

Explanatory Notes

All cases admitted to hospital between 01 August 2025 and 31 October 2025 have been included. Only cases where the necessary data are available have been included in the denominator for each individual analysis.

The results for process measures for which fewer than 10 cases have available data will not be reported. Instead value will be marked as 'Insufficient data'.

For this report runcharts are compared to national quartiles.

For better insight to how these standards have been structured, please refer to the **NELA standards document**.

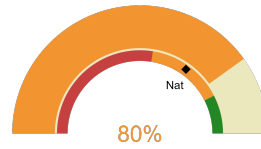


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2025-26 Reporting Period 7: 01 August 2025 - 31 October 2025

These plots represent patients having an emergency laparotomy during Year 2025-26 Reporting Period 7 of NELA data collection.

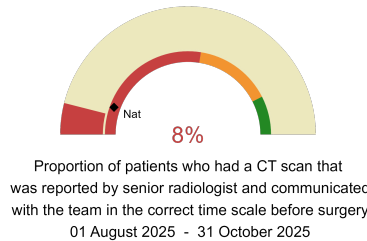
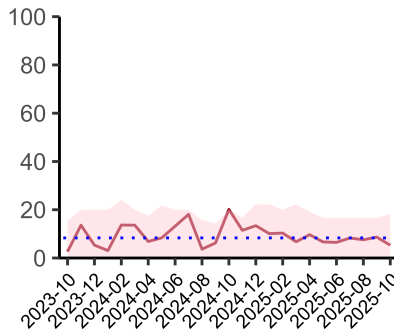
NELA process and outcome measures



Estimated case ascertainment
01 August 2025 - 31 October 2025

**Estimated Case Ascertainment
(Based on HES Data)**

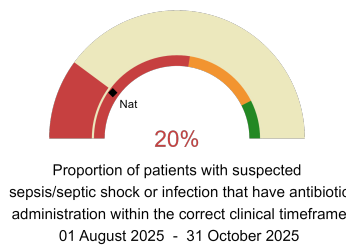
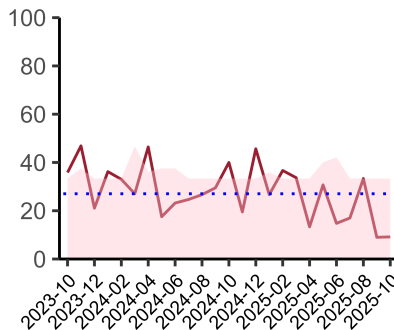
Expected number of cases 287
Total cases entered 225
Cases locked 145
Cases unlocked 80



Proportion of patients who had a CT scan that was reported by senior radiologist and communicated with the team in the correct time scale before surgery
01 August 2025 - 31 October 2025

CT reported by a senior radiologist (ST3+) and communicated with the team in the correct time scale before surgery.

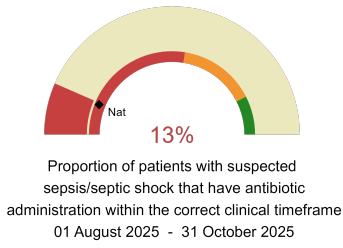
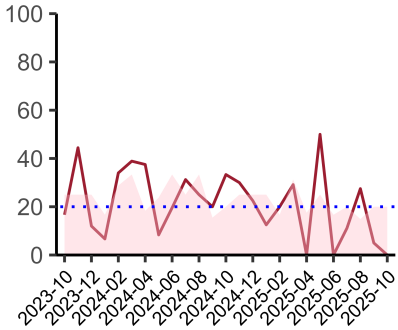
National mean 11%
Number of patients included 171
Data completeness 100%



Proportion of patients with suspected sepsis/septic shock or infection that have antibiotic administration within the correct clinical timeframe
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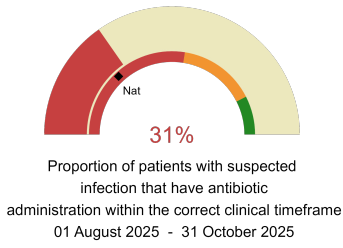
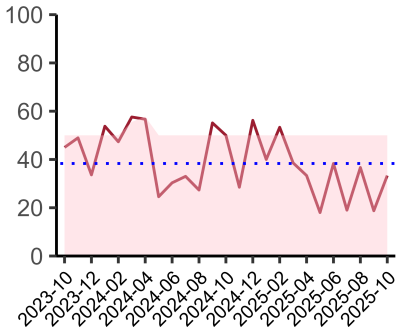
Combined Infection management standard - antibiotic administration within the correct clinical timeframe

National mean 20%
Number of patients included 65
Data completeness 83%



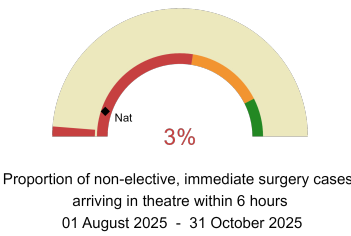
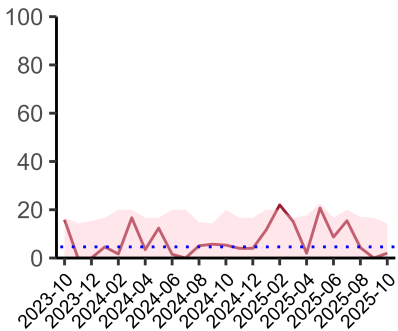
Sepsis/septic shock - antibiotic administration within the correct clinical timeframe

National mean 12%
Number of patients included 34
Data completeness 77%



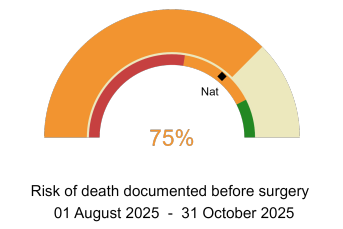
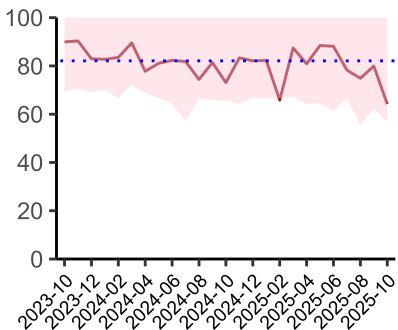
Infection - antibiotic administration within the correct clinical timeframe

National mean 26%
Number of patients included 31
Data completeness 39%



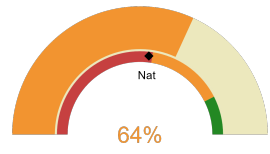
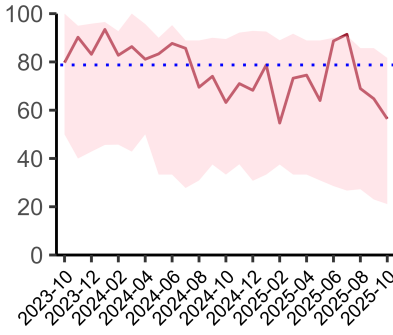
Timeliness - proportion of patients arriving in theatre according to correct clinical timeframe.

National mean 10%
Number of patients included 138
Data completeness 100%



Risk documented before surgery

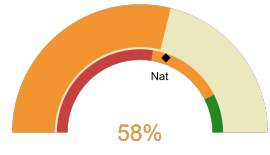
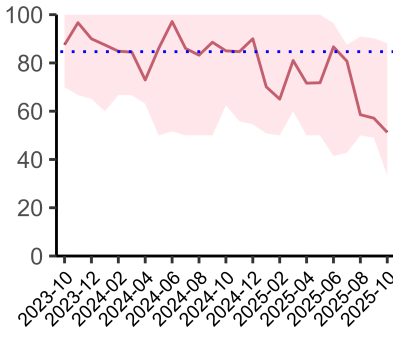
National mean 72%
Number of patients included 225
Data completeness 100%



Risk of death documented after surgery
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Risk documented after surgery

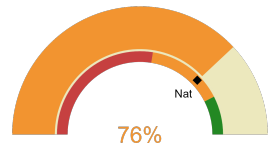
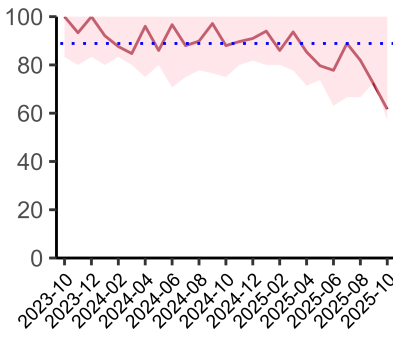
National mean 54%
Number of patients included 225
Data completeness 100%



Admitted to critical care following surgery when the risk of death ≥ 5% (Excludes patients who died in theatre or with a decision to palliate)
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Admitted to Critical Care (risk of death ≥ 5%)

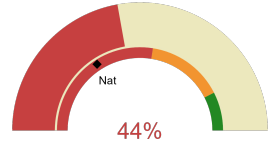
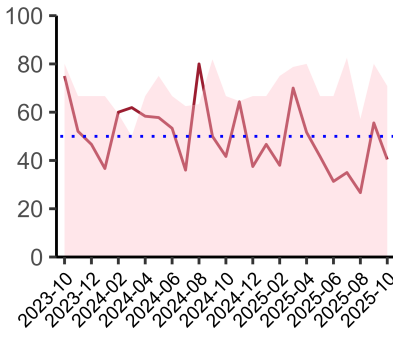
National mean 61%
Number of patients included 139
Data completeness 100%



Consultant surgeon and anaesthetist present in theatre when risk of death ≥ 5%
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Consultant Anaesthetist & Consultant Surgeon in theatre (risk of death ≥ 5%)

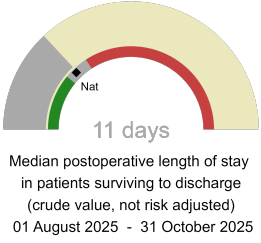
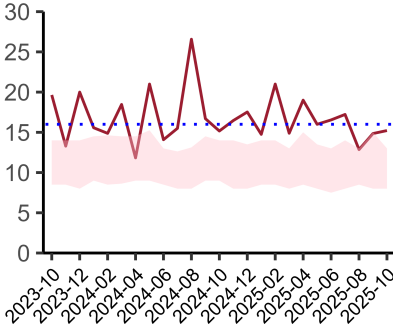
National mean 76%
Number of patients included 119
Data completeness 78%



Perioperative assessment by a care of the older person specialist
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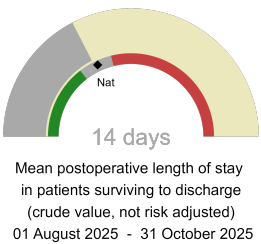
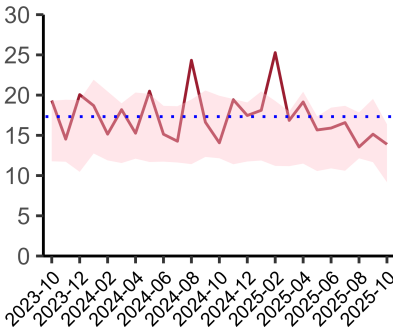
Perioperative Assessment by a member of the geriatrician-led multidisciplinary team for patient aged 65 or over and frail (CFS ≥ 5) or 80+

National mean 32%
Number of patients included 59
Data completeness 86%



Median postoperative Length of Stay

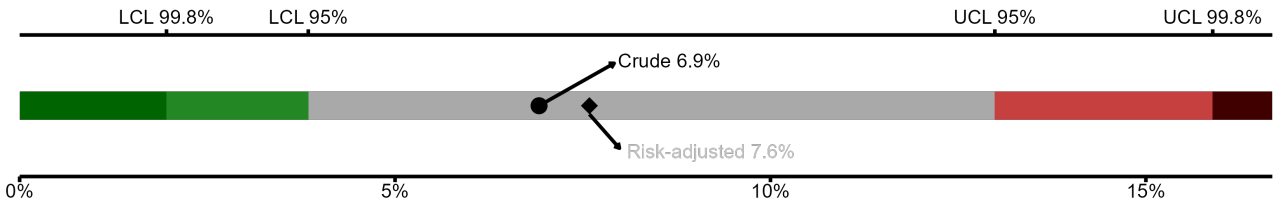
National median 10 days
Number of patients included 146
Data completeness 99%



Mean postoperative Length of Stay

National mean 15 days
Number of patients included 146
Data completeness 99%

Risk-Adjusted Mortality



Number of patients included 159 | 30-day risk-adjusted mortality rate 7.6% | National 30-day mortality rate 8.2%

Integrated Care Board

NHS Kent And Medway Integrated Care Board ICB comprises Darent Valley Hospital, William Harvey Hospital, Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother Hospital, Tunbridge Wells Hospital, Maidstone Hospital, Medway Maritime Hospital.