Launched in September 2019, the Health Care and Social Assistance (HC&SA) Work Health and Safety Sector Plan is a 3 year strategy. The aim is to raise awareness, build capability and drive industry-wide change to create safe and healthy workplaces and reduce the most serious injuries and illnesses within the sector and achieve the vision of SAFER WORK, SAFER CARE.

TOOLS AND RESOURCES

- Distributed 4500 copies of the ‘Getting Support at Work’ pocket guide in 6 languages
- Developed and published guide - How to manage risks during the transition of support from one provider to another
- Launched dedicated Health Care and Social Assistance web page and sector specific content on the SafeWork NSW website

STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT & EVENTS

- Conducted Safety Climate Tool Research with the Centre of Work Health and Safety (CWHS)
- Commenced co-regulator quarterly meetings held with Health Care and Social Assistance Sector Plan leads in QLD and VIC

PROGRAMS

- Piloted the Patient Handling Injuries Review of Systems (PHIRES) toolkit
- Implementation and LinkedIn promotion of online Participative Ergonomics for Manual Tasks (PErforM) workshop program
- Delivery of the State Insurance Regulatory Authority (SIRA) Community Services Large Employer Return to Work program

PROJECTS

- Understanding violence in hospitals Commenced 1 July 2020
  - The aim of this project is to deliver a systems thinking program to identify the factors which contribute to work-related violence and in a series of system wide interventions that can be used to better prevent and manage work-related violence in the sector. This project will initially focus on NSW hospitals with the aim of implementing the same approach in aged and community care.

COMPLIANCE

- Ongoing compliance activities undertaken in relation to Requests for Service, Complaints and Investigations

OUR VISION

SAFER WORK, SAFER CARE

A holistic approach to work, health and safety