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SWSLHD CELEBRATES NSW HEALTH AWARD NOMINATIONS

South Western Sydney Local Health District is celebrating its nominations at the 2020 NSW Health Awards – a year dominated by extraordinary events including the response to the COVID-19 global pandemic.

District Chief Executive Amanda Larkin said the District had finalists in three categories this year – The Secretary’s Award - Integrated Value-Based Care, Health Research and Innovation and People and Culture.

Minister for Health Brad Hazzard said the circumstances of the past year made it more important than ever to acknowledge the achievements of health staff in NSW.

“I extend my wholehearted gratitude to every health staff member during this most difficult time, and I know the people of NSW do too,” Minister Hazzard said.

“This year our health family has been through bushfires, floods, drought, and of course, the COVID-19 pandemic, and has done a fantastic job in the face of these enormous challenges.”

Ms Larkin said it was fantastic to see three projects from the District recognised.

“These projects demonstrate our District’s commitment to safe high-quality care and our drive for continuous improvement,” Ms Larkin said.

“All three of these programs show a strong focus on individualised care, ensuring the best possible outcomes for our patients.”

The District’s Aged Care Rapid Assessment and Investigation (ARIA) Unit is a finalist in the Secretary’s Award - Integrated Value-Based Care category.

The aim of ARIA - which provides targeted, streamlined, multidisciplinary care for older patients - is to provide truly integrated care, improving patient outcomes by providing the right care in the right place at the right time.

The Faster Cheaper Safer: Use of electrocardiography (ECG) for Central Line Placement project is a finalist in the Health Research and Innovation Category.

The District’s Occupational Therapy Student Intensity Training Program is a finalist in the People and Culture category.

There are 19 finalists from 14 state-wide health entities competing for 10 award categories.

The NSW Health Awards recognise innovative and sustainable health programs that deliver outcomes that matter to patients and invest in the wellness of the NSW community.

The NSW Government has committed \$800 million extra funding over two years on top of the 2019-20 Health Budget of \$26.7 billion to help boost ICU capacity and purchase additional services and medical equipment, to help respond to COVID-19.