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Six south western Sydney finalists in NSW Health Awards

South Western Sydney Local Health District is delivering outstanding care with more finalists than anywhere in the state in the 2018 NSW Health Awards.

The District is a finalist in five team awards and one individual award from 11 categories.

The announcement of the finalists follows the District's presentation of its Patient Safety Seminar and Quality Awards on Thursday 20 September, honouring excellence in care, safety, collaboration and innovation.

South Western Sydney Local Health District Chief Executive Amanda Larkin congratulated the finalists in the 20th annual NSW Health Awards as well as the winners of the Quality Awards.

"Our dedication to delivering world-class care to our community and our strong tradition of research and collaboration is reflected in both awards' programs," Ms Larkin said.

"I am so proud and inspired by the dedication of our staff to their patients and consumers, their service and their hospitals.

"Our team at south western Sydney strives for excellence at every opportunity and is always working towards providing innovative and improved care for our patients and community.

"I am particularly delighted that south western Sydney has dominated this year's Health Awards' finalist list with six nominations – this is a wonderful achievement.

"Once again, congratulations and well done to our finalists in the Health Awards and the winners of the District's Quality Awards."

Health Minister Brad Hazzard congratulated the entrants for their commitment to providing a world-class health service.

"These awards and nominations recognise the extraordinary talent and commitment of the people working right throughout the NSW Health system," Mr Hazzard said.

The 2018-19 Budget for SWSLHD is \$1.9 billion, an increase of \$85.8 million on the 2016-17 annualised budget, including \$58.8 million in teaching, training and research.

The NSW Government is investing in multi-million-dollar redevelopments at five SWSLHD hospitals, including the \$740 million expansion of Liverpool Hospital, the \$632 million redevelopment of Campbelltown Hospital and the \$65 million expansion of Bowral & District Hospital.

In addition, Bankstown-Lidcombe Hospital will receive a \$25 million emergency department while the \$7 million redevelopment of Fairfield Hospital is well underway and expected to be completed early next year.

South Western Sydney Local Health District finalists in the NSW Health Awards are:

Team categories:

- Keeping People Healthy: Improving oral health care for Aboriginal children (Oral Health Services)
- Patients as Partners: Collaborating with consumers to reduce ED complaints (Camden and Campbelltown hospitals)
- Patient Safety First: Development of an extended dwell peripheral catheter program (Liverpool Hospital)
- A Safe and Healthy Workplace: Transforming after hours medical care – junior medical officer staffing model (Liverpool Hospital)
- Health research and innovation: RTPlanQCSuite: A software enabling automated treatment safety checks for radiotherapy cancer patients (Cancer Services).

Individual category

- Volunteer of the year: Janette Du Buisson Perrine for significantly improving services and facilities for people with a mental illness and their carers.

Winners of the NSW Health Awards will be announced on 5 November 2018.

The District is also proud to announce the winners of its 2018 Quality Awards.

Winners are:

- Patient and carer as partners: Collaborating with consumers to reduce ED complaints (Campbelltown and Camden Hospitals)
- Integrated health care: Bankstown expedited acute stroke treatment protocol (Bankstown-Lidcombe Hospital)
- Improvement in patient safety: Transforming after hours medical care – junior medical officer staffing model (Liverpool Hospital)
- Keeping people healthy: The CAPE Initiative project (Liverpool Hospital)
- Health Research and Innovation: Evaluation of parent-child interaction therapy with toddlers (Karitane)
- Enhancing the patients' experience through arts: Creating songs to talk about mental wellbeing (Population Health)
- Collaboration - working as a team: Health housing partnership in south western Sydney (Aboriginal Health)
- Excellence in provision of non-acute/subacute care: Geriatric outreach service for residential aged care - progress in the first year (Liverpool Hospital)
- Excellence in provision of non-acute/subacute care: Using mediation (and assisted third party negotiation/ or facilitated discussion) and applying a restorative justice principles as a preferred way to resolve workplace grievances
- Excellence in provision of care and services to Aboriginal clients: Improving oral health care of Aboriginal children (Oral Health Services).