

Safe Patient Care Act 2015

Omeo District Health provides Acute and Aged Care Residential services via a nominated mixed ward consisting of our four Acute beds, ten high level Residential Aged Care beds and four low level Residential Aged Care beds.

Aged Care average occupancy over the last 12 months was 93%, our average Acute bed occupancy for the last 12 months was 20%. It is anticipated that during the next 6 months we will see a minor increase our average acute occupancy to 25%, whilst we anticipate our Aged Care occupancy to decrease to 80%.

The ratios as set out for:

Level 4 hospitals	
AM shifts	1:6
PM Shifts	1:7
Night Duty	1:14
High Level Aged Care	
AM shifts	1:7
PM Shifts	1:8
Night Duty	1:15

As outlined in the “Amendments to the Safe Patient Care (Nurse to Patient and Midwife to Patient Ratios) Act 2015 – Frequently asked questions”, <https://www2.health.vic.gov.au/health-workforce/nursing-and-midwifery/safe-patient-care-act>, “public low care residential aged care services” “..won’t be covered by the amended legislation...” For the purposes of meeting the legislated requirements of the “Safe Patient Care (Nurse to Patient and Midwife to Patient Ratios) Amendment Act 2019 ratios of 1:6 will be applied for both AM and PM shifts whilst a ratio of 1:12.5 will be applied for Night Duty in addition to in charge staff.