

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

Reporting period: 1 September 2025 – 28 February 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	18
			PM 1:3 plus in-charge	
			ND 1:5 plus in-charge	
		Respiratory	AM 1:4 plus in-charge	2
			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 East      24      Stroke      AM 1:3 plus in-charge      5

PM 1:3 plus in-charge

ND 1:3 plus in-charge

Renal      AM 1:4 plus in-charge      10

PM 1:4 plus in-charge

ND 1:8 plus in-charge

General      AM 1:4 plus in-charge      2

Medicine

PM 1:4 plus in-charge

ND 1:8 plus in-charge

Neurology      AM 1:4 plus in-charge      6

PM 1:4 plus in-charge

ND 1:8 plus in-charge

Dermatology      AM 1:4 plus in-charge      1

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 mixed wards, as directed under section 12A(2) of the Principle Act.

During the following six-month period, SVHM plans to reconfigure the current wards that will result in a change to the mixed ward profiles. The Mixed Ward ratios outlined above will be updated to reflect these changes when they occur.

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