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This report is issued by the Administrator of the National Health Funding Pool under section 240 of the *National Health Reform Act 2011*.

This report is prepared on a cash basis. It shows monthly and year-to-date (YTD) National Health Reform (NHR) funding and payments for Western Australia for July 2014 as part of the *National Health Reform Agreement*.

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Local hospital networks and National Health Reform

A local hospital network (LHN) is an organisation that provides public hospital services in accordance with the Agreement. An LHN can contain one or more hospitals, and is usually defined as a business group, geographical area or community. Every Australian public hospital is part of an LHN.

Note: The term 'local hospital network' is a national term. Some states and territories use their own terminology to describe these networks, such as local health districts, health organisations, and hospital and health services.

Under the Agreement, LHNs receive funding for the following public hospital services:

- All admitted and non-admitted services
- All emergency department services provided by a recognised emergency department
- Other outpatient, mental health, sub-acute services and other services that could reasonably be considered a public hospital service.

Note: LHNs also receive funding from other sources, including the Commonwealth, states and territories, and third parties for the provision of other specific functions and services outside the scope of the Agreement, for example dental services, primary care, home and community care, residential aged care and pharmaceuticals. For further information on total funding to a particular LHN, contact the WA Department of Health to view the service agreement for that LHN.

Basis for National Health Reform payments – Western Australia, July 2014

For the basis of the Commonwealth contribution to NHR funding, see [Basis of Commonwealth NHR funding, 2014-15](#).

The basis used to determine NHR payments to LHNs in Western Australia for July 2014 was advised by the WA Department of Health to be as follows:

The 2014-15 annual funding allocations have been developed using the Western Australian Activity Based Funding program methodology. Activity profiles have been developed consistent with the WA Health clinical services framework. The funding allocations include activity based services, block funded services and specified programs.

The national ABF classifications and associated price weights including all of the adjustments (Specialised Paediatric, Rural/remote, Indigenous, ICU and private patient) have been used to define activity based funding profiles.

The State Transitioning Price, calculated using a methodology more closely aligned to the National ABF framework, provide a more transparent basis for comparing the cost of delivering hospital services in Western Australia against the national cost benchmark (Projected Average Cost (PAC)). The gap between the total price of all hospital activity funded at the State Transition Price and the total cost of all hospital activity funded at the PAC, is called the Community Service Subsidy (CSS) payment.

Block funding is based on budget to budget build from the previous year using State Government funding parameters consistent with the State budget.

Reference information

The financial information outlined in the following report is categorised as:

- *NHR funding* – when the Commonwealth or state or territory government pays NHR funding into a state pool account or state managed fund.
- *NHR payments* – when NHR funding that has been deposited into a state pool account or state managed fund is paid out of the state pool account by the Administrator, or is paid out of the state managed fund by the state or territory.

State pool account transactions

Table 1a – State pool account transactions – Western Australia, July 2014

This table shows funding paid into the Western Australian state pool account by the Commonwealth, Western Australia or other states/territories, and payments out of the state pool account to LHNs, the state managed fund, the WA Department of Health or the state pool accounts of other states/territories for July 2014.

NHR funding by source	Paid into state pool account (\$)	Paid out of state pool account				Total paid out (\$)
		To Local hospital networks (\$)	To State Managed Fund (\$)	To state health department (\$)	To state pool (other State) (\$)	
Commonwealth ABF funding	119,690,596	119,690,596				119,690,596
Commonwealth Block funding	22,593,467		22,593,467			22,593,467
Commonwealth Other funding	3,147,793			3,147,793		3,147,793
Total C'wealth funding	145,431,856	119,690,596	22,593,467	3,147,793		145,431,856
WA funding	196,438,875	196,438,875		0	0	196,438,875
Other state/territory funding	0		0	0		0
Total	341,870,731	316,129,471	22,593,467	3,147,793	0	341,870,731

See definitions and explanatory notes following table 1b.

Table 1b – State pool account transactions YTD – Western Australia, July 2014

Following on from table 1a, this table shows year-to-date (YTD) funding paid into the Western Australian state pool account by the Commonwealth, Western Australia or other states/territories, and payments out of the state pool account to LHNs, the state managed fund, the WA Department of Health or the state pool accounts of other states/territories as at July 2014.

NHR funding by source	Paid into state pool account (\$)	Paid out of state pool account				Total paid out YTD (\$)
		To Local hospital networks YTD (\$)	To State Managed Fund YTD (\$)	To state health department YTD (\$)	To state pool (other State) YTD (\$)	
Commonwealth ABF funding	119,690,596	119,690,596				119,690,596
Commonwealth Block funding	22,593,467		22,593,467			22,593,467
Commonwealth Other funding	3,147,793			3,147,793		3,147,793
Total C'wealth funding	145,431,856	119,690,596	22,593,467	3,147,793		145,431,856
WA funding	196,438,875	196,438,875		0	0	196,438,875
Other state/territory funding	0		0	0		0
Total	341,870,731	316,129,471	22,593,467	3,147,793	0	341,870,731

Commonwealth ABF funding represents Acute admitted, Non-admitted, Emergency department, Sub-acute, and Admitted mental health service categories, which are funded by the Commonwealth through the state pool account and subsequently paid to LHNs.

Commonwealth Block funding represents Non-admitted mental health, Small rural hospitals, Teaching, training & research, and Other non-admitted categories, which are funded by the Commonwealth and paid to the state managed fund.

Commonwealth Other funding represents other amounts funded by the Commonwealth, transacted through the state pool account and subsequently paid to state or territory health departments. This currently represents the Commonwealth contribution to public health.

WA funding represents funding contributions paid by Western Australia into its own state pool account, and subsequently paid to LHNs within the state, to the Western Australian health department and/or to other state pool accounts.

Other state/territory funding represents contributions paid to Western Australia by other states and territories for cross-border activity.

Note: The grey shaded areas in these tables reflect cells that are not applicable for a particular 'paid out' column. For example, Commonwealth block funding is only paid to state managed funds and not to local hospital networks or state or territory health departments.

NHR funding and payments shown in these tables include GST where applicable.

For more information, see [National Health Reform funding and payments](#).

State managed fund transactions

Table 2a – State managed fund transactions – Western Australia, July 2014

This table shows funding paid into the Western Australian state managed fund by the Commonwealth and Western Australia, and payments out of the state managed fund to LHNs and other provider organisations for July 2014.

NHR funding by source	Paid into state managed fund (\$)	Paid out of state managed fund		
		To local hospital networks (\$)	To Other (\$)	Total paid out (\$)
Commonwealth Block funding	22,593,467			22,593,467
State/territory Block funding	14,118,761			14,118,761
Total	36,712,228	36,712,228	0	36,712,228

See explanatory notes below table 2b.

Table 2b – State managed fund transactions YTD – Western Australia, July 2014

Following on from table 2a, this table shows year-to-date (YTD) funding paid into the Western Australian state managed fund by the Commonwealth and Western Australia, and YTD payments out of the state managed fund to LHNs and other provider organisations as at July 2014.

NHR funding by source	Paid into state managed fund YTD (\$)	Paid out of state managed fund YTD		
		To local hospital networks YTD (\$)	To Other YTD (\$)	Total paid out YTD (\$)
Commonwealth Block funding	22,593,467			22,593,467
State/territory Block funding	14,118,761			14,118,761
Total	36,712,228	36,712,228	0	36,712,228

Block funding represents Non-admitted mental health, Small rural hospitals, Teaching, training & research, and Other non-admitted categories.

Commonwealth Block funding represents Commonwealth block funding contributions paid into the state managed fund from the state pool account, and block payments out of the state managed fund to LHNs and other provider organisations.

State/territory Block funding represents Western Australian block funding contributions into the state managed fund, and block payments out of the state managed fund to LHNs and other provider organisations.

Note: The grey shaded areas in these tables reflect that these block payments cannot at this stage be identified by funding source (state, territory or Commonwealth contribution).

NHR funding and payments shown in these tables include GST where applicable.

For more information, see [National Health Reform funding and payments](#).

NHR funding and payments by service category

Table 3 – NHR funding and payments by service category – Western Australia, July 2014

This table shows NHR funding and payments by service category on both a monthly and year-to-date (YTD) basis for Western Australia for July 2014. NHR funding and payments are separated into the following service categories – activity-based funding (ABF), block funding, and other funding.

Service category	NHR funding (\$)	NHR payments (\$)	NHR funding YTD (\$)	NHR payments YTD (\$)
ABF				
Acute admitted	190,060,599	190,060,599	190,060,599	190,060,599
Admitted mental health	21,843,100	21,843,100	21,843,100	21,843,100
Sub-acute	14,560,399	14,560,399	14,560,399	14,560,399
Emergency department	42,631,224	42,631,224	42,631,224	42,631,224
Non-admitted	47,034,150	47,034,150	47,034,150	47,034,150
Total ABF (Pool)	316,129,471	316,129,471	316,129,471	316,129,471
Block				
Small rural hospitals	11,099,616	11,099,616	11,099,616	11,099,616
Teaching, training & research	6,978,924	6,978,924	6,978,924	6,978,924
Non-admitted mental health	18,195,286	18,195,286	18,195,286	18,195,286
Other non-admitted services	438,402	438,402	438,402	438,402
Total Block (SMF)	36,712,228	36,712,228	36,712,228	36,712,228
Other				
Public health funding	3,147,793	3,147,793	3,147,793	3,147,793
Overdeposit	0	0	0	0
Cross border	0	0	0	0
Interest	0	0	0	0
Total Other (Pool)	3,147,793	3,147,793	3,147,793	3,147,793
Grand Total	355,989,492	355,989,492	355,989,492	355,989,492

Total ABF (Pool) is an aggregate of both Commonwealth and state or territory NHR funding and payments for activity-based funding (ABF) which is transacted through the state pool account.

Total Block (SMF) is an aggregate of both Commonwealth and state or territory NHR funding and payments for block funding which is transacted through the state managed fund (SMF).

Total Other (Pool) represents other funding and payments transacted through the state pool account, including public health funding, overdeposits, cross-border funding and payments, and interest.

State and territory cross-border payments can either be:

- Paid to the relevant state or territory's LHNs – included within ABF and/or block payments in the above table, or
- Reimbursed to the relevant state or territory where the state or territory's LHNs are already being funded for the cost of treating cross-border patients – shown in the Cross-border row under Other in the above table.

NHR funding and payments shown in these tables include GST where applicable.

For more information, see [National Health Reform funding and payments](#).

NHR contributions by local hospital network

Table 4a – NHR contributions by local hospital network – Western Australia, July 2014

This table shows NHR contributions (from state, territory and Commonwealth sources) made to each LHN in Western Australia during July 2014.

NHR contributions to LHNs are separated into an activity-based funding (ABF) component and a block component.

Local hospital network	ABF component (ex GST) (\$)	Block component (ex GST) (\$)	Total NHR payments (ex GST) (\$)
Child and Adolescent Health Service	22,004,476	1,604,013	23,608,489
FSH - Western Australia	8,730,439	480,034	9,210,473
North Metropolitan Health Service	103,808,784	10,558,751	114,367,534
Notional LHN - Royal Street - WA	2,763,137	0	2,763,137
South Metropolitan Health Service	125,188,734	8,191,651	133,380,385
WA Country Health Service	53,633,902	15,877,779	69,511,681
Total	316,129,471	36,712,228	352,841,699

See explanatory notes below table 4b.

Table 4b – NHR contributions by local hospital network YTD – Western Australia, July 2014

This table shows YTD NHR contributions (from state, territory and Commonwealth sources) made to each LHN in Western Australia as at July 2014.

NHR contributions to LHNs are separated into an activity-based funding (ABF) component and a block component.

Local hospital network	ABF component YTD (ex GST) (\$)	Block component YTD (ex GST) (\$)	Total NHR payments YTD (ex GST) (\$)
Child and Adolescent Health Service	22,004,476	1,604,013	23,608,489
FSH - Western Australia	8,730,439	480,034	9,210,473
North Metropolitan Health Service	103,808,784	10,558,751	114,367,534
Notional LHN - Royal Street - WA	2,763,137	0	2,763,137
South Metropolitan Health Service	125,188,734	8,191,651	133,380,385
WA Country Health Service	53,633,902	15,877,779	69,511,681
Total	316,129,471	36,712,228	352,841,699

NHR payments in this table are GST exclusive to enable comparability of NHR payments in each LHN report.

Note: This table excludes GST. The majority of government funding to LHNs is not subject to GST. However in some cases hospital funding to non-government entities does attract GST, for example, denominational hospitals, privately and commercially owned health facilities, or any other non-government third party provider of health services or related supplies.

For more information, see [National Health Reform funding and payments](#).

Estimated monthly, YTD and annual activity

States and territories provide service volume *estimates* at the start of each financial year, and if required, can continue to refine these estimates during the course of the year. These *estimates* form the basis of monthly reporting of service volumes until *actual* service numbers become available. These estimates are expressed as National Weighted Activity Units (NWAU).

States and territories provide estimated annual NWAU to the Administrator as a basis for determining the Commonwealth activity-based funding. Current month NWAU estimates accumulate through the year-to-date (YTD) NWAU, to be equal to the annual NWAU at the end of the financial year.

States and territories may also provide activity information relating to the delivery of other public hospital functions funded.

Table 5 – Estimated monthly, YTD and annual NWAU by local hospital network – Western Australia, July 2014

This table shows estimated state or territory hospital activity for activity-based funding services expressed as NWAU for July 2014, the associated cumulative year-to-date (YTD), and total estimated annual NWAU for each LHN in Western Australia.

Local hospital network	Estimated NWAU delivered in current month	Estimated NWAU delivered YTD	Estimated annual NWAU 2014-15
Child and Adolescent Health Service	4,305	4,305	51,432
FSH - Western Australia	0	0	54,346
North Metropolitan Health Service	21,687	21,687	262,442
Notional LHN - Royal Street - WA	1,407	1,407	16,268
South Metropolitan Health Service	24,967	24,967	267,622
WA Country Health Service	8,031	8,031	97,721
Total	60,397	60,397	749,831

An NWAU is a measure of health service activity expressed as a common unit. It provides a way of comparing and valuing each public hospital service, whether they are admissions, emergency department presentations or outpatient episodes, by weighting them for their clinical complexity. The average hospital service is worth one NWAU – the most intensive and expensive activities are worth multiple NWAU, the simplest and least expensive are worth fractions of an NWAU.

Monthly NHR payments relate to the cash needs of public hospitals and do not necessarily reflect the volume of services to be delivered in the month.

For more information on the NWAU calculation, see [Calculation of NWAU](#).