

Children's Health Queensland Hospital and Health Board

Thursday 6 October 2022

Level 3 Community Room, Queensland Children's Hospital

Dear colleagues and community members

The October meeting of the Children's Health Queensland Hospital and Health Board was held at the Queensland Children's Hospital. The meeting was chaired by David Gow, who paid respect to the Traditional Owners of the lands on which we walk, talk, work and live.

The Chair provided the following updates:

- The 2022 Newsweek Top Paediatric Hospital List recently placed the Queensland Children's Hospital as the 9th best paediatric hospital in the world. The Chair acknowledged the peer-voted rating system used and acknowledged the positive implications of this, including recognition for staff, reinforcing the Queensland Children's Hospital as a preferred workplace destination and as the best paediatric hospital in Australia and the Southern Hemisphere.
- The appointment process for Hospital and Health Board members will recommence in 2024.
- Amendments to the *Hospital and Health Boards Act 2011* are proposed which will strengthen protections for workers in public health services by obligating Hospital and Health Boards and Hospital and Health Services to promote a positive workforce culture and to implement measures to support staff health, safety and wellbeing.

The Board received a comprehensive update from the Health Service Chief Executive on a range of matters, including:

- Redevelopment of and improvements to the Children's Health Queensland website



- The HHSs' role in supporting the COVID-19 response.
- Children's Health Queensland's strategy in relation to the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS).
- The role Children's Health Queensland is undertaking to provide ongoing support and care for children impacted by the closure of the Spina Bifida Association.

Other key matters considered at the October meeting included:

- Reports from the Executive Leadership Team covering operations and finance, patient safety and strategic workforce.
- The revised Strategic Plan 2020-2024
- The Board also received a presentation from the Children's Health Queensland NDIS Program Manager regarding the care of children with complex needs.

The Board and Executive Leadership Team will undertake a range of actions following the meeting to progress our commitment to safe and high-quality healthcare.

On behalf of the Board, thank you for your ongoing commitment to keeping our community safe.

David Gow
Chair
Children's Health Queensland Board



The CHQ Board: David Gow (Chair), Cheryl Herbert (Deputy Chair), A/Prof Martin Byrne, Suzanne Cadigan, A/Prof Simon Denny, Will Fellowes, Karina Hogan, Meredith Staib, Heather Watson and Ross Willims.

This summary of Board discussion and decisions made does not form or represent any part of the minutes of the meeting.

