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WINNERS ANNOUNCED AT icare's 2018 INSURANCE FOR NSW AWARDS

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The winners of the 2018 Insurance for NSW Awards were announced yesterday, recognising standout performers in the NSW Government risk management and work, health, and safety area.

icare General Manager, Britt Coombe, said icare's Insurance for NSW Awards provide a prime opportunity for NSW Government agencies to showcase outstanding risk management practice and innovation, and to share and learn from peers, leading to improved risk management capability across the sector.

"This year's finalists and winners have shown leadership, passion and commitment to building a stronger and richer risk culture within their agencies. Highlighting and showcasing these exceptional initiatives will enable the exchanging of ideas and shared learning so we can collectively manage the NSW Government's risk exposures.

I congratulate all of the winners for their outstanding contributions," said Ms Coombe.

This year, 23 organisations were nominated across five award categories including Risk Frameworks, Systems and Processes, General Claims Risk Innovation, Risk Reporting and Intelligence, the Steve Hunt Award for Excellence in Prevention and Risk Leadership.

Among the winners at the Insurance for NSW Awards was the Forensic & Analytical Science Service (FASS), NSW Health Pathology who won the Steve Hunt Award (Excellence in Prevention) for their high-risk drug examinations project.

Fentanyl and fentanyl-related substances, which can be absorbed through the skin, pose a significant risk to the employees of the Illicit Drugs Analysis Unit at FASS. The existing procedures and personal protective equipment used for suspected drug items were not sufficient to guarantee safe examination of these illicit substances.

"We identified a problem with some new drugs that were coming into the country that were harmful to our staff. We came up with a new method and training video on how to handle these substances. The police were so impressed that they asked for the video to train their staff as well— so, we are really pleased," a representative from Forensic & Analytical Science Service, NSW Health Pathology said.

The Insurance for NSW Conference and Awards was held on Wednesday 12 September at the International Convention Centre, Sydney and was attended by more than 430 senior executives and risk management professionals from NSW government agencies.

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icare's Insurance for NSW Awards - Winners & Highly Commended

Risk Frameworks, Systems and Processes

Outcome	Agency	Nomination
Winner	Museum of Applied Arts and Sciences	Creatively embedding risk management
Winner	South Western Sydney Local Health District and partners	The PEACH program (Palliative care home support program)

General Claims Risk Innovation

Outcome	Agency	Nomination
Winner	NSW Ambulance with QBE	The impact of exercise rehabilitation therapy on mental health
Highly Commended	Department of Education	Employee assistance program - Supporting you pilot

Risk Reporting and Intelligence

Outcome	Agency	Nomination
Winner	Northern Sydney Local Health District with Royal North Shore Hospital	SPC traffic lights: stop on green and go on red

Steve Hunt Award (Excellence in Prevention)

Outcome	Agency	Nomination
Winner	Forensic & Analytical Science Service, NSW Health Pathology	High risk drug examinations
Highly Commended	Loose-fill Asbestos Implementation Taskforce - Department of Finance, Services and Innovation	Achieving risk prevention with 65,000 inspections for loose-fill asbestos
Highly Commended	Sydney Local Health District	BPTOK - an innovative approach to physician burnout and suicide epidemic

Risk Leadership

Outcome	Individual	Agency
Winner	Linda Campbell, Acting General Manager	South Western Sydney Local Health District
Highly Commended	Marcus Turner, Director Financial Risk	Department of Planning and Environment
Highly Commended	Michael Ingram, Manager Injury Management	NSW Police Force