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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 the National Health Reform (NHR) payments made by the Commonwealth and New South Wales to the Far West Local Health District for April 2015 as part of the *National Health Reform Agreement*.

The Far West Local Health District is the local hospital network covering the far western region of New South Wales. See [Far West Local Health District public hospitals and service providers](#).

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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 *National Health Reform Agreement* (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 local terminology to describe these networks, such as local health districts, health organisations, and hospital and health services.

Under the Agreement, LHNs receive NHR 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 Department of Health in the relevant state or territory to view the service agreement for that LHN.

## Reference information

The data in this report can be viewed in conjunction with information shown on the *MyHospitals* website ([www.myhospitals.gov.au](http://www.myhospitals.gov.au)) which provides information on hospitals throughout Australia.

The financial information outlined in the following report represents NHR payments. NHR payments are 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.

For the basis of NHR payments, see the *Basis for National Health Reform payments* explanation in the [New South Wales report, April 2015](#).

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

# NHR payments to the Far West Local Health District

**Table 1a – NHR payments – Far West Local Health District, April 2015**

This table shows NHR payments made by the Commonwealth and New South Wales to the Far West Local Health District by service category and contribution for April 2015.

The table shows for each service category, payments to the LHN and the Commonwealth and state or territory contributions for each service category. For further information on total funding to a particular LHN, contact the Department of Health in the relevant state or territory to view the service agreement for that LHN.

Service category	Total NHR payments (ex GST) (\$)	GST (\$)	Commonwealth NHR payments (ex GST) (\$)	State/territory NHR payments (ex GST) (\$)
Acute admitted	2,305,463	0	645,797	1,659,666
Admitted mental health	461,478	0	129,267	332,210
Sub-acute	161,596	0	45,266	116,330
Emergency department	799,674	0	224,002	575,673
Non-admitted	790,600	0	221,460	569,140
<b>Total ABF payments (Pool)</b>	<b>4,518,811</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,265,791</b>	<b>3,253,020</b>
Small rural hospitals	558,391	0		
Teaching, training & research	0	0		
Non-admitted mental health	329,681	0		
Other non-admitted services	83,468	0		
<b>Total Block payments (SMF)</b>	<b>971,540</b>	<b>0</b>		
<b>Total NHR payments</b>	<b>5,490,351</b>	<b>0</b>		

See explanatory notes following table 1b.

**Table 1b – NHR payments YTD – Far West Local Health District, April 2015**

Following on from table 1a, this table shows year-to-date (YTD) NHR payments to the Far West Local Health District by service category, and the contributions made by the Commonwealth and New South Wales by service category as at April 2015.

Service category	Total NHR payments YTD (ex GST) (\$)	GST YTD (\$)	Commonwealth NHR payments YTD (ex GST) (\$)	State/territory NHR payments YTD (ex GST) (\$)
Acute admitted	24,531,385	0	7,387,906	17,143,479
Admitted mental health	4,910,374	0	1,478,815	3,431,559
Sub-acute	1,719,468	0	517,837	1,201,631
Emergency department	8,508,968	0	2,562,573	5,946,395
Non-admitted	9,314,181	0	2,808,758	6,505,423
<b>Total ABF payments (Pool)</b>	<b>48,984,376</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>14,755,889</b>	<b>34,228,487</b>
Small rural hospitals	7,908,404	0		
Teaching, training & research	0	0		
Non-admitted mental health	4,555,607	0		
Other non-admitted services	1,007,739	0		
<b>Total Block payments (SMF)</b>	<b>13,471,749</b>	<b>0</b>		
<b>Total NHR payments</b>	<b>62,456,125</b>	<b>0</b>		

**Total ABF payments (Pool)** represents NHR payments made by the Administrator from the state pool account to the LHN.

**Total Block payments (SMF)** represents NHR payments made by the state or territory from the state managed fund (SMF) to the LHN.

**Note:** The grey shaded areas in the table above reflect that block payments made to LHNs cannot at this stage be identified by source of funding (state, territory or Commonwealth) when paid from state managed funds.

Payments in these tables are GST exclusive. 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 the basis of NHR payments, see the *Basis for National Health Reform payments* explanation in the [New South Wales report, April 2015](#).

## Estimated monthly, YTD and annual NWAU

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).

New South Wales provided estimated annual NWAU for the Far West Local Health District to the Administrator as a basis for determining the Commonwealth activity-based funding. Current month NWAU estimates accumulate through the year-to-date NWAU, to be equal to the annual NWAU at the end of the financial year.

**Table 2 – Estimated monthly, YTD and annual NWAU – Far West Local Health District, April 2015**

This table shows the estimated activity for activity-based funding services expressed as NWAU for April 2015, the associated year-to-date (YTD) NWAU, and total estimated annual NWAU for the Far West Local Health District.

Activity based funding (ABF) service category	Estimated NWAU delivered in current month	Estimated NWAU delivered YTD	Estimated annual NWAU 2014-15
Acute admitted	429	4,287	5,145
Admitted mental health	86	858	1,030
Sub-acute	30	301	361
Emergency department	149	1,487	1,785
Non-admitted	167	1,666	1,999
<b>Total</b>	<b>860</b>	<b>8,599</b>	<b>10,319</b>

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](#).

For the basis of NHR payments, see the *Basis for National Health Reform payments* explanation in the [New South Wales report, April 2015](#).

## **Far West Local Health District public hospitals and service providers**

The Far West Local Health District is the local hospital network covering the far western region of New South Wales.

For the purposes of NHR public hospital funding arrangements, this LHN is made up of the following public hospitals and service providers:

- Balranald Multi Purpose Service
- Broken Hill Base Hospital
- Ivanhoe Hospital
- Menindee Health Service
- Tibooburra Hospital
- Wentworth Hospital
- White Cliffs Health Service
- Wilcannia Multi Purpose Service