**Safe Patient Care Amendment Act**

Birth Suites: In February and August each year, the operator of a hospital -

1. Must determine the number of occupied birthing suites in the hospital for the following 6 month period starting on 1 March or 1 September of that year; and
2. Must publish the determination referred to in paragraph (a) on the hospitals internet site

***Nominated mixed ward:*** Means a ward named in a notice published under section 12A

1. In February and August each year, the operator of a hospital -
2. Must nominate a ward as a mixed ward for the following 6 month period starting on 1 March or 1 September of that year if-
	1. The operator has specifically configured the ward to provide. In the course of its ordinary operation, a mixture of clinical services: and
	2. If there is more than one portion of the ward and, accordingly, more than one ration would apply when determining staff numbers for the entire ward cut for subsection (3); and
3. Must publish a notice of the nomination of the ward as a mixed ward on the hospital’s Internet site including the following details-
	1. The name of the mixed ward
	2. The total number of occupied beds in the mixed ward;
	3. The different ratios that would apply but for subsection (3);
	4. The expected number of occupied beds in each portion of the ward during the following 6 month period determined in accordance with subsection (2).
4. For the purpose of determining the expected number of occupied beds in each portion of the ward, the operator must take into account-
	1. The portions in the ward and the number of occupied beds in each portion during the preceding 12 months ; and
	2. Any factors during the following 6 month period (or the remainder of the 6 month period if subsection 8 applies) which are likely-
		1. To increase or decrease the number of occupied beds; or
		2. To change the portions in the ward.
5. Subject to subsections (4), (5), and (6), the operator of a hospital must staff a nominated mixed ward in accordance with a ration determined as follows for the relevant 6 months period-
	1. Determine the number of staff (excluding In Charge) for each portion by applying the relevant ration for that portion:
	2. Add the number of staff for each portion;
	3. Determine the nominated mixed ward ratio by dividing the total number of occupied beds in the nominated mixed ward by the total number of staff ascertained in paragraph (b).

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| **Ward 5 (Cardiology/ CCU) Number of occupied beds in each portion of the ward during the following 6 month period = 28** |
| type | Number of beds | Ratio Day shift | Ratio Night shift | Unique Ratio- Day | Unique Ratio-Night | Number of staff required- AM/PM | Number of staff required- ND |
| cardiology | 20 | 1:4 + IC | 1:8 | 1:3.1 + IC | 1: 5.5 | 10 | 6 |
| CCU | 8 | 1:2 + IC | 1:3 |
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| **Ward 18 (Respiratory/Neurology and Resp Care Unit Number of occupied beds in each portion of the ward during the following 6 month period = 34** |
| type | Number of beds | Ratio Day shift | Ratio Night shift | Unique Ratio- Day | Unique Ratio-Night | Number of staff required- AM/PM | Number of staff required- ND |
| Resp/ Neur | 30 | 1:4 + IC | 1:8 | 1:3.4 + IC | 1: 5.66 | 10 | 6 |
| RCU | 4 | 1:2 + IC | 1:2 |
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| **BH Ward 3 (General Medicine/GEM) Number of occupied beds in each portion of the ward during the following 6 month period = 28** |
| type | Number of beds | Ratio AM | RatioPM | Ratio Night shift | Unique Ratio- AM | Unique Ratio- PM | Unique Ratio- ND | Number of staff required- AM/PM | Number of staff required- ND |
| Gen Medicine | 16 | 1:4 + IC | 1:4+IC | 1:8 | 1:4.375 + IC | 1: 4.67 +IC | 1: 8.75 | 7 | 4 |
| GEM | 12 | 1:5 + IC | 1:6+IC | 1:10 |
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| **NH Ward 3 (Gen Med/ Haem/Onc) Number of occupied beds in each portion of the ward during the following 6 month period = 32** |
| type | Number of beds | Ratio Day shift | Ratio Night shift | Unique Ratio- Day | Unique Ratio-Night | Number of staff required- AM/PM | Number of staff required- ND |
| Gen Medicine | 22 | 1:4 + IC | 1:8 | 1:4 + IC | 1: 8 (+ IC in March 2020) | 8 | 5(6 in March 2020) |
| Oncology | 10 | 1:4 +IC | 1:8 |