

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

Reporting period: 1 March 2026 – 31 August 2026

Under Section 12A (1) of the Principle Act, St Vincent's Hospital Melbourne (SVHM) provides the following to meet the Principle Act's reporting requirements.

The following Mixed Wards apply their unique ratios as outlined below.

Mixed Ward	Bed Plan (occupied beds)	Units with a unique ratio	Unique ratio for mixed ward	Designated number of occupied beds per unique ratio unit
4 East	20	Cardiothoracic Surgery	AM 1:3 plus in-charge	15
			PM 1:3 plus in-charge	
			ND 1:5 plus in-charge	
		Respiratory	AM 1:4 plus in-charge	5
			PM 1:4 plus in-charge	
			ND 1:8 plus in-charge	
6 West	22	Haematology	AM 1:3 plus in-charge	15
			PM 1:3 plus in-charge	
			ND 1:5 plus in-charge	
		Oncology	AM 1:4 plus in-charge	7
			PM 1:4 plus in-charge	
			ND 1:8 plus in-charge	

10 West	20	Stroke	AM 1:3 plus in-charge	6
			PM 1:3 plus in-charge	
			ND 1:6 plus in-charge	
		Neurology	AM 1:4 plus in-charge	6
			PM 1:4 plus in-charge	
			ND 1:8 plus in-charge	
		ACE	AM 1:4 plus in-charge	8
			PM 1:4 plus in-charge	
			ND 1:8 plus in-charge	

This information is provided after a review of the preceding 12 months of occupied beds within the mixed wards, as directed under section 12A(2) of the Principle Act.

SVHM is unaware of any factors in the following six-month period that may:

- Increase or decrease the number of occupied beds: or
- Change the portions in the ward

Further information on how to implement the Safe Patient Care (Nurse to Patient) Act 2015 can be found [here](#).