

Communication for Safe Care Project: Enhancing Healthcare Access for People with Communication Disabilities



Access to healthcare is a fundamental human right. However, for the 1.2 million Australians (ABS, 2015) with a communication disability accessing health care services can be challenging. The Communication for Safe Care project is co-designing access solutions that are respectful and responsive to local context. The project is a collaboration between the University of Sydney, South Western Sydney Local Health District (SWSLHD) and Western NSW Local Health District (WNSWLHD).



To find out more please contact the Communication for Safe Care Project Team on [SWSLHD-CommunicationForSafeCare@health.nsw.gov.au](mailto:CommunicationForSafeCare@health.nsw.gov.au) or scan the QR Code.

All of Us: A guide to engaging consumers, carers and communities across NSW Health



All of Us is a high-level guide to respectful engagement. We use a website instead of a written document. Written documents go out of date quickly. In our first release, we've included:

- **Six ways of working** with tips and videos.
- A few **tools** for working together **safely**, **inclusively** and **accessibly**.

All of Us doesn't replace consumer or community engagement frameworks from local health districts or NSW Health agencies.

Factsheet: remuneration for consumers, carers or community representatives

In April 2023, NSW Ministry of Health released a factsheet on how to reimburse expenses for consumers, carers or community representatives when participating in a range of health service decision-making, policy development or evaluations. This is in recognition that time commitments and other costs can be a barrier to community and consumer participation. In addition to this just being best practice, increasingly funding bodies are requesting to see evidence of consumer or community participation.

To view the fact sheet, visit:

<https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/patients/experience/Factsheets/remuneration-staff.pdf>

Research Mentoring Program Launch 2023

This year, the Research Directorate launched their first pilot Research Mentoring Program with eight mentee/mentor pairs matched. The program will run from June – December 2023. The program aims to formally match pairs to help build professional networks, develop new skills and develop research careers for our staff. This will be an opportunity for mentors to also grow and develop their leadership skills. This will help SWSLHD incorporate our culture of research into daily clinical practice.

Statistics Workshop

You are invited to attend the SWSLHD Research Directorate and Ingham Institute Statistics Workshop on **Tuesday, 17 October 2023**.

Presented by Dr Wei Xuan and Joseph Descallar, this workshop is aimed at researchers who would like to learn more about statistics for clinical research.

[Register here](#) for this free, online event. If you have any questions regarding this workshop, please contact: SWSLHD-ResearchDirectorate@health.nsw.gov.au



The flyer for the Statistics Workshop features the logos of Ingham Institute (Applied Medical Research) and Health South Western Sydney Local Health District. The event is scheduled for 17 October 2023, from 2:30-3:30 PM via Teams. Presenters are Dr Wei Xuan and Joseph Descallar. The flyer includes icons for a pie chart, a bar chart with an upward arrow, and a person icon. Contact information for registration and RSVP is provided at the bottom.

REGIS: CPI Section of the SSA Form

Please ensure that the Coordinating Principal Investigator (CPI) section is complete when submitting your SSA through REGIS. If the CPI section of the SSA form is blank, please select the option that CPI details are incorrect, and this will bring up a text box, allowing you to enter the CPI's name.

The application will not be able to process properly in the REGIS system if the CPI section is blank, so it is important that you always check this section before submitting your SSA.

If you have any questions in relation to this process, please contact the office on 8738 8304 or SWSLHD-Ethics@health.nsw.gov.au

Updated Grant Funding

Check out the list of current grant opportunities here:
<https://www.swslhd.health.nsw.gov.au/ethics/grants.html>

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