



British Anaesthetic and Recovery Nurses Association ~ BARNA
NATIONAL AUDIT ON STAFFING IN PACU

In what UK region do you practice?	
How many years have you worked in PACU nursing?	
Are you responsible for determining unit staffing? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Are you a PACU manager? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Describe your PACU:	Tick Box
• On one site	<input type="checkbox"/>
• On more than one site [in same hospital]	<input type="checkbox"/>
• On more than one site [in different hospitals]	<input type="checkbox"/>
• How many PACU beds in each unit per site:	
• Nature of PACU [please circle]: Main theatre / DSU / Specialist	
• Mixture of surgical specialities [please specify types]	
What National Standard on minimal safe staffing in PACU do you use?	
• Royal College of Anaesthetists	<input type="checkbox"/>
• British Anaesthetic and Recovery Nurses Association - BARNA	<input type="checkbox"/>
• American Society of PeriAnesthesia Nurses - ASPAN	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Other [please name the source]	<input type="checkbox"/>
Planning Staffing: How does your unit manager plan staffing coverage?	
• One month before	<input type="checkbox"/>
• One week before	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Day before lists	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Morning of lists	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Combination of above [please name combination approach used]	<input type="checkbox"/>
What information is used to inform staffing plans? [Check all that apply]	
• Expert opinion [e.g., the manager's experience]	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Workforce planning tool [please specify tool used]	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Staffing Formula [please specify formula used]	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Plan is based on the results/evidence from an audit	<input type="checkbox"/>
Unit Audits: Which of the following factors have been audited to inform staff planning?	
• Surgical sequencing [number of different surgical specialities/times of arrival]	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Staffing levels [over day – week – month / at different times in day]	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Patient dependency [acuity]	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Staffing time management study	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Staffing skill mix	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Patient discharge	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Adverse events in PACU [specify type of events]	<input type="checkbox"/>

Please tell us in what way(s) have any of the previously named factors informed staff planning?

List and describe the different combinations of shift staffing patterns used in your unit:

1.

2.

3.

Please name peak staffing demand times over the day?

Is there any variation in peak demand between days? Yes No

Is unit staffing always sufficient to cover peak times? Yes No

If no, describe reason(s) for insufficient staffing:

Do you experience routine delays in PACU admissions? Yes No

Describe the cause(s) of delayed admissions:

Are there routine delays in PACU discharge? Yes No

If yes, describe primary reason(s) for delay:

Are there any problems staffing out of hours? Yes No

If yes, describe problem(s):

Do you experience problems related to overflow patients? [ICU, A/E, Ward] Yes No

Do you have difficulty matching staffing skills to the acuity of patients? Yes No

Describe any other problems you experience related to unit staffing, staff, and skill mix?

Thank you for completing this BARNA Staffing Audit!