

# Safe Patient Care Act - Nurse/Patient Ratios

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## Birthing suites

Central Gippsland Health has 3 birthing suites.

## Mixed Wards

Mixed Ward Name:	Maffra Hospital
Total number of occupied beds in the mixed ward:	25 beds
Different ratios that apply:	<p><b>Rehabilitation</b></p> <p>AM shift - 1:5 plus one in charge PM shift - 1:5 plus one in charge Night shift - 1:10</p> <p><b>GEM</b></p> <p>AM shift - 1:5 plus one in charge PM shift - 1:6 plus one in charge Night shift - 1:10 plus one in charge</p> <p><b>Palliative</b></p> <p>AM shift - 1:4 plus one in charge PM shift - 1:4 plus one in charge Night shift - 1:6 plus one in charge</p> <p><b>Residential</b></p> <p>AM shift - 1:7 plus one in charge PM shift - 1:8 plus one in charge Night shift - 1:15</p>
Expected number of beds in each portion of the ward during the following 6-month period:	<p>29 beds</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 1 x rehabilitation</li><li>• 2 x GEM</li><li>• 1 x Palliative</li><li>• 25 x Residential</li></ul>

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Mixed Ward Name:	Women's and Childrens Ward
Total number of occupied beds in the mixed ward:	10 beds
Different ratios that apply:	<p><b>Postnatal</b>  AM shift - 1:4 plus one in charge;  PM shift - 1:4 plus one in charge;  Night shift - 1:6 plus one in charge</p> <p><b>Paediatric</b>  AM shift - 1:4 plus one in charge;  PM shift - 1:4 plus one in charge;  Night shift - 1:10</p> <p><b>Special Care Nursery</b>  AM shift - 1:4 plus one in charge;  PM shift - 1:4 plus one in charge;  Night shift - 1:4</p> <p><b>Labour Ward</b>  AM shift - 2:3 plus one in charge;  PM shift - 2:3 plus one in charge;  Night shift - 2:3  <i>Unless in established labour where it is 1:1</i></p> <p><b>Acute General</b>  AM shift - 1:5 plus one in charge;  PM shift - 1:6 plus one in charge;  Night shift - 1:10 plus one in charge</p>
Expected number of occupied beds in each portion of the ward during the following 6-month period:	<p>8 beds</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 4 x Postnatal/antenatal</li> <li>• 2 x Acute general</li> <li>• 2 x Paediatric</li> <li>• 1 x Special Care Nursery</li> <li>• 1 x Labour Ward</li> </ul>

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<b>Mixed Ward Name:</b>	<b>Medical Ward</b>
Total number of occupied beds in the mixed ward:	20 beds
Different ratios that apply:	<p><b>Medical/Surgical</b></p> <p>AM shift - 1:5 plus in charge</p> <p>PM shift - 1:6 plus in charge</p> <p>Night shift - 1:10 plus in charge</p> <p><b>Subacute (Rehabilitation, GEM, Palliative)</b></p> <p>AM shift - 1:5 plus in charge</p> <p>PM shift - 1:5 plus in charge</p> <p>Night shift - 1:10 plus in charge</p>
Expected number of occupied beds in each portion of the ward during the following 6-month period:	<p>20 beds:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 12 medical</li> <li>• 8 rehabilitation</li> </ul>

<b>Mixed Ward Name:</b>	<b>Critical Care Unit</b>
Total number of occupied beds in the mixed ward:	8 beds
Different ratios that apply:	<p><b>Critical Care</b></p> <p>Day shift - 1:2 plus in charge;</p> <p>Night shift - 1:2</p> <p><b>Short Stay Unit</b></p> <p>Day shift - 1:5</p> <p>Night shift - 1:10</p>
Expected number of beds in each portion of the ward during the following 6-month period:	<p>8 beds</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 4 x CCU</li> <li>• 4 x Short Stay</li> </ul>