

# Volunteer Simulated Patients (VSP)

## A sustainable resource for patient simulation in a medical curriculum

- Ballarat Health Service (BHS) Volunteer program
  - 278 volunteers
  - Volunteer Simulated Patient program

Sustainable?



Effective?

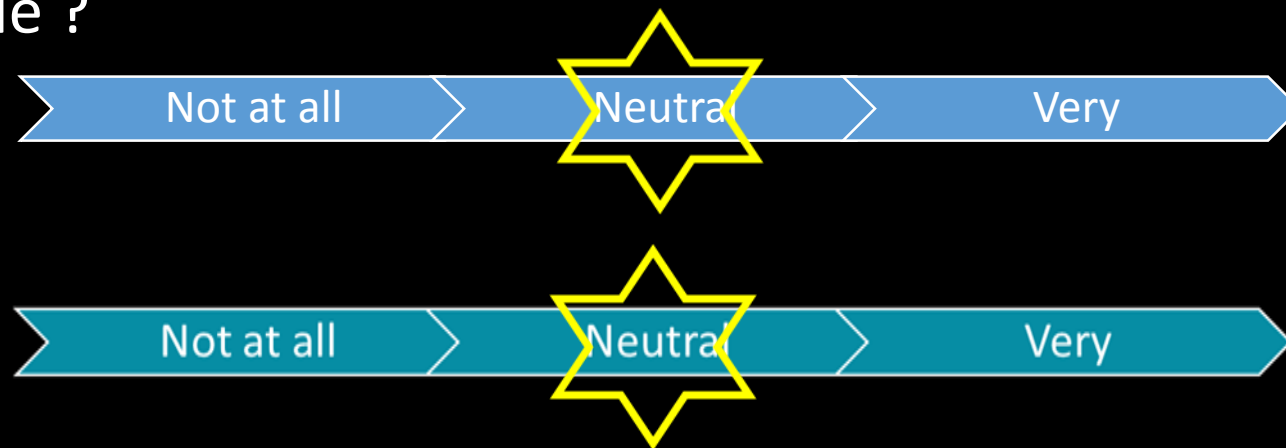


# Planning

- Collaboration
  - Longer than expected (12 months)
- Resource development
  - Creation and sharing of resources
- Recruitment of VSPs
  - How did we recruit?
- Sustainable ?



- Effective?



# Implementation

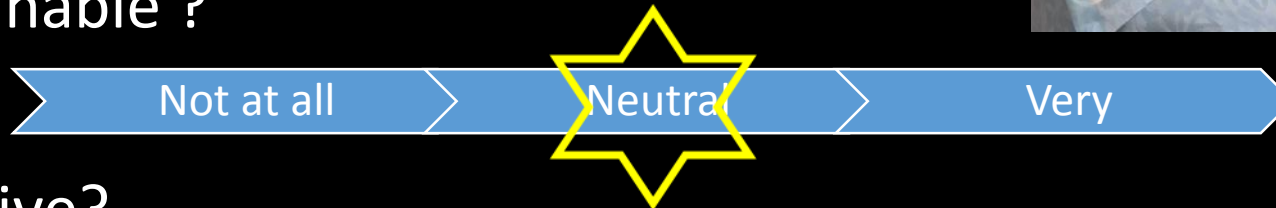
- Scheduling
  - VSP timetabling

## Safety

- Physical / Psychological

## VSPs provide feedback?

- Yes or No?
- Sustainable ?



- Effective?



# Interim Evaluation Findings

- Student response
  - Enhanced Communication
  - Real time feedback
  - More realistic
- VSP response
  - Feedback
  - Psychological safety
  - Script

