

## WA New Chief Medical Officer, Mental Health

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On Tuesday 7 July 2020, the Hon Roger Cook, Deputy Premier, Minister for Health and Mental Health announced Dr Sophie Davison has been appointed as Western Australia's first Chief Medical Officer, Mental Health. Dr Davison has been appointed to the position on an acting basis for the next six months.

The Minister's statement is available [here](#).

Dr Davison will report directly to the Mental Health Commissioner. She will contribute clinical expertise to strategic planning and policy development, strengthen consumer and community focused clinical care, and liaise with non-government services to support system integration across WA's public mental health, alcohol and other drug services.

She will have a key role in a newly created Mental Health Executive Committee. The committee will bring together chief executives and clinical leadership from across the Health Service Providers and the Department of Health.

The Commission is currently in the process of considering expressions of interest for the key positions of consumer representative and carer/family representative for the Committee and the Community Mental Health, Alcohol and Other Drug Council. It will focus on improving partnerships, including with the community sector, and strengthen consumer focused care, to ensure lived experience is central to policy development and service delivery.

The decision to create the CMOMH and the Committee follows the release of the Review of the Clinical Governance of Public Mental Health Services in Western Australia.

Dr Davison is currently the Deputy Chief Psychiatrist in Western Australia and has been leading the clinical mental health response to the COVID-19 pandemic within the Department of Health for the past four months.

### Further information

Further information is available [here](#)

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