

**Updated: 21/7/2021**

**Safe Patient Care Act; Reporting of a Mixed Ward**

**Mixed ward**

**Name:** NCN Health – Nathalia campus.

**Total number of beds:** 26

**Ratios:**

Level 4 hospitals (**6 beds**)

(1) The operator of a level 4 hospital must staff an acute ward as follows:

**(a) on the morning shift** - one nurse for every 6 patients; and one nurse in charge;

**(b) on the afternoon shift** - one nurse for every 7 patients; and one nurse in charge;

**(c) on the night shift** - one nurse for every 10 patients.

Aged high care residential wards (**20 beds**)

The operator of a hospital must ensure that the high care beds in an aged high care residential ward are staffed as follows:

**(a) on the morning shift** - one nurse for every 7 residents; and one nurse in charge;

**(b) on the afternoon shift** - one nurse for every 8 residents; and one nurse in charge;

**(c) on the night shift** - one nurse for every 15 residents.

**Safe Patient Care (Nurse to Patient and Midwife to Patient Ratios) Act 2015 No. 51 of 2015**

**Authorised Version incorporating amendments as at 1 March 2021**

**Expected number of occupied beds:** (per preceding 12 month occupancy)

Acute: 70% of 6 = 4.2 beds

Aged care: 98% of 20 = 19.6 beds

**AM - morning shift**

1 nurse for acute

3 nurses for aged care                      Total: 5

1 in charge nurse

**PM - afternoon shift**

1 nurse for acute

3 nurses for aged care                      Total: 5

1 in charge nurse

Including an After Hours Coordinator or equivalent position (who is not supernumerary) during

all off-duty periods of the Director of Nursing or Director of Midwifery.

**ND - night shift**

1 nurse for acute

1 nurse for aged care                      Total: 2

Including an After Hours Coordinator or equivalent position (who is not supernumerary) during

all off-duty periods of the Director of Nursing or Director of Midwifery.

Nathalia local agreement requires: 1 PM nurse moved to AM to make it:

**AM - morning shift: 6**

**PM - afternoon shift: 4**

**ND - night shift: 2**