



## Child and Adolescent Health Service Board

*Modernising how we govern and manage WA Health for better care and better value*

### Why has a Health Service Board been appointed?

- The *Health Services Act 2016* commenced 1 July 2016 to modernise the WA public health system, setting out how we govern, structure and manage WA Health to bring decision-making closer to service delivery and patient care.
- The Child and Adolescent Health Service (CAHS) has been established as a separate statutory authority, governed by a Board that is legally responsible and accountable for the delivery of safe, high-quality and efficient health services.

### Who is on the CAHS Board?

- The CAHS Board is comprised of nine highly capable and committed professionals with a diverse range of experience across the fields of medicine and health care, finance, law, and community and consumer engagement.
- Members were selected following a rigorous selection process and bring a wealth of skills and experience to the board.

### Board Chair

- **Ms Deborah Karasinski** is the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of disability service provider Senses Australia, and was formerly CEO of the Multiple Sclerosis Society of WA and Chief Occupational Therapist at Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital. Ms Karasinski has a strong commitment to people with disability, and has worked in the health and disability sectors for the past 30 years. She has significant experience both as a board chair and member.

### Board Members

- **Professor Geoffrey Dobb (Deputy Chair)** is Head of the Intensive Care Unit at Royal Perth Hospital and is a board member on the Australian Council on Healthcare Standards. Former Chair of the Southern Country Health Service Governing Council, Prof Dobb has vast clinical experience and knowledge of WA Health, with an interest in safety and quality in health care.
- **Dr Daniel McAullay** is a highly qualified health professional and a past member of the CAHS Governing Council, and has extensive experience as a member on health boards and committees. A Research Associate Professor with the Centre for Improving Health Services for Aboriginal Children, Dr McAullay's primary research areas of interest include maternal, infant and child health and primary health care, and he has specialised in Aboriginal health research. Dr McAullay is also a member of the Noongar community.
- **Mr Brendan Ashdown** is an experienced lawyer specialising in civil and commercial litigation, and a PhD candidate examining the legal principles and protections relevant to children and those affected by mental health issues. Mr Ashdown is a former member of the CAHS Governing Council and sits on the Mental Health Human Research Ethics Committee (North Metropolitan Health Service).

- **Ms Kathleen Bozanic** is a senior finance executive with over 20 years' experience and significant leadership roles as Partner of a leading professional services firm and as a Chief Financial Officer/General Manager of listed mining companies. Ms Bozanic brings with her high-calibre skills in financial monitoring, accountability, performance and governance, and a keen interest in WA Health.
- **Ms Anne Donaldson** is a former Director for the Health and Disability Service Complaints Office (HaDSCO), a position that involved strategic leadership in the oversight and management of health, disability and mental health complaints. Ms Donaldson has worked in the health sector for most of her career in a range of positions and has a depth of experience and understanding of finance, audit and safety and quality.
- **Mr Peter Mott** has over 35 years of health and executive management experience that includes the role of CEO of public and private hospitals in both charitable and for-profit sectors. Mr Mott is currently President of the Australian Institute of Management WA and Vice President of the Western Australian College of Health Service Management.
- **Mr Andrew Thompson** has over 40 years' business and legal experience working for and advising leading Australian and international energy and resources companies. Currently Deputy Chair of the BrightSpark Foundation of WA, Mr Thompson has significant health sector board experience with extensive exposure to the health issues and challenges facing children and adolescents in WA, as well as insight into the operation of teaching hospitals.
- **Dr Alexius Julian** is a highly-skilled clinician with significant experience in Information and Communications Technology (ICT) across WA Health. In particular, Dr Julian was the Clinical Lead in the commissioning of ICT at Fiona Stanley Hospital, and has also worked as a Medical Leadership Advisor for the Institute of Health Leadership.

### What are the benefits to patients, our workforce and the community?

- Health Service Boards will bring a diverse range of skills and experience to ensure the delivery of safe, high-quality and sustainable health care to our communities.
- Greater local authority and accountability for the delivery of health services to the community.
- More responsive and innovative health services to meet local needs, including greater focus on local networks and partnerships to deliver care closer to home.
- Improvements to the performance of our Health Services over time, for example, in clinical safety and quality outcomes, financial performance and the patient experience.

### More information

- Fact sheets and more detailed information on Health Service Boards and Chairs and Members are available on the WA Health website [ww2.health.wa.gov.au/boards](http://ww2.health.wa.gov.au/boards)
- Email: [health.reform@health.wa.gov.au](mailto:health.reform@health.wa.gov.au)

### Related Fact Sheets

- *The Role of Health Services and Boards*
- *Changes to the governance of WA Health*
- *The Health Services Act 2016: A Snapshot*
- *The Role of the Department of Health*
- *The Role of Health Support Services*
- *WA Health Reform Program 2015-2020*