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# National Health Reform public hospital funding Victoria report – January 2016

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 Victoria for January 2016 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 Victorian Department of Health to view the service agreement for that LHN.

**Note:** Amounts shown in the monthly reports do not include the New South Wales contributions to Victoria for Albury Wodonga Health.

## Basis for National Health Reform payments – Victoria, January 2016

For the basis of the Commonwealth contribution to NHR funding, see [Basis of Commonwealth NHR funding, 2015-16](#).

The basis used to determine NHR payments to LHNs in Victoria for January 2016 was advised by the Victorian Department of Health and Human Services to be as follows:

*Payments in Victoria are based upon ‘Statement of Priorities’ agreements between Victorian public health services (LHNs) and the Minister for Health (or Secretary). These annual agreements detail the service profile, strategic priorities and deliverables the local hospital network will achieve in the year ahead; list the key financial, access and service performance priorities and agreed targets; and list funding estimates and associated service activity. Once agreed, Statements of Priorities are published at <https://www2.health.vic.gov.au/sops>.*

*Funding details are aggregated into ABF funded services (including NWAU equivalent service volume), Block funded services and other funding for the purpose of determining payments to and from the state pool account and the state managed fund.*

*Victoria makes 13 payments per annum to funded agencies. Adjustments to the payments are made for cash flow needs and costs administered by the Victorian Department of Health and Human Services on behalf of LHNs.*

*While the basis of NHR payments are reported on a cash basis by the Administrator, LHNs generally report revenue and expenditure on an accrual basis.*

## 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 – Victoria, January 2016**

This table shows funding paid into the Victorian state pool account by the Commonwealth, Victoria or other states/territories, and payments out of the state pool account to LHNs, the state managed fund, the Victorian Department of Health or the state pool accounts of other states/territories for January 2016.

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	297,406,577	297,406,577				297,406,577
Commonwealth Block funding	41,687,584		41,687,584			41,687,584
Commonwealth Other funding	7,352,567			7,352,567		7,352,567
<b>Total C'wealth funding</b>	<b>346,446,728</b>	<b>297,406,577</b>	<b>41,687,584</b>	<b>7,352,567</b>		<b>346,446,728</b>
<b>VIC funding</b>	<b>267,880,011</b>	<b>267,308,293</b>		<b>571,718</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>267,880,011</b>
<b>Other state/territory funding</b>	<b>0</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>		<b>0</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>614,326,739</b>	<b>564,714,870</b>	<b>41,687,584</b>	<b>7,924,285</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>614,326,739</b>

See definitions and explanatory notes following table 1b.

**Table 1b – State pool account transactions YTD – Victoria, January 2016**

Following on from table 1a, this table shows year-to-date (YTD) funding paid into the Victorian state pool account by the Commonwealth, Victoria or other states/territories, and payments out of the state pool account to LHNs, the state managed fund, the Victorian Department of Health or the state pool accounts of other states/territories as at January 2016.

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	2,110,385,401	2,110,385,401				2,110,385,401
Commonwealth Block funding	279,992,488		279,992,488			279,992,488
Commonwealth Other funding	51,812,548			51,812,548		51,812,548
<b>Total C'wealth funding</b>	<b>2,442,190,437</b>	<b>2,110,385,401</b>	<b>279,992,488</b>	<b>51,812,548</b>		<b>2,442,190,437</b>
<b>VIC funding</b>	<b>2,764,886,070</b>	<b>2,763,078,890</b>		<b>1,807,180</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2,764,886,070</b>
<b>Other state/territory funding</b>	<b>0</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>		<b>0</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,207,076,507</b>	<b>4,873,464,291</b>	<b>279,992,488</b>	<b>53,619,728</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5,207,076,507</b>

**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.

**VIC funding** represents funding contributions paid by Victoria into its own state pool account, and subsequently paid to LHNs within the state, to the Victorian health department and/or to other state pool accounts.

**Other state/territory funding** represents contributions paid to Victoria 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 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 – Victoria, January 2016**

This table shows funding paid into the Victorian state managed fund by the Commonwealth and Victoria, and payments out of the state managed fund to LHNs and other provider organisations for January 2016.

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	41,687,584			41,687,584
State/territory Block funding	37,515,149			37,515,149
<b>Total</b>	<b>79,202,733</b>	<b>76,129,353</b>	<b>3,073,380</b>	<b>79,202,733</b>

See explanatory notes below table 2b.

**Table 2b – State managed fund transactions YTD – Victoria, January 2016**

Following on from table 2a, this table shows year-to-date (YTD) funding paid into the Victorian state managed fund by the Commonwealth and Victoria, and YTD payments out of the state managed fund to LHNs and other provider organisations as at January 2016.

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	279,992,488			279,992,488
State/territory Block funding	393,479,422			393,479,422
<b>Total</b>	<b>673,471,910</b>	<b>661,978,941</b>	<b>11,492,969</b>	<b>673,471,910</b>

**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 Victorian 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 – Victoria, January 2016**

This table shows NHR funding and payments by service category on both a monthly and year-to-date (YTD) basis for Victoria for January 2016. 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 (\$)
<b>ABF</b>				
Acute admitted	*	*	*	*
Admitted mental health	*	*	*	*
Sub-acute	*	*	*	*
Emergency department	*	*	*	*
Non-admitted	*	*	*	*
<b>Total ABF (Pool)</b>	<b>565,247,624</b>	<b>564,714,870</b>	<b>4,874,651,553</b>	<b>4,873,464,291</b>
<b>Block</b>				
Small rural hospitals	*	*	*	*
Teaching, training & research	*	*	*	*
Non-admitted mental health	*	*	*	*
Other non-admitted services	*	*	*	*
<b>Total Block (SMF)</b>	<b>79,202,733</b>	<b>79,202,733</b>	<b>673,471,910</b>	<b>673,471,910</b>
<b>Other</b>				
Public health funding	7,352,567	7,352,567	51,812,548	51,812,548
Overdeposit	0	532,754	0	1,187,262
Cross border	0	0	0	0
Interest	38,964	38,964	619,919	619,919
<b>Total Other (Pool)</b>	<b>7,391,531</b>	<b>7,924,285</b>	<b>52,432,466</b>	<b>53,619,728</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>651,841,888</b>	<b>651,841,888</b>	<b>5,600,555,929</b>	<b>5,600,555,929</b>

*\*Victoria has advised it is unable to provide payment information by service category as its 2015-16 service agreements with LHNs do not set separate budgets at that level.*

**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 – Victoria, January 2016**

This table shows NHR contributions (from state, territory and Commonwealth sources) made to each LHN in Victoria during January 2016.

NHR contributions to local hospital networks (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)
	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)
Albury Wodonga Health	6,716,000	1,450,000	8,166,000
Alexandra District Hospital	0	389,000	389,000
Alfred Health	44,070,000	3,497,000	47,567,000
Alpine Health	0	735,000	735,000
Austin Health	36,735,000	3,126,000	39,861,000
Bairnsdale Regional Health Service	3,366,000	90,000	3,456,000
Ballarat Health Services	14,092,350	1,995,453	16,087,803
Barwon Health	26,491,350	2,764,000	29,255,350
Bass Coast Regional Health	1,973,000	67,000	2,040,000
Beaufort & Skipton Health Service	0	275,000	275,000
Beechworth Health Service	0	253,000	253,000
Benalla Health	1,167,000	19,000	1,186,000
Bendigo Health Care Group	13,672,425	2,706,000	16,378,425
Boort District Health	0	146,000	146,000
Calvary Health Care Bethlehem	1,598,000	62,000	1,660,000
Casterton Memorial Hospital	0	241,000	241,000
Castlemaine Health	1,173,000	16,000	1,189,000
Central Gippsland Health Service	3,525,000	126,000	3,651,000
Cobram District Health	0	410,000	410,000
Cohuna District Hospital	0	311,000	311,000
Colac Area Health	1,507,000	16,000	1,523,000
Contracted Services LHN - Victoria	2,770,000	0	2,770,000
Dental Health Services Victoria	0	0	0
Djerriwarrh Health Services	2,678,000	26,000	2,704,000
Dunmunkle Health Services	0	74,000	74,000
East Grampians Health Service	1,082,000	22,000	1,104,000
East Wimmera Health Service	0	666,000	666,000
Eastern Health	43,254,610	5,564,000	48,818,610
Echuca Regional Health	2,643,000	75,000	2,718,000
Edenhope and District Memorial Hospital	0	225,000	225,000
Gippsland Southern Health Service	1,192,000	14,000	1,206,000
Goulburn Valley Health	9,161,000	1,475,000	10,636,000
Heathcote Health	0	145,000	145,000
Hepburn Health Service	0	537,000	537,000
Hesse Rural Health Service	0	126,000	126,000

Local hospital network	ABF component (ex GST)	Block component (ex GST)	Total NHR payments (ex GST)
Heywood Rural Health	0	156,000	156,000
Inglewood & Districts Health Service	0	119,000	119,000
Kerang District Health	0	395,000	395,000
Kilmore & District Hospital	0	732,000	732,000
Kooweerup Regional Health Services	0	343,000	343,000
Kyabram & District Health Services	839,000	6,000	845,000
Kyneton District Health Service	0	573,000	573,000
Latrobe Regional Hospital	9,871,000	2,312,000	12,183,000
Lorne Community Hospital	0	157,000	157,000
Maldon Hospital	0	71,000	71,000
Mallee Track Health and Community Service	0	265,000	265,000
Mansfield District Hospital	0	437,000	437,000
Maryborough District Health Service	1,065,000	25,000	1,090,000
Melbourne Health	38,408,620	8,723,000	47,131,620
Mercy Public Hospitals Inc.	17,551,000	1,741,000	19,292,000
Monash Health	76,729,635	7,576,000	84,305,635
Moyne Health Services	0	237,000	237,000
Nathalia District Hospital	0	122,000	122,000
Northeast Health Wangaratta	5,781,400	133,000	5,914,400
Northern Health	24,279,500	684,000	24,963,500
Numurkah District Health Service	0	438,000	438,000
Omeo District Health	0	110,000	110,000
Orbost Regional Health	0	380,000	380,000
Otway Health & Community Services	0	175,000	175,000
Peninsula Health	24,912,000	2,516,000	27,428,000
Peter MacCallum Cancer Institute	7,053,700	251,000	7,304,700
Portland District Health	1,546,000	17,000	1,563,000
Ramsay Health Care Limited (Mildura Base Hospital)	5,809,000	772,000	6,581,000
Robinvale District Health Services	0	377,000	377,000
Rochester & Elmore District Health Service	0	328,000	328,000
Rural Northwest Health	0	545,000	545,000
Seymour District Memorial Hospital	0	791,000	791,000
South Gippsland Hospital	0	342,000	342,000
South West Healthcare	6,798,000	1,054,000	7,852,000
St Vincent's Hospital (Melbourne)	25,542,000	3,714,000	29,256,000
Stawell Regional Health	880,000	30,000	910,000
Swan Hill District Health	2,047,000	41,000	2,088,000
Tallangatta Health Service	0	220,000	220,000
Terang & Mortlake Health Service	0	349,000	349,000
The Royal Children's Hospital	26,266,000	2,288,000	28,554,000
The Royal Victorian Eye & Ear Hospital	5,557,250	122,000	5,679,250
The Royal Women's Hospital	11,891,000	263,000	12,154,000
Timboon & District Healthcare Service	0	251,000	251,000
Upper Murray Health & Community Services	0	244,000	244,000
Victorian Institute of Forensic Mental Health	0	3,989,000	3,989,000
West Gippsland Healthcare Group	3,918,000	131,000	4,049,000

Local hospital network	ABF component (ex GST)	Block component (ex GST)	Total NHR payments (ex GST)
West Wimmera Health Service	0	835,000	835,000
Western District Health Service	2,314,000	260,000	2,574,000
Western Health	38,216,030	1,123,000	39,339,030
Wimmera Health Care Group	3,246,000	90,000	3,336,000
Yarram & District Health Service	0	330,000	330,000
Yarrawonga Health	0	522,000	522,000
Yea & District Memorial Hospital	0	152,000	152,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>559,387,870</b>	<b>75,500,453</b>	<b>634,888,323</b>

See explanatory notes below table 4b.

### Table 4b – NHR contributions by local hospital network YTD – Victoria, January 2016

This table shows YTD NHR contributions (from state, territory and Commonwealth sources) made to each LHN in Victoria as at January 2016.

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) (\$)
Albury Wodonga Health	58,748,288	12,988,764	71,737,052
Alexandra District Hospital	0	3,430,043	3,430,043
Alfred Health	380,568,557	30,378,345	410,946,902
Alpine Health	0	6,660,579	6,660,579
Austin Health	318,152,937	27,948,134	346,101,071
Bairnsdale Regional Health Service	29,027,000	1,075,726	30,102,726
Ballarat Health Services	120,644,453	17,174,476	137,818,929
Barwon Health	227,547,560	24,415,499	251,963,059
Bass Coast Regional Health	17,059,607	651,000	17,710,607
Beaufort & Skipton Health Service	0	2,416,041	2,416,041
Beechworth Health Service	0	2,193,902	2,193,902
Benalla Health	10,076,000	163,000	10,239,000
Bendigo Health Care Group	115,825,535	23,769,691	139,595,226
Boort District Health	0	1,290,733	1,290,733
Calvary Health Care Bethlehem	13,786,000	528,000	14,314,000
Casterton Memorial Hospital	0	2,096,119	2,096,119
Castlemaine Health	11,914,000	161,000	12,075,000
Central Gippsland Health Service	30,401,000	1,123,000	31,524,000
Cobram District Health	0	3,597,746	3,597,746
Cohuna District Hospital	0	2,904,736	2,904,736
Colac Area Health	13,026,000	167,000	13,193,000
Contracted Services LHN - Victoria	24,502,779	0	24,502,779
Dental Health Services Victoria	0	0	0

Local hospital network	ABF component YTD (ex GST)	Block component YTD (ex GST)	Total NHR payments YTD (ex GST)
Djerriwarrh Health Services	24,204,288	306,000	24,510,288
Dunmunkle Health Services	0	644,555	644,555
East Grampians Health Service	9,316,000	481,133	9,797,133
East Wimmera Health Service	0	5,812,451	5,812,451
Eastern Health	372,984,148	48,782,028	421,766,176
Echuca Regional Health	22,765,217	1,018,394	23,783,611
Edenhope and District Memorial Hospital	0	1,969,714	1,969,714
Gippsland Southern Health Service	10,263,000	150,000	10,413,000
Goulburn Valley Health	79,109,084	12,960,431	92,069,515
Heathcote Health	0	1,264,156	1,264,156
Hepburn Health Service	0	4,751,180	4,751,180
Hesse Rural Health Service	0	1,076,298	1,076,298
Heywood Rural Health	0	1,363,113	1,363,113
Inglewood & Districts Health Service	0	1,051,921	1,051,921
Kerang District Health	0	3,586,552	3,586,552
Kilmore & District Hospital	0	6,536,264	6,536,264
Kooweerup Regional Health Services	0	2,966,704	2,966,704
Kyabram & District Health Services	7,612,617	89,083	7,701,700
Kyneton District Health Service	0	5,105,146	5,105,146
Latrobe Regional Hospital	85,339,162	20,339,099	105,678,261
Lorne Community Hospital	0	1,384,066	1,384,066
Maldon Hospital	0	619,439	619,439
Mallee Track Health and Community Service	0	2,288,074	2,288,074
Mansfield District Hospital	0	3,938,261	3,938,261
Maryborough District Health Service	9,195,000	196,000	9,391,000
Melbourne Health	334,079,527	76,100,579	410,180,106
Mercy Public Hospitals Inc.	152,873,838	15,537,720	168,411,558
Monash Health	648,567,709	65,557,824	714,125,533
Moyne Health Services	0	2,059,800	2,059,800
Nathalia District Hospital	0	1,072,390	1,072,390
Northeast Health Wangaratta	48,176,339	1,436,000	49,612,339
Northern Health	207,824,655	6,033,000	213,857,655
Numurkah District Health Service	0	4,532,046	4,532,046
Omeo District Health	0	960,571	960,571
Orbost Regional Health	0	3,383,959	3,383,959
Otway Health & Community Services	0	1,512,738	1,512,738
Peninsula Health	214,849,000	21,662,808	236,511,808
Peter MacCallum Cancer Institute	58,767,700	2,020,000	60,787,700
Portland District Health	13,326,000	145,000	13,471,000
Ramsay Health Care Limited (Mildura Base Hospital)	50,812,082	6,923,331	57,735,413
Robinvale District Health Services	0	3,297,015	3,297,015
Rochester & Elmore District Health Service	0	2,860,009	2,860,009
Rural Northwest Health	0	4,758,200	4,758,200
Seymour District Memorial Hospital	0	7,113,106	7,113,106

Local hospital network	ABF component YTD (ex GST)	Block component YTD (ex GST)	Total NHR payments YTD (ex GST)
South Gippsland Hospital	0	3,133,201	3,133,201
South West Healthcare	60,878,322	9,630,644	70,508,966
St Vincent's Hospital (Melbourne)	220,298,000	32,355,654	252,653,654
Stawell Regional Health	7,591,000	242,000	7,833,000
Swan Hill District Health	17,662,000	439,000	18,101,000
Tallangatta Health Service	0	1,915,476	1,915,476
Terang & Mortlake Health Service	0	3,129,775	3,129,775
The Royal Children's Hospital	228,067,936	18,735,024	246,802,960
The Royal Victorian Eye & Ear Hospital	46,184,250	1,046,000	47,230,250
The Royal Women's Hospital	117,631,570	1,069,000	118,700,570
Timboon & District Healthcare Service	0	2,208,159	2,208,159
Upper Murray Health & Community Services	0	2,385,170	2,385,170
Victorian Institute of Forensic Mental Health	0	28,370,156	28,370,156
West Gippsland Healthcare Group	33,804,000	1,305,000	35,109,000
West Wimmera Health Service	0	7,313,919	7,313,919
Western District Health Service	20,113,040	2,413,000	22,526,040
Western Health	325,675,821	9,958,000	335,633,821
Wimmera Health Care Group	27,986,000	1,016,000	29,002,000
Yarram & District Health Service	0	2,886,960	2,886,960
Yarrawonga Health	0	4,779,842	4,779,842
Yea & District Memorial Hospital	0	1,332,799	1,332,799
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,827,237,021</b>	<b>656,444,471</b>	<b>5,483,681,492</b>

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 – Victoria, January 2016**

This table shows estimated state or territory hospital activity for activity-based funding services expressed as NWAU for January 2016, the associated cumulative year-to-date (YTD), and total estimated annual NWAU for each LHN in Victoria.

Local hospital network	Estimated NWAU funded in current month	Estimated NWAU funded YTD	Estimated annual NWAU 2015-16
Albury Wodonga Health	1,477	10,338	17,722
Alfred Health	11,394	79,758	136,729
Austin Health	9,916	69,414	118,995
Bairnsdale Regional Health Service	1,003	7,021	12,036
Ballarat Health Services	4,172	29,203	50,061
Barwon Health	7,940	55,581	95,282
Bass Coast Regional Health	568	3,979	6,821
Benalla Health	294	2,061	3,533
Bendigo Health Care Group	4,286	29,999	51,426
Calvary Health Care Bethlehem	256	1,789	3,066
Castlemaine Health	341	2,388	4,094
Central Gippsland Health Service	953	6,670	11,434
Colac Area Health	380	2,662	4,563
Contracted Services LHN - Victoria	1,547	10,830	18,565
Djerriwarrh Health Services	640	4,481	7,682
East Grampians Health Service	286	1,999	3,426
Eastern Health	12,500	87,497	149,995
Echuca Regional Health	626	4,382	7,511
Gippsland Southern Health Service	260	1,823	3,125
Goulburn Valley Health	2,546	17,819	30,547
Kyabram & District Health Services	215	1,507	2,583
Latrobe Regional Hospital	2,755	19,284	33,057
Maryborough District Health Service	260	1,821	3,122
Melbourne Health	9,960	69,723	119,525
Mercy Public Hospitals Inc.	4,907	34,347	58,880
Monash Health	21,452	150,166	257,428
Northeast Health Wangaratta	1,607	11,252	19,289
Northern Health	7,365	51,555	88,380

Local hospital network	Estimated NWAU funded in current month	Estimated NWAU funded YTD	Estimated annual NWAU 2015-16
Peninsula Health	7,242	50,693	86,902
Peter MacCallum Cancer Institute	1,760	12,323	21,125
Portland District Health	354	2,478	4,249
Ramsay Health Care Limited (Mildura Base Hospital)	1,662	11,634	19,944
South West Healthcare	1,877	13,137	22,520
St Vincent's Hospital (Melbourne)	7,186	50,302	86,232
Stawell Regional Health	239	1,670	2,863
Swan Hill District Health	582	4,071	6,978
The Royal Children's Hospital	6,735	47,145	80,821
The Royal Victorian Eye & Ear Hospital	1,667	11,670	20,006
The Royal Women's Hospital	3,731	26,116	44,770
West Gippsland Healthcare Group	1,220	8,537	14,635
Western District Health Service	531	3,716	6,369
Western Health	11,389	79,725	136,672
Wimmera Health Care Group	860	6,019	10,317
<b>Total</b>	<b>156,940</b>	<b>1,098,581</b>	<b>1,883,280</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](#).