - COVID-19 and ensuring the functions and reporting regimes continue as normal.
  - People, Engagement and Culture (PEC) Committee focussed on –
    - Staff Wellness initiatives across NMHS particularly in the landscape of COVID-19.
    - Virtual meeting with People, Engagement and Culture Advisory Council (PECAC) and PEC Ambassadors being developed to ensure continued engagement in a time where normal meetings are not progressing.
    - Minister for Health Survey results.
- NMHS Strategic Plan 2020-25 – the Board discussed and acknowledged the extraordinary amount of work undertaken across NMHS to engage with our people and our community in the development of this plan. While COVID-19 has impacted on the planned activities of the project team the Board noted that the initial information discussed at a joint virtual meeting of the Board and Area Executive Group (AEG) resonated the suggestions, concerns and issues raised. The Board looks forward to the next steps in the development of this plan.

The next regular meeting of the NMHS Board is scheduled to be held on Friday 29 May 2020 using the MS TEAMS platform.

**Jim McGinty, Chair**  
**North Metropolitan Health Service Board**  
**24 April 2020**