

Safe Patient Care Amendment Act

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

- a) 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
- b) Must publish the determination referred to in paragraph (a) on the hospital's 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 -
 - a) 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-
 - I. The operator has specifically configured the ward to provide. In the course of its ordinary operation, a mixture of clinical services: and
 - II. 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
 - b) Must publish a notice of the nomination of the ward as a mixed ward on the hospital's Internet site including the following details-
 - I. The name of the mixed ward
 - II. The total number of occupied beds in the mixed ward;
 - III. The different ratios that would apply but for subsection (3);
 - IV. The expected number of occupied beds in each portion of the ward during the following 6 month period determined in accordance with subsection (2).
- 2) For the purpose of determining the expected number of occupied beds in each portion of the ward, the operator must take into account-
 - a. The portions in the ward and the number of occupied beds in each portion during the preceding 12 months ; and
 - b. Any factors during the following 6 month period (or the remainder of the 6 month period if subsection 8 applies) which are likely-
 - i. To increase or decrease the number of occupied beds; or
 - ii. To change the portions in the ward.
- 3) 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-
 - a. Determine the number of staff (excluding In Charge) for each portion by applying the relevant ration for that portion:
 - b. Add the number of staff for each portion;
 - c. 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).

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						
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						
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	Ratio PM	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	18	1:4 + IC	1:4+IC	1:8	1: 4.31 + IC =6.49 +IC	1: 4.54 +IC = 6.2 +IC	1: 8.62 = 3.2	7	3
GEM	10	1:5 + IC	1:6+IC	1:10					
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 Med/Haem	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						