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| 2023 Victorian Public Healthcare Awards General Award criteria |
| Category 04 - Celebrating innovation in health care This award recognises innovations in all forms – whether it’s a new way of thinking, a technological solution, clinical research, research project or translation of research into practice. An opportunity to celebrate new ideas, approaches and research that benefit Victorians. **Summary** When making your entry in Award Force you will be asked to provide a brief (max. 100 words) summary of your project outlining: * the initiative and its objectives
* the positive impact or outcomes it has achieved for Victorians.

The summary should be suitable for the general public and written from a third-person perspective. Should you be a finalist, this summary will be used in our communications. **Note.** This will not be assessed or scored as part of your entry. |
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| Criteria topic | Criteria question | Judging criteria for scoring | Weight |
| Abstract  | Provide a clear and brief summary of the project/initiative. What makes it innovative and how has it improved patient experience and outcomes? What was the major learning from the project?  | This section should provide a brief summary of the work being undertaken. The abstract receives no score.  | 0 |
| Planning and preparation  | How was the need and scope of the problem identified?  Who was involved in identifying the need? Was there consumer involvement? What additional planning was done to support the new approach? How were First Peoples and a diverse range of perspectives included (CALD, LGBTIQ+, people with a disability)?  | * Is there evidence of innovation? Is there evidence supporting the need for this project/initiative?
* Was the planning and preparation rigorous?
* Is this a significant problem? Number affected? Severity?
* To what extent were First Peoples and people with diverse backgrounds and perspectives included (CALD, LGBTIQ+, people with a disability)?
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| Objectives  | What were your objectives? How were these defined? How were First Peoples and a diverse range of perspectives included (CALD, LGBTIQ+, people with a disability) within the objectives? | * Do the objectives clearly address the identified need?
* Were the objectives informed by relevant evidence, stakeholders and consumers?
* Are a diverse range of perspectives included within the objectives?
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| Methods and implementation  | Describe the methodology used to design and implement your innovation, including key stakeholders and consumers. How were they involved? How was the innovation applied practically? Include the key tasks, timelines, monitoring and evaluation.  How did Victoria’s First Peoples and people from diverse communities, including LGBTIQ+ people, people from culturally diverse communities and people with a disability play a lead role in implementation? | * Is the methodology rigorous, including monitoring and evaluation?
* Were key stakeholders and consumers appropriately involved?
* Did Victoria’s First Peoples and people from diverse communities, including LGBTIQ+ people, people from culturally diverse communities and people with a disability play a lead role in this initiative, including evaluation?
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| Results and outcomes  | What was your achievement against the objectives? What were the key learnings?  Has COVID-19 impacted the progress or direction of your project? **Please note:** The judges look for data or service user stories that show how you have achieved your objectives. You are encouraged to supply data (charts and tables, etc.) or qualitative narratives in your support document. Please explain how the data (such as graphs, tables) or stories show improvement/benefit. If relevant include the sample/population size, so the judges know the scale of the work. | * What improvements in patient experience and health outcomes have been demonstrated because of the innovation?
* Is there strong evidence to support the claimed outcomes?
* Has the innovation created a lasting and valuable impact?
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| Status and sustainability  | What is the current status of the project? What are the plans to ensure the innovation provides ongoing benefits to the patient/their family and/or the community? Have you shared, or are there opportunities to share the initiative with others in your organisation or within the health sector?  | * What is the evidence that the outcomes and learnings have been or will be broadly shared? or
* How has the innovation translated into practice?
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| Budget  | What were the direct and indirect costs, including staffing, financial and in-kind resources? Does the project/initiative represent good value?  | * Does the project/initiative represent good value?
* Have the outcomes/research led to further funding outcomes?
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| Achieving quality, innovation and excellence in healthcare  | Explain what was innovative about the project/initiative? How does it promote quality and excellence in healthcare? What challenges or barriers did you overcome? | * Is the project innovative?
* Does it represent excellence in innovation?
* Has the project/initiative adequately addressed the barriers in an innovative way?
* Has the project/initiative improved healthcare?
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