

>> For the Board Kit



Australian Government
Aged Care Quality and
Safety Commission



Dear Board Chair and CEO

Effective governance and leadership are essential for ensuring the safety and quality of care provided to older Australians and are enablers of change within the aged care sector.

The Governing for Reform in Aged Care Program has been available to all senior executives and governing body members of Government funded residential and homecare aged care providers since March 2022. The Program provides participants with a tailored learning pathway allowing in-depth learning into critical leadership and governance challenges.

We are excited to bring you the **For the Board Kit** as an added feature of the Program. The **Kit** consists of a suite of discussion papers that can be used at your board meetings to discuss corporate and clinical governance issues. In addition, the **Kit** provides details for learning and ongoing professional development activities that governing body members can participate in to strengthen their own knowledge.

There are significant benefits in governing bodies engaging in ongoing professional development, particularly if doing so collectively, including:

- leading and supporting openness to reform and continuous improvement
- demonstrating and communicating a unified governing body open to listening to consumers, staff and other stakeholders
- keeping each other accountable for progressing through program activities
- ensuring all members have an equal understanding of key corporate and clinical governance concepts and sector reform issues

Please find attached to this letter a factsheet to assist you in implementing the **For the Board Kit** with your Governing Bodies.

If you have not already, we invite you and your governing body members and executives to enrol in the Program and join your peers in the commitment to enable positive change within the aged care sector. You can enrol in the Program through the following link: <https://gfr.agedcarequality.gov.au/>

Regards,

The Governing for Reform in Aged Care Program

