

Board meeting summary

METRO SOUTH HOSPITAL AND HEALTH BOARD

Board meeting date: 18 August 2026

Location: Princess Alexandra Hospital

The Metro South Health Board met on 18 August 2026 at Princess Alexandra Hospital to consider key strategic, operational and governance matters and to engage with staff and services across the hospital.

Key matters discussed included:

- The Board received updates from the Health Service Chief Executive, Chief Operating Officer and Acting Chief Finance and Sustainability Officer on organisational performance, operational priorities, financial performance and key strategic risks.
- The Board approved the 2025–26 Metro South Health Annual Financial Statements, additional projects for the 2026–27 Timely Investment Infrastructure Maintenance Annual Capital Plan, the final Metro South Health Annual Report 2025–26 and the 2026 Attestation Statement.
- The Board discussed work health and safety, including psychosocial wellbeing, occupational violence and initiatives to continue strengthening workplace safety across Metro South Health.
- The Board received reports from the Board Executive Committee, Board Audit and Risk Committee, Board Finance Committee, Board Safety and Quality Committee and Princess Alexandra Hospital Research Foundation Board. The Board also approved the Terms of Reference for the Board Executive Committee, Board Audit and Risk Committee and Board Finance Committee.
- The Board participated in an in-depth discussion on Research and Innovation, considering Metro South Health's achievements, strategic priorities and future opportunities. The discussion highlighted artificial intelligence and cancer research as areas of significant achievement and focus, together with opportunities to strengthen clinical trials, research investment and partnerships. The Board also considered its role in championing and increasing the visibility of research and innovation across Metro South Health.
- Board members discussed the importance of championing and celebrating research and innovation, increasing the visibility of research achievements and supporting engagement with researchers across Metro South Health.
- Members toured Cardiology and the Haemodialysis High Dependency Dialysis Unit at Princess Alexandra Hospital, engaging with staff and gaining further insight into clinical services and patient care.
- The Board reflected on its hospital visit and considered correspondence, Board engagement activities, Board communications and other business.

This summary of key issues discussed, and decisions made has been approved for publication by the Chair of the Metro South Health Board. It is provided for information only and does not form part of, or replace, the official minutes of the meeting.



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