

Safe Patient Care (Nurse to Patient and Midwife to Patient Ratios) Act 2015 Reporting

Reporting Period: 1 March 2023 – 30 August 2023

Western Health provides the following to meet our reporting obligations under the Safe Patient Care (Nurse to Patient and Midwife to Patient Ratios) Act 2015 (the Principle Act):

Mixed Wards:

In meeting the obligations under section 12A(1) of the Principle Act, Western Health nominates the following Mixed Wards:

Name of ward:	Total number of occupied beds in ward	Different ratios that apply to each portion	Unique ratio for mixed ward	Expected number of occupied beds of each portion of the ward
Ward 2A (Sunshine)	36	General Medical/Surgical	AM 1:4 plus in-charge PM 1:4 plus in-charge ND 1:8 plus in-charge	28
		GEM	AM 1:5 plus in-charge PM 1:6 plus in-charge ND 1:10	8
Ward 2E (Sunshine)	32	Oncology	AM 1:4 plus in-charge PM 1:4 plus in-charge ND 1:8 plus in-charge	14
		General medical/surgical	AM 1:4 plus in-charge PM 1:4 plus in-charge ND 1:8 plus in-charge	18
Ward 3B (Footscray)	24	General medical/surgical	AM 1:4 plus in-charge PM 1:4 plus in-charge ND 1:8 plus in-charge	16
		GEM	AM 1:5 plus in-charge PM 1:6 plus in-charge ND 1:10	4
		Rehabilitation	AM 1:5 plus in-charge PM 1:5 plus in-charge ND 1:10	4
Ward 3E (Sunshine)	32	Stroke	1:3	3
		General Medical/Surgical	AM 1:4 plus in-charge PM 1:4 plus in-charge ND 1:8 plus in-charge	29
Ward MSU (Bacchus Marsh)	12	Acute Ward	AM 1:6 plus in-charge PM 1:7 plus in-charge ND 1:10	10
		Palliative Care	AM 1:4 plus in-charge PM 1:4 plus in-charge ND 1:6 plus in-charge	2

Maternity (Bacchus Marsh)	14	Antenatal/Postnatal	<i>AM 1:4 plus in-charge PM 1:4 plus in-charge ND 1:6</i>	8
		Maternity Assessment	<i>1 Midwife for all shifts as one birth suite open at any one time, less than 730 births in the preceding 12 months</i>	2
		Birthing Suite	<i>1 Midwife for all shifts as one birth suite open at any one time, less than 730 births in the preceding 12 months</i>	1
		Special Care Nursery	<i>1 nurse or midwife for all shifts, in the case of 7 or fewer occupied cots</i>	3

Birthing Suites:

In meeting the obligations under Section 31(6) of the Principal Act, Western Health nominates the following Birthing Suites:

Name of ward:	Number of occupied birthing suites:	Number of occupied birthing suites (Saturdays and Sundays):
Birthing Suite (Sunshine)	13	13
Maternity Unit (Bacchus Marsh)	1	1