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# National Health Reform public hospital funding Victoria report – December 2015

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 2015 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 2015

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 December 2015 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, December 2015**

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 2015.

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	39,717,484		39,717,484			39,717,484
Commonwealth Other funding	7,409,997			7,409,997		7,409,997
<b>Total C'wealth funding</b>	<b>344,534,058</b>	<b>297,406,577</b>	<b>39,717,484</b>	<b>7,409,997</b>		<b>344,534,058</b>
<b>VIC funding</b>	<b>403,790,322</b>	<b>403,758,240</b>		<b>32,082</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>403,790,321</b>
<b>Other state/territory funding</b>	<b>0</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>		<b>0</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>748,324,379</b>	<b>701,164,817</b>	<b>39,717,484</b>	<b>7,442,078</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>748,324,379</b>

See definitions and explanatory notes following table 1b.

**Table 1b – State pool account transactions YTD – Victoria, December 2015**

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 2015.

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	1,812,978,824	1,812,978,824				1,812,978,824
Commonwealth Block funding	238,304,904		238,304,904			238,304,904
Commonwealth Other funding	44,459,981			44,459,981		44,459,981
<b>Total C'wealth funding</b>	<b>2,095,743,709</b>	<b>1,812,978,824</b>	<b>238,304,904</b>	<b>44,459,981</b>		<b>2,095,743,709</b>
<b>VIC funding</b>	<b>2,497,006,059</b>	<b>2,495,770,597</b>		<b>1,235,463</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2,497,006,059</b>
<b>Other state/territory funding</b>	<b>0</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>		<b>0</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,592,749,768</b>	<b>4,308,749,421</b>	<b>238,304,904</b>	<b>45,695,443</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4,592,749,768</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, December 2015**

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 2015.

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	39,717,484			39,717,484
State/territory Block funding	59,071,357			59,071,357
<b>Total</b>	<b>98,788,841</b>	<b>98,060,641</b>	<b>728,200</b>	<b>98,788,841</b>

See explanatory notes below table 2b.

**Table 2b – State managed fund transactions YTD – Victoria, December 2015**

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 2015.

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	238,304,904			238,304,904
State/territory Block funding	355,964,273			355,964,273
<b>Total</b>	<b>594,269,177</b>	<b>585,849,588</b>	<b>8,419,589</b>	<b>594,269,177</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, December 2015**

This table shows NHR funding and payments by service category on both a monthly and year-to-date (YTD) basis for Victoria for December 2015. 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>701,164,817</b>	<b>701,164,817</b>	<b>4,309,403,928</b>	<b>4,308,749,421</b>
<b>Block</b>				
Small rural hospitals	*	*	*	*
Teaching, training & research	*	*	*	*
Non-admitted mental health	*	*	*	*
Other non-admitted services	*	*	*	*
<b>Total Block (SMF)</b>	<b>98,788,841</b>	<b>98,788,841</b>	<b>594,269,177</b>	<b>594,269,177</b>
<b>Other</b>				
Public health funding	7,409,997	7,409,997	44,459,981	44,459,981
Overdeposit	0	0	0	654,508
Cross border	0	0	0	0
Interest	32,082	32,082	580,955	580,955
<b>Total Other (Pool)</b>	<b>7,442,078</b>	<b>7,442,078</b>	<b>45,040,935</b>	<b>45,695,443</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>807,395,736</b>	<b>807,395,736</b>	<b>4,948,714,041</b>	<b>4,948,714,041</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, December 2015**

This table shows NHR contributions (from state, territory and Commonwealth sources) made to each LHN in Victoria during December 2015.

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	8,402,000	1,928,764	10,330,764
Alexandra District Hospital	0	486,000	486,000
Alfred Health	55,108,000	4,538,345	59,646,345
Alpine Health	0	919,000	919,000
Austin Health	45,946,000	4,311,134	50,257,134
Bairnsdale Regional Health Service	4,208,000	153,000	4,361,000
Ballarat Health Services	17,443,000	2,583,023	20,026,023
Barwon Health	32,788,000	3,681,499	36,469,499
Bass Coast Regional Health	2,470,000	76,000	2,546,000
Beaufort & Skipton Health Service	0	346,000	346,000
Beechworth Health Service	0	313,000	313,000
Benalla Health	1,464,000	16,000	1,480,000
Bendigo Health Care Group	16,738,000	3,560,691	20,298,691
Boort District Health	0	182,453	182,453
Calvary Health Care Bethlehem	1,998,000	79,000	2,077,000
Casterton Memorial Hospital	0	299,000	299,000
Castlemaine Health	1,506,000	17,000	1,523,000
Central Gippsland Health Service	4,408,000	332,000	4,740,000
Cobram District Health	0	509,000	509,000
Cohuna District Hospital	0	394,000	394,000
Colac Area Health	1,891,000	19,000	1,910,000
Contracted Services LHN - Victoria	3,588,000	0	3,588,000
Dental Health Services Victoria	0	0	0
Djerriwarrh Health Services	3,349,000	37,000	3,386,000
Dunmunkle Health Services	0	91,445	91,445
East Grampians Health Service	1,349,000	26,000	1,375,000
East Wimmera Health Service	0	834,000	834,000
Eastern Health	53,772,000	7,207,028	60,979,028
Echuca Regional Health	3,304,000	91,000	3,395,000
Edenhope and District Memorial Hospital	0	280,000	280,000
Gippsland Southern Health Service	1,488,000	34,000	1,522,000
Goulburn Valley Health	11,455,000	1,932,431	13,387,431
Heathcote Health	0	177,226	177,226
Hepburn Health Service	0	672,000	672,000
Hesse Rural Health Service	0	155,000	155,000

Local hospital network	ABF component (ex GST)	Block component (ex GST)	Total NHR payments (ex GST)
Heywood Rural Health	0	197,000	197,000
Inglewood & Districts Health Service	0	152,000	152,000
Kerang District Health	0	491,000	491,000
Kilmore & District Hospital	0	920,000	920,000
Kooweerup Regional Health Services	0	435,000	435,000
Kyabram & District Health Services	1,047,000	-21,917	1,025,083
Kyneton District Health Service	0	716,000	716,000
Latrobe Regional Hospital	12,347,000	2,974,099	15,321,099
Lorne Community Hospital	0	200,000	200,000
Maldon Hospital	0	89,000	89,000
Mallee Track Health and Community Service	0	329,000	329,000
Mansfield District Hospital	0	551,000	551,000
Maryborough District Health Service	1,333,000	27,000	1,360,000
Melbourne Health	47,833,000	11,442,339	59,275,339
Mercy Public Hospitals Inc.	21,955,000	2,285,720	24,240,720
Monash Health	93,677,317	10,017,824	103,695,141
Moyne Health Services	0	295,000	295,000
Nathalia District Hospital	0	156,000	156,000
Northeast Health Wangaratta	6,932,000	180,000	7,112,000
Northern Health	29,798,000	745,000	30,543,000
Numurkah District Health Service	0	554,000	554,000
Omeo District Health	0	143,000	143,000
Orbost Regional Health	0	475,639	475,639
Otway Health & Community Services	0	221,000	221,000
Peninsula Health	31,157,000	3,391,808	34,548,808
Peter MacCallum Cancer Institute	8,482,000	276,000	8,758,000
Portland District Health	1,931,000	25,000	1,956,000
Ramsay Health Care Limited (Mildura Base Hospital)	7,267,000	1,001,331	8,268,331
Robinvale District Health Services	0	476,000	476,000
Rochester & Elmore District Health Service	0	412,000	412,000
Rural Northwest Health	0	680,000	680,000
Seymour District Memorial Hospital	0	992,000	992,000
South Gippsland Hospital	0	436,000	436,000
South West Healthcare	8,505,000	1,366,331	9,871,331
St Vincent's Hospital (Melbourne)	31,947,000	5,079,054	37,026,054
Stawell Regional Health	1,099,000	36,000	1,135,000
Swan Hill District Health	2,562,000	49,000	2,611,000
Tallangatta Health Service	0	276,000	276,000
Terang & Mortlake Health Service	0	435,000	435,000
The Royal Children's Hospital	32,919,000	3,019,864	35,938,864
The Royal Victorian Eye & Ear Hospital	6,664,000	149,000	6,813,000
The Royal Women's Hospital	15,470,000	329,000	15,799,000
Timboon & District Healthcare Service	0	316,000	316,000
Upper Murray Health & Community Services	0	312,000	312,000
Victorian Institute of Forensic Mental Health	0	3,977,000	3,977,000
West Gippsland Healthcare Group	4,902,000	193,000	5,095,000

Local hospital network	ABF component (ex GST)	Block component (ex GST)	Total NHR payments (ex GST)
West Wimmera Health Service	0	1,042,000	1,042,000
Western District Health Service	2,896,000	344,000	3,240,000
Western Health	47,033,000	1,360,000	48,393,000
Wimmera Health Care Group	4,058,000	125,000	4,183,000
Yarram & District Health Service	0	413,000	413,000
Yarrawonga Health	0	658,000	658,000
Yea & District Memorial Hospital	0	191,000	191,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>694,489,317</b>	<b>97,216,131</b>	<b>791,705,448</b>

See explanatory notes below table 4b.

### Table 4b – NHR contributions by local hospital network YTD – Victoria, December 2015

This table shows YTD NHR contributions (from state, territory and Commonwealth sources) made to each LHN in Victoria as at December 2015.

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	52,032,288	11,538,764	63,571,052
Alexandra District Hospital	0	3,041,043	3,041,043
Alfred Health	336,498,557	26,881,345	363,379,902
Alpine Health	0	5,925,579	5,925,579
Austin Health	281,417,937	24,822,134	306,240,071
Bairnsdale Regional Health Service	25,661,000	985,726	26,646,726
Ballarat Health Services	106,552,103	15,179,023	121,731,126
Barwon Health	201,056,210	21,651,499	222,707,709
Bass Coast Regional Health	15,086,607	584,000	15,670,607
Beaufort & Skipton Health Service	0	2,141,041	2,141,041
Beechworth Health Service	0	1,940,902	1,940,902
Benalla Health	8,909,000	144,000	9,053,000
Bendigo Health Care Group	102,153,110	21,063,691	123,216,801
Boort District Health	0	1,144,733	1,144,733
Calvary Health Care Bethlehem	12,188,000	466,000	12,654,000
Casterton Memorial Hospital	0	1,855,119	1,855,119
Castlemaine Health	10,741,000	145,000	10,886,000
Central Gippsland Health Service	26,876,000	997,000	27,873,000
Cobram District Health	0	3,187,746	3,187,746
Cohuna District Hospital	0	2,593,736	2,593,736
Colac Area Health	11,519,000	151,000	11,670,000
Contracted Services LHN - Victoria	21,732,779	0	21,732,779
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	21,526,288	280,000	21,806,288
Dunmunkle Health Services	0	570,555	570,555
East Grampians Health Service	8,234,000	459,133	8,693,133
East Wimmera Health Service	0	5,146,451	5,146,451
Eastern Health	329,729,538	43,218,028	372,947,566
Echuca Regional Health	20,122,217	943,394	21,065,611
Edenhope and District Memorial Hospital	0	1,744,714	1,744,714
Gippsland Southern Health Service	9,071,000	136,000	9,207,000
Goulburn Valley Health	69,948,084	11,485,431	81,433,515
Heathcote Health	0	1,119,156	1,119,156
Hepburn Health Service	0	4,214,180	4,214,180
Hesse Rural Health Service	0	950,298	950,298
Heywood Rural Health	0	1,207,113	1,207,113
Inglewood & Districts Health Service	0	932,921	932,921
Kerang District Health	0	3,191,552	3,191,552
Kilmore & District Hospital	0	5,804,264	5,804,264
Kooweerup Regional Health Services	0	2,623,704	2,623,704
Kyabram & District Health Services	6,773,617	83,083	6,856,700
Kyneton District Health Service	0	4,532,146	4,532,146
Latrobe Regional Hospital	75,468,162	18,027,099	93,495,261
Lorne Community Hospital	0	1,227,066	1,227,066
Maldon Hospital	0	548,439	548,439
Mallee Track Health and Community Service	0	2,023,074	2,023,074
Mansfield District Hospital	0	3,501,261	3,501,261
Maryborough District Health Service	8,130,000	171,000	8,301,000
Melbourne Health	295,670,907	67,377,579	363,048,486
Mercy Public Hospitals Inc.	135,322,838	13,796,720	149,119,558
Monash Health	571,838,074	57,981,824	629,819,898
Moyne Health Services	0	1,822,800	1,822,800
Nathalia District Hospital	0	950,390	950,390
Northeast Health Wangaratta	42,394,939	1,303,000	43,697,939
Northern Health	183,545,155	5,349,000	188,894,155
Numurkah District Health Service	0	4,094,046	4,094,046
Omeo District Health	0	850,571	850,571
Orbost Regional Health	0	3,003,959	3,003,959
Otway Health & Community Services	0	1,337,738	1,337,738
Peninsula Health	189,937,000	19,146,808	209,083,808
Peter MacCallum Cancer Institute	51,714,000	1,769,000	53,483,000
Portland District Health	11,780,000	128,000	11,908,000
Ramsay Health Care Limited (Mildura Base Hospital)	45,003,082	6,151,331	51,154,413
Robinvale District Health Services	0	2,920,015	2,920,015
Rochester & Elmore District Health Service	0	2,532,009	2,532,009
Rural Northwest Health	0	4,213,200	4,213,200
Seymour District Memorial Hospital	0	6,322,106	6,322,106

Local hospital network	ABF component YTD (ex GST)	Block component YTD (ex GST)	Total NHR payments YTD (ex GST)
South Gippsland Hospital	0	2,791,201	2,791,201
South West Healthcare	54,080,322	8,576,644	62,656,966
St Vincent's Hospital (Melbourne)	194,756,000	28,641,654	223,397,654
Stawell Regional Health	6,711,000	212,000	6,923,000
Swan Hill District Health	15,615,000	398,000	16,013,000
Tallangatta Health Service	0	1,695,476	1,695,476
Terang & Mortlake Health Service	0	2,780,775	2,780,775
The Royal Children's Hospital	201,801,936	16,447,024	218,248,960
The Royal Victorian Eye & Ear Hospital	40,627,000	924,000	41,551,000
The Royal Women's Hospital	105,740,570	806,000	106,546,570
Timboon & District Healthcare Service	0	1,957,159	1,957,159
Upper Murray Health & Community Services	0	2,141,170	2,141,170
Victorian Institute of Forensic Mental Health	0	24,381,156	24,381,156
West Gippsland Healthcare Group	29,886,000	1,174,000	31,060,000
West Wimmera Health Service	0	6,478,919	6,478,919
Western District Health Service	17,799,040	2,153,000	19,952,040
Western Health	287,459,791	8,835,000	296,294,791
Wimmera Health Care Group	24,740,000	926,000	25,666,000
Yarram & District Health Service	0	2,556,960	2,556,960
Yarrawonga Health	0	4,257,842	4,257,842
Yea & District Memorial Hospital	0	1,180,799	1,180,799
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,267,849,151</b>	<b>580,944,018</b>	<b>4,848,793,169</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, December 2015**

This table shows estimated state or territory hospital activity for activity-based funding services expressed as NWAU for December 2015, 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	8,861	17,722
Alfred Health	11,394	68,364	136,729
Austin Health	9,916	59,497	118,995
Bairnsdale Regional Health Service	1,003	6,018	12,036
Ballarat Health Services	4,172	25,031	50,061
Barwon Health	7,940	47,641	95,282
Bass Coast Regional Health	568	3,410	6,821
Benalla Health	294	1,766	3,533
Bendigo Health Care Group	4,286	25,714	51,426
Calvary Health Care Bethlehem	256	1,534	3,066
Castlemaine Health	341	2,047	4,094
Central Gippsland Health Service	953	5,717	11,434
Colac Area Health	380	2,281	4,563
Contracted Services LHN - Victoria	1,547	9,283	18,565
Djerriwarrh Health Services	640	3,841	7,682
East Grampians Health Service	286	1,714	3,426
Eastern Health	12,500	74,998	149,995
Echuca Regional Health	626	3,756	7,511
Gippsland Southern Health Service	260	1,562	3,125
Goulburn Valley Health	2,546	15,274	30,547
Kyabram & District Health Services	215	1,291	2,583
Latrobe Regional Hospital	2,755	16,529	33,057
Maryborough District Health Service	260	1,561	3,122
Melbourne Health	9,960	59,762	119,525
Mercy Public Hospitals Inc.	4,907	29,440	58,880
Monash Health	21,452	128,714	257,428
Northeast Health Wangaratta	1,607	9,644	19,289
Northern Health	7,365	44,190	88,380

Local hospital network	Estimated NWAU funded in current month	Estimated NWAU funded YTD	Estimated annual NWAU 2015-16
Peninsula Health	7,242	43,451	86,902
Peter MacCallum Cancer Institute	1,760	10,562	21,125
Portland District Health	354	2,124	4,249
Ramsay Health Care Limited (Mildura Base Hospital)	1,662	9,972	19,944
South West Healthcare	1,877	11,260	22,520
St Vincent's Hospital (Melbourne)	7,186	43,116	86,232
Stawell Regional Health	239	1,432	2,863
Swan Hill District Health	582	3,490	6,978
The Royal Children's Hospital	6,735	40,410	80,821
The Royal Victorian Eye & Ear Hospital	1,667	10,003	20,006
The Royal Women's Hospital	3,731	22,385	44,770
West Gippsland Healthcare Group	1,220	7,318	14,635
Western District Health Service	531	3,185	6,369
Western Health	11,389	68,336	136,672
Wimmera Health Care Group	860	5,159	10,317
<b>Total</b>	<b>156,940</b>	<b>941,641</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](#).