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

Reporting Period: 1 March 2024 – 30 August 2024

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 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 2H (Sunshine)	27	General medical/surgical	*AM 1:4 plus in-charge* *PM 1:4 plus in-charge* *ND 1:8 plus in-charge*	23
		Transition beds	*AM 1:4 plus in-charge* *PM 1:4 plus in-charge* *ND 1:8*	4
		Chairs	*AM 1:6 plus in-charge* *PM 1:6 plus in-charge*	6
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)	10	Antental/Postnatal	*AM 1:4 plus in-charge* *PM 1:4 plus in-charge* *ND 1:6 plus in-charge*	6
		Birthing Suite	*1 Midwife for all shifts as one birth suite open at any one time, less than 730 births in the preceding 12 months*	1
		Special Care Nursery	*1 nurse or midwife for all shifts, in the case of 7 or fewer occupied cots*	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