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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 Victoria for December 2018 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, December 2018

For the basis of the Commonwealth contribution to NHR funding, see [Basis of Commonwealth NHR funding, 2018-19](#).

The basis used to determine NHR payments to LHNs in Victoria for December 2018 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/about/statements-of-priorities>.

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 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, December 2018

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 December 2018.

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	328,455,626	328,455,626				328,455,626
Commonwealth Block funding	52,454,035		52,454,035	0		52,454,035
Commonwealth Other funding	9,276,978			9,276,978		9,276,978
Total C'wealth funding	390,186,639	328,455,626	52,454,035	9,276,978		390,186,639
VIC funding	470,340,124	469,393,941		146,183	800,000	470,340,124
Other state/territory funding	4,025,000			4,025,000		4,025,000
Total	864,551,763	797,849,567	52,454,035	13,448,161	800,000	864,551,763

See definitions and explanatory notes following table 1b.

Table 1b – State pool account transactions YTD – Victoria, December 2018

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 December 2018.

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	2,122,336,029	2,218,393,406				2,218,393,406
Commonwealth Block funding	305,457,284		305,457,284			305,457,284
Commonwealth Other funding	54,212,546			54,212,546		54,212,546
Total C'wealth funding	2,482,005,860	2,218,393,406	305,457,284	54,212,546		2,578,063,237
VIC funding	3,128,879,087	3,114,039,627		10,039,460	4,800,000	3,128,879,087
Other state/territory funding	24,150,000			24,150,000		24,150,000
Total	5,635,034,948	5,332,433,034	305,457,284	88,402,007	4,800,000	5,731,092,325

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.

Total ABF receipts of \$96.1million were paid into the Victorian pool account in June 2018 in relation to the Commonwealth Treasurer’s Determination for 2015-16 and the six months reconciliation for 2016-17. These funds were cashflowed to LHNs from November 2018.

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, December 2018

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 December 2018.

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	52,454,035			52,454,035
State/territory Block funding	51,869,376			51,869,376
Total	104,323,411	101,365,934	2,957,477	104,323,411

See explanatory notes below table 2b.

Table 2b – State managed fund transactions YTD – Victoria, December 2018

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 December 2018.

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	305,457,284			305,457,284
State/territory Block funding	445,059,006			445,059,006
Total	750,516,290	734,709,609	15,806,682	750,516,290

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, December 2018

This table shows NHR funding and payments by service category on both a monthly and year-to-date (YTD) basis for Victoria for December 2018. 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	598,188,123	598,188,123	3,873,073,931	3,873,073,931
Admitted mental health	27,180,679	27,180,679	198,331,656	198,331,656
Sub-acute	38,958,522	38,958,522	308,685,788	308,685,788
Emergency department	50,013,232	50,013,232	335,021,941	335,021,941
Non-admitted	83,509,011	83,509,011	617,319,718	617,319,718
Total ABF (Pool)	797,849,567	797,849,567	5,332,433,034	5,332,433,034
Block				
Small rural hospitals	19,006,243	19,006,243	234,813,021	234,813,021
Teaching, training & research	22,540,530	22,540,530	119,027,207	119,027,207
Non-admitted mental health	61,764,728	61,764,728	344,110,189	344,110,189
Other non-admitted services	1,011,910	1,011,910	52,565,872	52,565,872
Total Block (SMF)	104,323,411	104,323,411	750,516,290	750,516,290
Other				
Public health funding	9,276,978	9,276,978	54,212,546	54,212,546
Overdeposit	0	0	8,835,144	8,835,144
Cross border	4,825,000	4,825,000	28,950,000	28,950,000
Interest	146,183	146,183	1,204,316	1,204,316
Total Other (Pool)	14,248,161	14,248,161	93,202,007	93,202,007
Grand Total	916,421,139	916,421,139	6,176,151,330	6,176,151,330

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, December 2018

This table shows NHR contributions (from state, territory and Commonwealth sources) made to each LHN in Victoria during December 2018.

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	10,646,529	1,839,572	12,486,102
Alexandra District Hospital	0	472,520	472,520
Alfred Health	57,687,169	4,684,836	62,372,005
Alpine Health	0	841,173	841,173
Austin Health	50,202,957	4,259,418	54,462,375
Bairnsdale Regional Health Service	4,769,211	110,909	4,880,121
Ballarat Health Services	24,023,309	2,670,379	26,693,689
Barwon Health	39,747,540	3,686,635	43,434,175
Bass Coast Regional Health	3,440,930	21,555	3,462,485
Beaufort & Skipton Health Service	0	340,931	340,931
Beechworth Health Service	0	345,480	345,480
Benalla Health	1,340,193	29,757	1,369,950
Bendigo Health Care Group	20,188,619	3,653,281	23,841,900
Boort District Health	0	291,328	291,328
Calvary Health Care Bethlehem	1,409,675	55,814	1,465,489
Casterton Memorial Hospital	0	280,414	280,414
Castlemaine Health	1,709,622	43,810	1,753,432
Central Gippsland Health Service	4,265,032	169,060	4,434,092
Cobram District Health	0	549,441	549,441
Cohuna District Hospital	0	442,868	442,868
Colac Area Health	2,994,662	24,963	3,019,625
Contracted Services LHN - Victoria	3,816,400	0	3,816,400
Corryong Health	0	305,878	305,878
Dental Health Services Victoria	0	0	0
Djerriwarrh Health Services	6,185,577	48,587	6,234,164
East Grampians Health Service	1,325,815	79,737	1,405,552
East Wimmera Health Service	0	915,610	915,610
Eastern Health	56,645,100	7,733,571	64,378,671
Echuca Regional Health	4,051,332	182,201	4,233,533
Edenhope and District Memorial Hospital	0	264,995	264,995
Gippsland Southern Health Service	1,421,163	38,657	1,459,820
Goulburn Valley Health	15,354,306	1,964,377	17,318,683
Heathcote Health	0	210,061	210,061
Hepburn Health Service	0	686,030	686,030
Hesse Rural Health Service	0	166,131	166,131

Local hospital network	ABF component (ex GST)	Block component (ex GST)	Total NHR payments (ex GST)
Heywood Rural Health	0	196,015	196,015
Inglewood & Districts Health Service	0	159,412	159,412
Kerang District Health	0	463,211	463,211
Kilmore & District Hospital	0	1,021,460	1,021,460
Kooweerup Regional Health Services	0	386,567	386,567
Kyabram & District Health Services	1,073,252	5,498	1,078,750
Kyneton District Health Service	0	759,833	759,833
Latrobe Regional Hospital	13,606,663	2,815,354	16,422,016
Lorne Community Hospital	0	186,587	186,587
Maldon Hospital	0	125,480	125,480
Mallee Track Health and Community Service	0	308,395	308,395
Mansfield District Hospital	0	517,800	517,800
Maryborough District Health Service	1,420,053	68,350	1,488,404
Melbourne Health	55,519,635	11,302,317	66,821,952
Mercy Public Hospitals Inc.	26,148,342	2,771,302	28,919,643
Monash Health	105,761,169	10,285,053	116,046,222
Moyne Health Services	0	301,998	301,998
Nathalia District Hospital	0	152,458	152,458
Northeast Health Wangaratta	9,057,170	224,329	9,281,499
Northern Health	43,168,200	967,949	44,136,149
Numurkah District Health Service	0	681,454	681,454
Omeo District Health	0	246,996	246,996
Orbost Regional Health	0	444,212	444,212
Otway Health & Community Services	0	219,494	219,494
Peninsula Health	34,159,299	3,431,242	37,590,542
Peter MacCallum Cancer Institute	11,269,415	292,571	11,561,986
Portland District Health	1,771,968	18,984	1,790,952
Ramsay Health Care Limited (Mildura Base Hospital)	7,451,620	1,197,643	8,649,263
Robinvale District Health Services	0	435,499	435,499
Rochester & Elmore District Health Service	0	428,727	428,727
Rural Northwest Health	0	670,364	670,364
Seymour District Memorial Hospital	0	906,726	906,726
South Gippsland Hospital	0	410,067	410,067
South West Healthcare	10,353,187	1,387,573	11,740,760
St Vincent's Hospital (Melbourne)	33,098,974	4,568,727	37,667,700
Stawell Regional Health	1,065,325	19,341	1,084,667
Swan Hill District Health	2,570,595	30,080	2,600,675
Tallangatta Health Service	0	309,608	309,608
Terang & Mortlake Health Service	0	396,280	396,280
The Royal Children's Hospital	32,043,075	2,035,674	34,078,749
The Royal Victorian Eye & Ear Hospital	8,278,982	130,607	8,409,589
The Royal Women's Hospital	12,762,130	223,063	12,985,193
Timboon & District Healthcare Service	0	279,633	279,633
Upper Murray Health & Community Services	0	0	0
Victorian Institute of Forensic Mental Health	0	4,671,411	4,671,411
West Gippsland Healthcare Group	5,756,272	187,082	5,943,355

Local hospital network	ABF component (ex GST)	Block component (ex GST)	Total NHR payments (ex GST)
West Wimmera Health Service	0	1,076,437	1,076,437
Western District Health Service	3,334,936	271,466	3,606,402
Western Health	53,217,961	3,589,169	56,807,130
Wimmera Health Care Group	6,543,700	149,187	6,692,887
Yarram & District Health Service	0	508,779	508,779
Yarrawonga Health	0	682,154	682,154
Yea & District Memorial Hospital	0	176,988	176,988
Total	790,657,066	100,506,585	891,163,651

See explanatory notes below table 4b.

Table 4b – NHR contributions by local hospital network YTD – Victoria, December 2018

This table shows YTD NHR contributions (from state, territory and Commonwealth sources) made to each LHN in Victoria as at December 2018.

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	67,843,233	13,778,257	81,621,490
Alexandra District Hospital	0	3,550,678	3,550,678
Alfred Health	402,858,761	34,322,221	437,180,982
Alpine Health	0	6,263,468	6,263,468
Austin Health	331,919,653	31,861,789	363,781,442
Bairnsdale Regional Health Service	33,272,793	1,336,165	34,608,958
Ballarat Health Services	138,418,247	19,338,165	157,756,412
Barwon Health	258,364,748	26,569,621	284,934,369
Bass Coast Regional Health	24,348,226	687,496	25,035,722
Beaufort & Skipton Health Service	0	2,537,456	2,537,456
Beechworth Health Service	0	2,552,168	2,552,168
Benalla Health	9,892,327	157,087	10,049,414
Bendigo Health Care Group	144,704,492	25,953,454	170,657,946
Boort District Health	0	1,485,979	1,485,979
Calvary Health Care Bethlehem	10,383,208	407,119	10,790,327
Casterton Memorial Hospital	0	2,096,874	2,096,874
Castlemaine Health	12,607,199	196,453	12,803,652
Central Gippsland Health Service	31,397,691	1,338,433	32,736,124
Cobram District Health	0	4,077,023	4,077,023
Cohuna District Hospital	0	3,379,561	3,379,561
Colac Area Health	15,117,366	176,801	15,294,167
Contracted Services LHN - Victoria	28,042,207	0	28,042,207
Corryong Health	0	2,243,337	2,243,337

Local hospital network	ABF component YTD (ex GST)	Block component YTD (ex GST)	Total NHR payments YTD (ex GST)
Dental Health Services Victoria	0	0	0
Djerriwarrh Health Services	26,243,476	299,400	26,542,876
East Grampians Health Service	9,766,214	606,053	10,372,267
East Wimmera Health Service	0	6,801,460	6,801,460
Eastern Health	394,204,413	57,240,406	451,444,819
Echuca Regional Health	28,078,016	1,323,624	29,401,640
Edenhope and District Memorial Hospital	0	1,965,417	1,965,417
Gippsland Southern Health Service	10,483,069	291,427	10,774,496
Goulburn Valley Health	90,951,023	15,193,198	106,144,222
Heathcote Health	0	1,604,835	1,604,835
Hepburn Health Service	0	5,135,062	5,135,062
Hesse Rural Health Service	0	1,227,532	1,227,532
Heywood Rural Health	0	1,458,216	1,458,216
Inglewood & Districts Health Service	0	1,187,286	1,187,286
Kerang District Health	0	3,570,081	3,570,081
Kilmore & District Hospital	0	7,990,285	7,990,285
Kooweerup Regional Health Services	0	2,847,616	2,847,616
Kyabram & District Health Services	7,912,136	52,189	7,964,325
Kyneton District Health Service	0	5,755,097	5,755,097
Latrobe Regional Hospital	97,246,410	21,036,260	118,282,670
Lorne Community Hospital	0	1,370,786	1,370,786
Maldon Hospital	0	928,932	928,932
Mallee Track Health and Community Service	0	2,288,795	2,288,795
Mansfield District Hospital	0	4,040,891	4,040,891
Maryborough District Health Service	10,453,290	293,033	10,746,323
Melbourne Health	358,060,930	84,904,251	442,965,180
Mercy Public Hospitals Inc.	174,910,483	19,724,425	194,634,909
Monash Health	700,485,911	75,420,033	775,905,943
Moyne Health Services	0	2,239,077	2,239,077
Nathalia District Hospital	0	1,128,246	1,128,246
Northeast Health Wangaratta	56,045,291	1,846,381	57,891,672
Northern Health	258,590,202	6,186,326	264,776,528
Numurkah District Health Service	0	5,033,571	5,033,571
Omeo District Health	0	1,098,531	1,098,531
Orbost Regional Health	0	3,317,461	3,317,461
Otway Health & Community Services	0	1,621,706	1,621,706
Peninsula Health	236,853,088	24,463,581	261,316,669
Peter MacCallum Cancer Institute	74,861,213	1,836,548	76,697,761
Portland District Health	15,034,504	171,397	15,205,900
Ramsay Health Care Limited (Mildura Base Hospital)	52,823,713	8,859,840	61,683,553
Robinvale District Health Services	0	3,231,917	3,231,917
Rochester & Elmore District Health Service	0	3,218,081	3,218,081
Rural Northwest Health	0	4,978,952	4,978,952

Local hospital network	ABF component YTD (ex GST)	Block component YTD (ex GST)	Total NHR payments YTD (ex GST)
Seymour District Memorial Hospital	0	6,953,920	6,953,920
South Gippsland Hospital	0	3,192,520	3,192,520
South West Healthcare	65,570,121	11,308,037	76,878,159
St Vincent's Hospital (Melbourne)	234,301,564	32,276,396	266,577,959
Stawell Regional Health	7,840,829	237,073	8,077,903
Swan Hill District Health	19,035,759	437,248	19,473,007
Tallangatta Health Service	0	2,216,810	2,216,810
Terang & Mortlake Health Service	0	2,997,329	2,997,329
The Royal Children's Hospital	232,737,425	15,548,775	248,286,200
The Royal Victorian Eye & Ear Hospital	50,185,576	974,063	51,159,640
The Royal Women's Hospital	118,107,758	2,734,887	120,842,645
Timboon & District Healthcare Service	0	2,099,584	2,099,584
Upper Murray Health & Community Services	0	0	0
Victorian Institute of Forensic Mental Health	0	34,253,959	34,253,959
West Gippsland Healthcare Group	39,227,462	1,410,825	40,638,287
West Wimmera Health Service	0	8,106,421	8,106,421
Western District Health Service	21,333,706	2,048,093	23,381,799
Western Health	349,136,914	13,014,458	362,151,372
Wimmera Health Care Group	32,736,268	1,089,423	33,825,691
Yarram & District Health Service	0	3,029,023	3,029,023
Yarrawonga Health	0	5,201,177	5,201,177
Yea & District Memorial Hospital	0	1,355,003	1,355,003
Total	5,282,386,915	728,582,830	6,010,969,745

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, December 2018

This table shows estimated state or territory hospital activity for activity-based funding services expressed as NWAU for December 2018, 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 2018-19
Albury Wodonga Health	1,699	10,194	20,393
Alfred Health	14,048	84,288	168,583
Austin Health	11,279	67,674	135,354
Bairnsdale Regional Health Service	1,210	7,260	14,507
Ballarat Health Services	4,767	28,602	57,214
Barwon Health	8,798	52,788	105,568
Bass Coast Regional Health	796	4,776	9,538
Benalla Health	333	1,998	3,997
Bendigo Health Care Group	5,352	32,112	64,217
Calvary Health Care Bethlehem	289	1,734	3,473
Castlemaine Health	431	2,586	5,161
Central Gippsland Health Service	965	5,790	11,589
Colac Area Health	410	2,460	4,917
Contracted Services LHN - Victoria	1,124	6,744	13,484
Djerriwarrh Health Services	707	4,242	8,489
East Grampians Health Service	312	1,872	3,740
Eastern Health	15,000	90,000	180,016
Echuca Regional Health	967	5,802	11,607
Gippsland Southern Health Service	275	1,650	3,302
Goulburn Valley Health	2,875	17,250	34,497
Kyabram & District Health Services	257	1,542	3,071
Latrobe Regional Hospital	3,371	20,226	40,445
Maryborough District Health Service	323	1,938	3,876
Melbourne Health	11,685	70,110	140,219
Mercy Public Hospitals Inc.	5,851	35,106	70,210
Monash Health	25,177	151,062	302,124
Northeast Health Wangaratta	1,872	11,232	22,470
Northern Health	10,027	60,162	120,336

Local hospital network	Estimated NWAU funded in current month	Estimated NWAU funded YTD	Estimated annual NWAU 2018-19
Peninsula Health	8,994	53,964	107,916
Peter MacCallum Cancer Institute	2,368	14,208	28,421
Portland District Health	497	2,982	5,969
Ramsay Health Care Limited (Mildura Base Hospital)	1,924	11,544	23,086
South West Healthcare	2,326	13,956	27,917
St Vincent's Hospital (Melbourne)	7,839	47,034	94,073
Stawell Regional Health	264	1,584	3,162
Swan Hill District Health	667	4,002	7,996
The Royal Children's Hospital	7,544	45,264	90,521
The Royal Victorian Eye & Ear Hospital	1,697	10,182	20,361
The Royal Women's Hospital	4,004	24,024	48,041
West Gippsland Healthcare Group	1,360	8,160	16,324
Western District Health Service	687	4,122	8,249
Western Health	13,144	78,864	157,732
Wimmera Health Care Group	1,071	6,426	12,835
Total	184,586	1,107,516	2,215,000

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](#).