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## Clinical Excellence Commission

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### NSW Health staff become Executive Clinical Leadership Program graduates

MORE than 30 professionals from across NSW Health graduated from the Clinical Excellence Commission's Executive Clinical Leadership Program on Thursday July 25, 2019.

As part of the program, participants complete a healthcare improvement project which aims to positively impact processes or clinical services within their workplace and this project is presented to a panel of multidisciplinary health professionals during each graduate's final assessment.

At the graduation ceremony, NSW Health Secretary Elizabeth Koff told participants she was delighted to see them join more than 3000 other NSW clinicians who have completed the course.

"It's wonderful to have such excellent health staff from our local health districts completing this program. Many of these clinicians will become the leaders who guide our health system in the future," Ms Koff said.

"I'm always very proud to see the real passion and commitment NSW Health staff have for patient safety and improving how we care for patients."

The clinical leadership program builds graduate's capability in improvement science, collaboration and effective communication with a view to increasing patient safety and quality improvement.

At the end of the twelve-month course, graduates have knowledge in contemporary approaches to patient safety and clinical quality systems while also developing skills in key managerial areas such as conflict resolution and team leadership.

Clinical Excellence Commission CE Carrie Marr said the course was a true health partnership with many organisations working together to help participants achieve the overall goal of improving patient care. Clinical Excellence Commission NSW Falls Prevention Program project officer Ingrid Hutchinson and Person Centred Care program manager Kay De Ridder were among the graduates. They developed projects focused on fall prevention and improving how health organisations can engage consumers.

"The clinical leadership program is part of the Clinical Excellence Commission's [Quality Improvement Academy](#)," Ms Marr said.

"This academy designs and delivers a range of education programs for staff working in patient safety, improvement and clinical governance and I'm delighted to see some of our own team members in this graduating class."

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