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**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.

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