



# Department of Health

## Organisation overview

**March 2021**

# Announcing the new Department of Health

From 1 February 2021, the Department of Health and Human Services separated into two new departments – the Department of Health (DH) and the Department of Families, Fairness and Housing (DFFH).

The new DFFH will also receive functions from the Department of Premier and Cabinet, including multicultural affairs, LGBTQI and Equality, Veterans, and the offices for Women and Youth.

The coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic has created both a need and an opportunity for improving how the Victorian Government organises itself to best deliver services.

The new departments will help shape our response to the ongoing challenge of the COVID-19 pandemic and the State's social recovery.

A number of shared corporate functions will be retained to support both DFFH and DH and minimise the cost of the change.

While the transition will take time, everyone is committed to making sure the process is as smooth as possible for staff, service providers, partners, and the Victorian community.

The two departments will continue to work closely to strive for better outcomes for Victorians. Our focus is on delivering the best services across Victoria, today and into the future, and this change is key to meeting the challenges of the future.

This change was announced by the Premier of 30 November 2020, the Department of Health and Human Services has been separated effective 1 February 2021.

## About the new Department of Health

Led by Professor Euan Wallace AM, the department will continue reforming Victoria's health system and be responsible for the Health and Ambulance Services, Mental Health and Ageing portfolios. Importantly, it will continue leading the Government's public health response and recovery effort to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

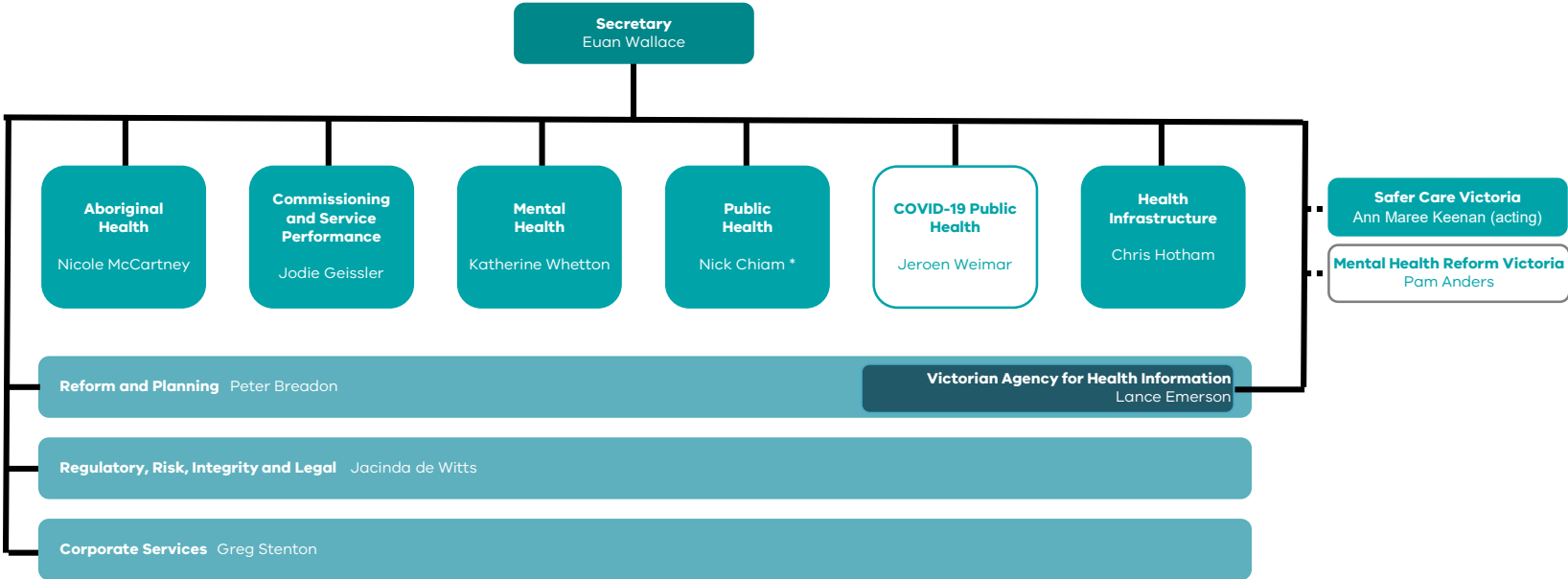
The Department of Health will support the following Ministers:

- The Hon. Martin Foley, Minister for Health; Ambulance Services
- The Hon. James Merlino, Deputy Premier; Minister for Mental Health
- The Hon Luke Donnellan Minister for Disabilities; Ageing and Carers, in relation to aged care.

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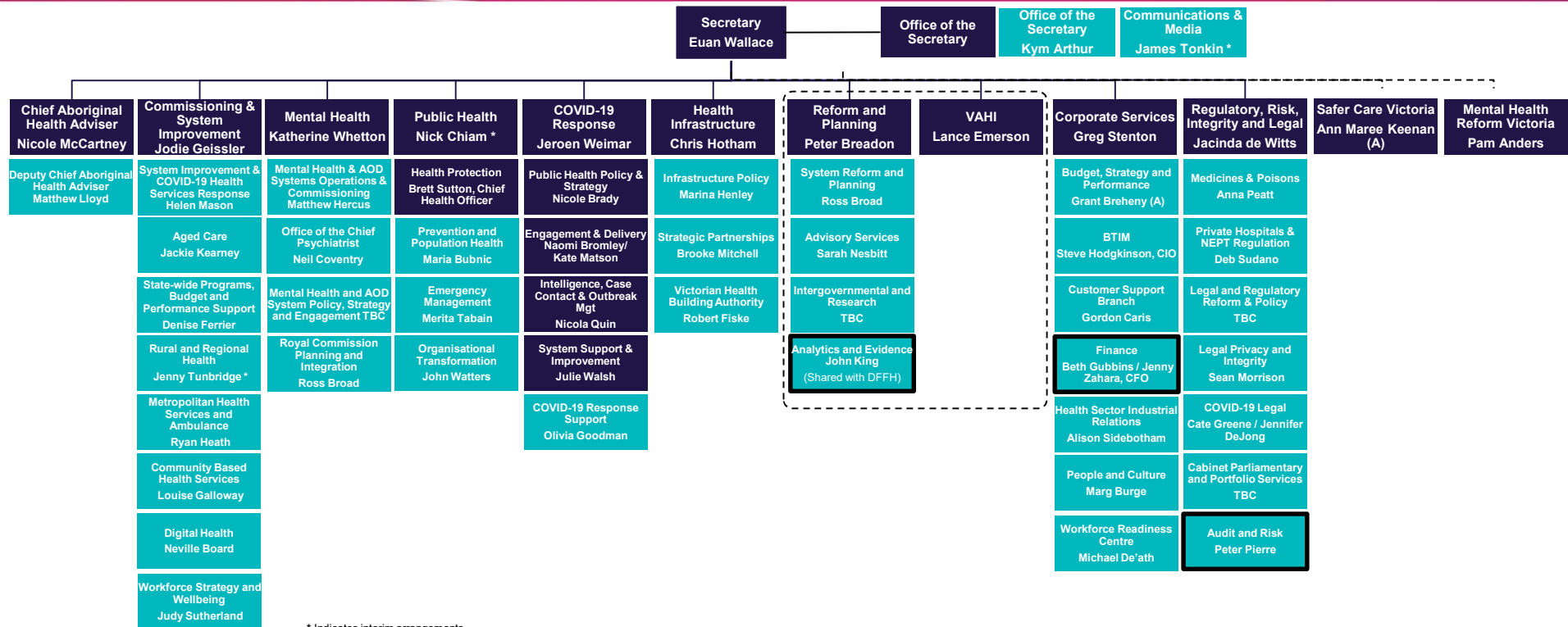
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# Department of Health overview: divisions and branches



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 TBC indicates roles that are yet to be filled or announced.  
 Branches with black outline indicate shared Executive for both Departments  
 Note: Statutory bodies not included

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