

# Board Meeting Summary

Thursday, 7 August 2025

Queensland Children's Hospital

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Dear colleagues and community members

The August Board meeting was chaired by Will Fellowes and held at the Queensland Children's Hospital. The meeting began with an Acknowledgement of Traditional Owners and values shares reflecting on the Board's recent Connect 4 visits to the Anaesthetics Department and Medical Workforce teams.

Key strategic and operational matters discussed during the Board meeting included:

- Development of the next CHQ Research Strategy.
- Putting Queensland Kids First, which is a four-year, cross-government investment program focused on improving outcomes for children, particularly in the early years. The initiative spans multiple government agencies, with approximately half of the investment allocated to health.
- The Board's continued support for the Queensland Children's Gender Service and engagement with the Department of Health during the ongoing independent review

The Board welcomed Claire, an 18-month-old patient, and her family, who shared with the Board and Executive their experience with Children's Health Queensland. The family was open and generous in sharing their journey with the Board, for which the Board was very grateful.

The Board also welcomed Queensland Clinical Senate Chair, Dr Kellie Wren, who presented on the Senate's strategic focus and engagement plans. The Board affirmed CHQ's commitment to supporting the Senate's work and contributing to statewide reform efforts.

The Board also received reports and updates from the Health Service Chief Executive and the Executive Leadership Team on finance, operations, clinical governance, and strategic service priorities. 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.

Thank you to the Board members, Executive Leadership Team, CHQ staff and guests for your contributions to the meeting. We remain committed to delivering safe, high quality and person-centred care for children, young people, and families across Queensland.

Heather Watson  
Chair  
Children's Health Queensland Board



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