



# REGU/REGIS Newsletter | Issue 16 | 21 August 2024

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## Reminder: NSW Health Research Administrator Awards - Vote, Nominate and Share

**Audience:** Research Office

We want to show our immense appreciation to our workforce of over 100 Research Administrators across **NSW PHOs, SHNs and AHOs** and hope you do too!



This is a reminder that voting for [Award 1](#) - *The person, as voted by the greater research community, for providing excellent customer service* and [Award 2](#) - *The Person, as voted by peers, as showing amazing leadership and constantly sharing knowledge and support to other research administrators (Research Office to Research Office)* **closes on Friday 30 August at 4pm** so make sure to vote if you haven't already and if you have, share the award 1 link with everyone! Award two link is for Research Office to Research Office voting only.

## 2024 Health Beyond Research and Innovation Showcase

**Audience:** Everyone

The 2024 Health Beyond Research and Innovation Showcase will take place on Wednesday 25 and Thursday 26 September at The William Inglis Hotel – MGallery by Sofitel, Warwick Farm.

The Showcase is an annual event where allied health professionals, nurses, doctors and researchers in South West Sydney present abstracts across the disciplines of health service research, cancer, community health, clinical medicine, biomedical research, mental health and many other areas.



This year's theme is 'Harnessing Diversity' recognising South-Western Sydney's incredibly diverse population including different cultural backgrounds, ages and life stages, socioeconomic status, disability, gender and LGBTQIA+.

### **Day 1 – Wednesday, 25th September 2024**

- Session 1: Equity and Access in Healthcare
- Session 2: Tailoring Care to our Diverse Community
- Session 3: Oldies ain't Oldies – Diversity in Ageing

### **Day 2 – Thursday 26th September 2024**

- Session 4: Aboriginal Health
- Session 5: Children and Young People

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*The 2024 Showcase will feature technology demonstrations and rapid-fire presentations from local SWSLHD researchers. Registrations are now open, get your ticket [here](#) and for more information and updates on the Showcase program, visit the Health Beyond [website](#).*

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## Forum Focus - Significant Safety Issue and Serious Breach Notification Reporting within REGIS

**Audience:** Research Offices

Have you joined the conversation yet? Each newsletter we will highlight one of the questions/conversations in the forum. This week it's in the Ethics and Governance Policies and Guidelines category.

**Question:** We have a serious Breach and SSI that need to be reported. Both HREC and RGO are within REGIS.

According to page 9 of PD2017\_039, the site PI should report SSI to RGO ([https://www1.health.nsw.gov.au/pds/ActivePDSDocuments/PD2017\\_039.pdf](https://www1.health.nsw.gov.au/pds/ActivePDSDocuments/PD2017_039.pdf)). However, when HREC is within REGIS, the Site PI cannot report the SSI via the STE i.e. the RGO site where the event occurred. The site PI has to get lead site to report via the ETH (where only the lead site can access the ETH application). The site only gets alerted to the SSI, once the lead HREC within REGIS acknowledges it. Is this correct?

Can you please clarify what is the process/time period for lead HRECs to acknowledge the initial report within REGIS for SSI or serious Breach report, as this will alert all the sites within REGIS of the SSI/Serious Breach?

Lastly, PD2017\_039, does not mention Serious Breach. The site PI (who is not lead site) cannot report the serious Breach when HREC is within REGIS. As they do not have access to the ETH. How will they go about reporting the serious breach? Do they contact the lead site or the HREC office directly? But again, this does not trigger the site notification within REGIS, to alert the site within REGIS, that a serious Breach has been reported.

Thank you in advance for clarifying this as it is really confusing!

**Answer:** Head on over to the NSW Research Office Forum (category Research Governance) and join the conversation.

Feel free to join any of the conversations, the strength in this [forum](#) is your engagement.

## Upcoming events and dates

**Audience:** Research Office/Researcher



### 2024 Events and Dates

**REGIS Research Office Lunch & Learn 2024:** Lunch & Learn webinars have been scheduled for **28 August** and **17 September** with further sessions to be scheduled. [Click here to view the themes, topics and previous Lunch & Learns.](#)

**Research Office REGIS Training:** Research Office training for 2024 is complete! Training dates for 2025 will be released later in the year.

**Researcher REGIS Training:** The last cycle of Researcher training for 2024 will be held in **September**. [Register your interest here.](#)

## Previous Versions of REGU/REGIS Newsletter

**Audience:** Research Office/Researcher

All previous version of the fortnightly email are available from the REGIS website: <https://regis.health.nsw.gov.au/news-and-events/regis-office-webinars/>

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