

South Western Sydney Local Health District - Our Board Communique

The South Western Sydney Local Health District Board provides regular updates on the activities and progress of the Board and its Committees.

Committees of the Board

As well as meeting regularly as a full Board, Board Committees are appointed to provide specialist advice, support and oversight to ensure our activities and operations are safe, high quality, future focused and that our resources are directed appropriately in line with our Strategic Plan.

SWSLHD's Board Committees:

- Health Care Quality & Safety
- Audit & Risk
- Finance & Assets
- Aboriginal Health
- Research & Teaching

Health Care Quality & Safety Committee - reimagining healthcare



Board Member and
Committee Chair, Professor
Neil Merrett

Reimagining healthcare is the focus of the Health Care Quality and Safety Committee, particularly as we are now living and working with COVID-19.

While the pandemic presented a range of challenges for the health system, it also fast-tracked innovation and accelerated change. We learnt new and better ways of doing things at a rapid pace. We must take these learnings, refine them and embed them in to the day-to-day care we provide.

Providing an interconnected network of care through our “One Service, Multiple Sites” model will increasingly play a role across SWSLHD and the broader health system. Additionally we need to ensure all health interventions meaningfully benefit patients and are equitable in their provision. This will enable us to provide a sustainable service into the future.

Our focus on reimagining healthcare will continue, ensuring we build an innovative and responsive system both now and into the future. We do this through four key priority areas.

How the Health Care Quality & Safety Committee supports your work



Their responsibilities

The Health Care Quality and Safety Committee monitors and provides oversight of our performance against three of our strategic directions. Those are:

- Safe, Quality Care
- A Healthy Community
- Collaborative Partnerships

The Committee also examines the risks associated with these areas of our Strategic Plan. These risks include patient falls, elective surgery access, child protection and medication errors to name just a few.

The Health Care Quality & Safety Committee then reports to the Board on these areas.



Data analysis

Using data collected from across the organisation, the Committee looks at what we are doing well and what needs improvement. Much of the reporting staff undertake in their day-to-day work contributes to this data. Some examples include ims+ and eMR.

Through this high-level analysis the Committee is able to demonstrate the performance of each facility and the District as a whole, benchmarking these against peers and overall state outcomes, showing how we are meeting our Service Level Agreement with NSW Health.



Transforming Your Experience

As our District's strategy to positively transform the experience of our patients and staff, Transforming Your Experience is reviewed by the Health Care Safety & Quality Committee. The committee examines the progress of Transforming Your Experience and reports back to the Board.



What happens when things go wrong?

When our data reveals areas where we do not meet the high standard of care that we set for ourselves, the Committee will look closely at our strategies to ensure we have robust systems in place to allow us to implement educational and quality improvement programs.