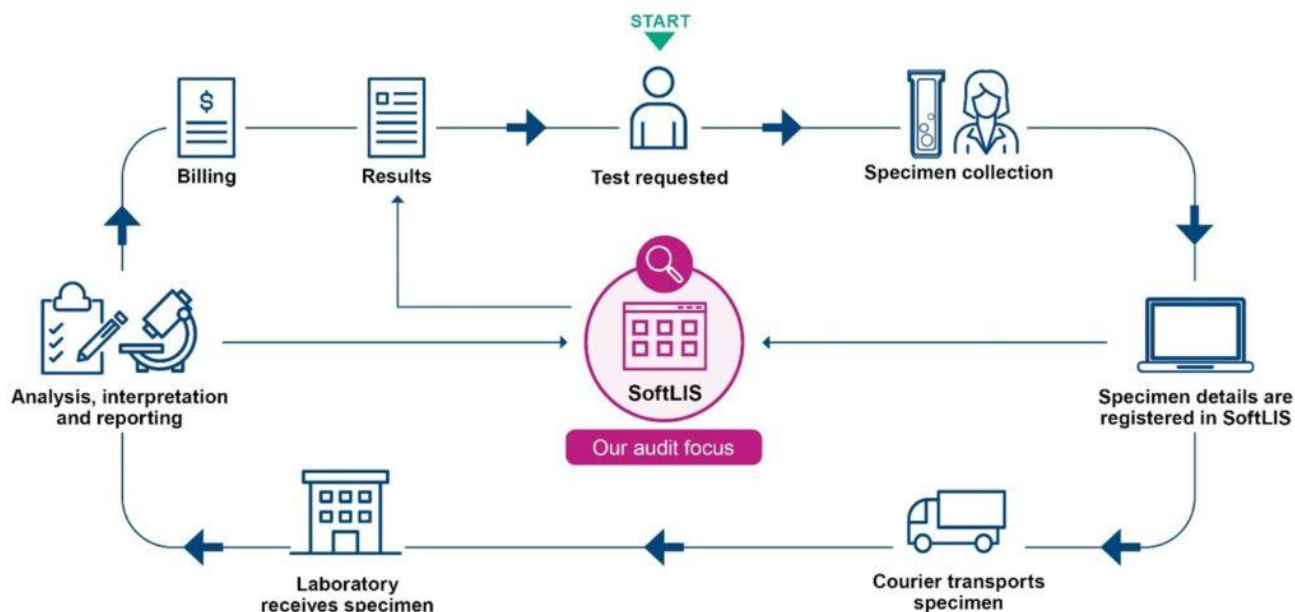


PATHWEST Board Communiqué

This Communiqué highlights key discussions and considerations from the 1 May Board Meeting.



KEY MATTERS:

LIS Infrastructure Modernisation Project

Mr Tim Evans, Chief Technology Officer, updated the Board on the Laboratory Information System Infrastructure Modernisation Project. Following significant works and preparations, the Laboratory Information System (LIS) is undergoing a critical infrastructure upgrade to improve system redundancy and availability, and deliver a significant increase in system performance to meet growing demand. This mammoth task has been meticulously planned and scoped, with final preparations and stakeholder engagements underway, and the upgrade to occur shortly.

PathWest Strategic Plan Review

In November 2024, the PathWest Board determined to review and renew the 2021-2025 Strategic Plan. From February, the Board and Executive participated in consultant-led strategic planning workshops, individual meetings, and fact-finding investigations. At the May Board meeting, the Board and Executive assessed and discussed the outcomes and feedback from these sessions and determined to prepare a streamlined strategic plan, focused on key milestones, deliverables, and organisational aspirations to best support and serve the health system of WA. The Board and Executive determined to undertake some background work and regroup at the end of the month for a larger strategic planning workshop to expand on this approach and set the framework for the 2025-2028 PathWest Strategic Plan.

Stakeholder Engagement Map

At the February 2025 Board meeting, the Board discussed the development of a Strategic Stakeholder Map pertaining to Board engagement. At the May meeting Board members discussed avenues for consumer representation and inclusion in the framework. The Board requested the Board's People and Culture Committee identify how the PathWest Board might best engage with various consumers, from GPs to patients, hospitals to collection centres and to report back to the Board for continued refinement.

STANDING REPORTS:

Finance and Business Performance Report

Mr. Sandy Kerr, Executive Director, Finance, Procurement and Commercial Services, presented the Finance and Business Performance Report. This report featured improved data and reporting methodology to increase transparency and financial oversight. The Board acknowledged and discussed increases in service delivery activity, as well as efforts to align with upcoming priorities of Government and the Department moving towards 2025/26.

Chief Executive Report

Dr. Hadlow presented the Chief Executive report which included:

- A progress update on the Peel Health Campus (PHC) redevelopment project as PathWest plans for the provision of pathology services.
- Preparation works to support the health system through the winter period, including the introduction of rapid antigen illness screening facilities collocated with emergency departments.
- Milestone progress on a specimen tracking project focused on improving tracking throughout the pre-analytical journey; from patient to laboratory.

MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD CHAIR:

This month, we celebrate and congratulate Board member Prof. Christobel Saunders AO who was inducted as an Honorary Fellow of the American Surgical Association; the first Melbourne-based surgeon to receive such an honour. Prof. Saunders has dedicated her life to the health and well-being of our community through cancer research and surgical innovation, and we are delighted to see her hard work and dedication being recognised in such an honourable manner.

This month, I was pleased again to meet with the Director General of Health, Dr Shirley Bowen, to discuss key matters pertaining to PathWest and the delivery of health services across the State. Additionally, I met with the Board Chairs of all other Health Service Providers to discuss the state of health and work collaboratively towards solutions and outcomes for those we service. Finally, I was delighted to be able to directly engage with PathWest frontline staff at QEII and Bentley Health Service to recognise their contribution to patient care and thank them for their tireless and ongoing efforts.

NEXT MEETING

The next scheduled Board meeting will be held in Perth on 5 June 2025.



Ms. Angie Paskevicius
Chair, PathWest Board
May 2025