

Safe Patient Care (Nurse to Patient and Midwife to Patient Ratios) Act 2015: Mixed Ward Reporting

Reporting Period: 1 March 2026 to 31 August 2026

Bendigo Health provides the following information to meet the reporting obligations under the Safe Patient Care (Nurse to Patient and Midwife to Patient Ratios) Act 2015:

Ward 4C: Rehabilitation / GEM Unit 32 beds

- **The name of the mixed ward:** Ward 4C
- **The total number of occupied beds in the mixed ward:** 32 beds (16 x Rehabilitation and 16 x GEM)
- **The different ratios that would apply to each portion;**
 - **Rehabilitation:** AM shift 1:5 plus in charge, PM shift 1:5 plus in charge, ND shift 1:10
 - **GEM:** AM shift 1:5 plus in charge, PM shift 1:6 plus in charge, ND shift 1:10
- **The expected number of occupied beds in each portion of the ward during the following 6-month period:** 32 beds

Ward 5C: Rehabilitation / GEM Unit 32 beds

- **The name of the mixed ward:** Ward 5C
- **The total number of occupied beds in the mixed ward:** 32 beds (16 x Rehabilitation and 12 x GEM and 4 x ACE – Acute Care of the Elderly)
- **The different ratios that would apply to each portion;**
 - **Rehabilitation:** AM shift 1:5 plus in charge, PM shift 1:5 plus in charge, ND shift 1:10
 - **GEM:** AM shift 1:5 plus in charge, PM shift 1:6 plus in charge, ND shift 1:10
 - **ACE:** AM shift 1:4 plus in charge, PM shift 1:5 plus in charge, ND shift 1:8 plus in charge
- **The expected number of occupied beds in each portion of the ward during the following 6-month period:** 32 beds

Specialist Palliative Care and Evaluation Unit: Palliative Care / GEM 18 beds

- **The name of the mixed ward:** Specialist Palliative Care and Evaluation Unit
- **The total number of occupied beds in the mixed ward:** 18 beds (10 x Palliative Care, 8 x GEM).
- **The different ratios that would apply to each portion;**
 - **Palliative Care:** AM shift 1:4 plus in charge, PM shift 1:4 plus in charge, ND shift 1:6 plus in charge
 - **GEM:** AM shift 1:5 plus in charge, PM shift 1:6 plus in charge, ND shift 1:10
- **The expected number of occupied beds in each portion of the ward during the following 6-month period:** Palliative Care 10 beds & GEM 8 beds.