



Jillian Skinner MP

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ESSENTIALS OF CARE SHOWCASE

Health Minister Jillian Skinner today acknowledged the skill and dedication of healthcare professionals at the opening of the Essentials of Care Showcase.

Mrs Skinner addressed about 500 nurses, midwives and allied health professionals who gathered at Australian Technology Park for the showcase.

Essentials of Care (EOC) is a framework which aims to enhance the experiences of patients, families and carers by engaging healthcare teams in collaborative processes to improve care by utilising evidence from patients and their families, workplace data and research.

“Essentials of Care has been implemented across the state, with more than 700 teams currently engaged in the program,” Mrs Skinner said.

“Essentials of Care involves the whole team with an aim to promote positive workplace cultures in a way that aligns with the NSW Health’s CORE values - collaboration, openness, respect and empowerment.

“The initiatives implemented as part of the program have made improvements in areas such as patient safety, clinical handover, falls and pressure injury prevention, as well as medication management.”

Mrs Skinner said the NSW Liberal & Nationals Government policy agenda is driven by a commitment to meet patient needs and improve health and well-being.

This includes upgrading infrastructure and boosting workforce numbers but also supporting the development of new models care.

“Every decision and every person working in the NSW health system must be focused on the patient.

“As demand on our health system grows, we must find innovative ways to deliver high quality, timely care to more people.

“Essentials of Care encourages innovation and local solutions to local problems. It has my full support as we continue to work towards achieving sustainable change in health practice,” Mrs Skinner said.