

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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## NSW HEALTH EMPLOYEES SHINE AT THE 2016 icare TMF AWARDS

**icare** CEO Vivek Bhatia today announced the winners of the 2016 **icare TMF** (Treasury Managed Fund) Awards for Excellence in Risk Management, which recognise the NSW government sector's standout risk management performers.

"icare is committed to creating a strong and effective risk-aware culture across the NSW government sector. The icare TMF Awards drive world-class safety standards for the state's workforce, by recognising standout achievement and innovation," Mr Bhatia said.

"This is just one example of how we at icare put the customer at the centre of everything we do.

"The **icare TMF** Awards have become a prime opportunity for government agencies to share their experience and learnings in both preventive and post-incident risk management.

"Each of our winners are role models in the public and private sector for implementing leading edge ideas in workplace injury prevention and safety strategies by pioneering new systems, processes and design. I congratulate them for the leadership they have shown.

"Stellar examples like the winner of the **icare TMF** Award for Innovation Process, the Sydney Local Health District's (LHD) fire identification simulation training centre show how risk management in NSW is being transformed. The project was devised in response to the 2011 Quaker's Hill nursing home fire and exposes staff to life-like disaster experiences, while delivering hands-on training.

"The winners announced today have set the highest benchmark for workforce risk management. I am excited to see how these achievements can be matched or surpassed in 2017," Mr Bhatia said.

NSW Health employees and agencies shone at the 2016 **icare TMF** Awards, claiming a winner in five of the six categories, and partnering with People's Choice Award winner, the NSW Department of Education.

NSW Secretary of Health, Elizabeth Koff, herself a winner of the 2012 TMF Award for Risk Leadership, said NSW Health is committed to using innovation to improve workplace safety.

"NSW Health has been proactively driving risk-aware workplace cultures while introducing innovative ways of protecting the valuable people and assets in our healthcare sector and the community it serves," Ms Koff said.

"Workplace safety is an essential part of delivering the best service possible to the people of NSW and it is pleasing to see our efforts acknowledged at the **icare TMF** Awards."

For more information about the 2016 **icare TMF** Awards winners, visit: https://riskinsite.nsw.gov.au/portal/server.pt/community/a%3Bicare\_self\_insurance/236

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icare's 2016 TMF Award Winners	
Individual Achievement in Return-to-Work	
Winner	Agency
Janet Barry	NSW Health Pathology
Framework & Systems	
Winners	Project
Corrective Services together with Justice Health & Forensic Mental Health Network	Smoke Free Correctional Centre Project
NSW Health partnering with EML and University of Sydney	The Work Injury Screening and Early Intervention (WISE) Study
Highly Commended	Project
NSW Department of Education	First Aid in NSW Public Schools: A comprehensive risk management and organisational approach
Innovation Process	
Winner	Project
Sydney Local Health District	SLHD Fire Identification Simulation Training Centre - Real emergency response
Highly Commended	Project
NSW Police Force partnering with EML	Moving better together – NSW Police Injury Prevention and Rehabilitation Model
Innovation Design	
Winner	Project
Fire & Rescue NSW partnering with EML and Black Dog Institute	Proactive and Early Intervention Approach to PTSD
Sydney Local Health District	The Pitch - removing red tape, empowering staff, and driving a culture of innovation
Innovation Reporting & Risk Intelligence	
Winner	Project
Sydney Local Health District	STARS - SLHD Targeted Activity & Reporting System
People's Choice	
Winner	Project
NSW Department of Education partnering with Ministry of Health & Headspace School Support	Responding to Student Suicide: A Support Program for Schools