

**Explanatory Notes**

All cases admitted to hospital between 01 December 2025 and 28 February 2026 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**.

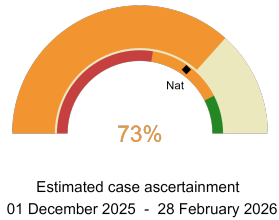


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**2025-26 Reporting Period 11: 01 December 2025 - 28 February 2026**

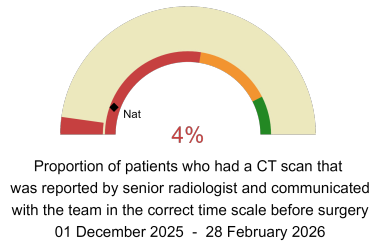
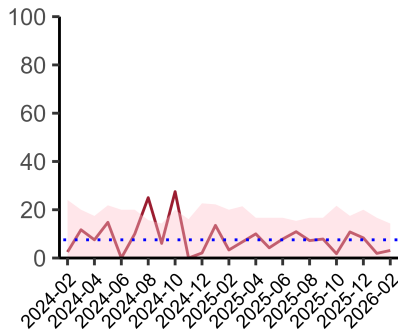
These plots represent patients having an emergency laparotomy during Year 2025-26 Reporting Period 11 of NELA data collection.

**NELA process and outcome measures**



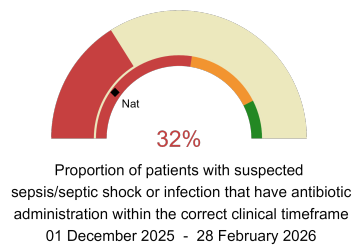
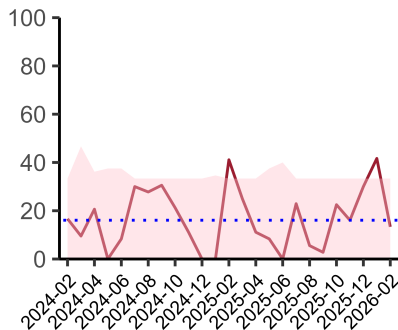
**Estimated Case Ascertainment (Based on HES Data)**

Expected number of cases 203  
Total cases entered 147  
Cases locked 131  
Cases unlocked 16



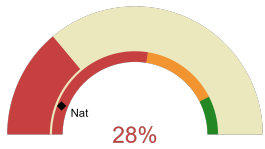
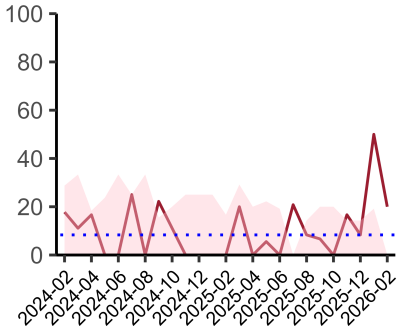
**CT reported by a senior radiologist (ST3+) and communicated with the team in the correct time scale before surgery.**

National mean 11%  
Number of patients included 103  
Data completeness 100%



**Combined Infection management standard - antibiotic administration within the correct clinical timeframe**

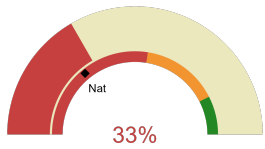
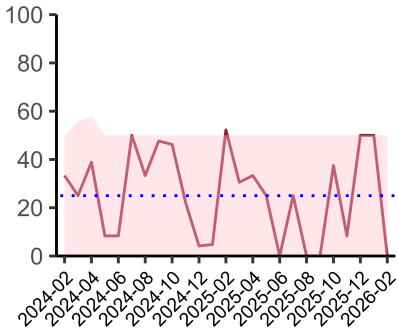
National mean 20%  
Number of patients included 39  
Data completeness 95%



Proportion of patients with suspected sepsis/septic shock that have antibiotic administration within the correct clinical timeframe  
01 December 2025 - 28 February 2026

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

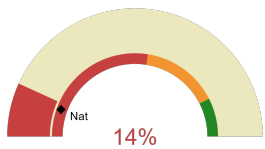
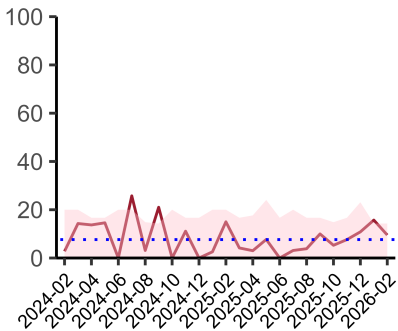
National mean 12%  
Number of patients included 23  
Data completeness 91%



Proportion of patients with suspected infection that have antibiotic administration within the correct clinical timeframe  
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**Infection - antibiotic administration within the correct clinical timeframe**

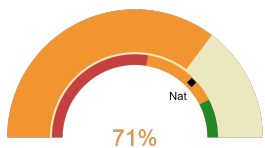
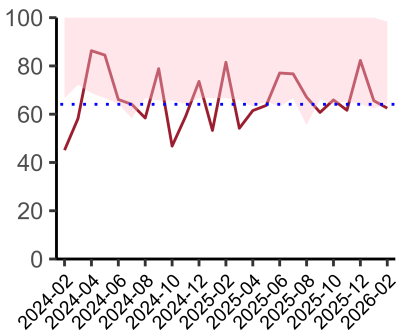
National mean 28%  
Number of patients included 16  
Data completeness 40%



Proportion of non-elective, immediate surgery cases, arriving in theatre within 6 hours  
01 December 2025 - 28 February 2026

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

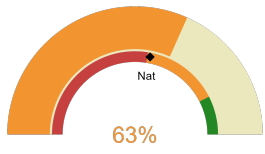
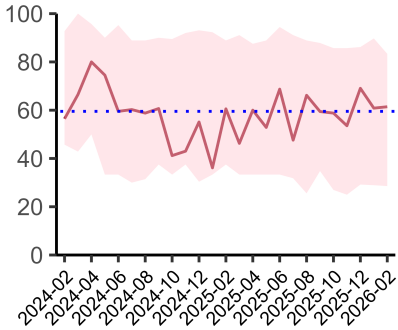
National mean 11%  
Number of patients included 69  
Data completeness 100%



Risk of death documented before surgery  
01 December 2025 - 28 February 2026

**Risk documented before surgery**

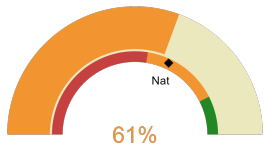
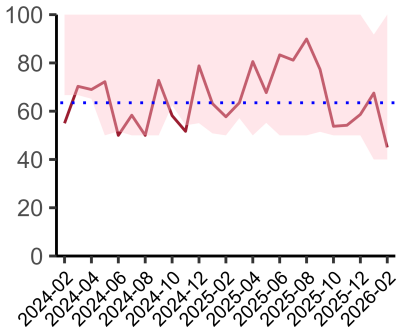
National mean 75%  
Number of patients included 147  
Data completeness 100%



Risk of death documented after surgery  
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**Risk documented after surgery**

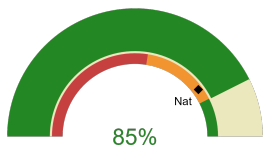
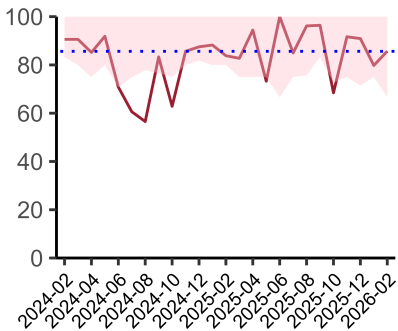
National mean 56%  
Number of patients included 147  
Data completeness 100%



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%)**

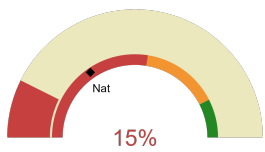
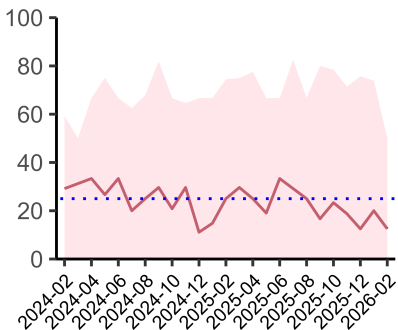
National mean 64%  
Number of patients included 81  
Data completeness 100%



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%)**

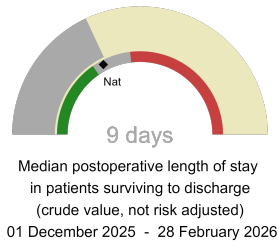
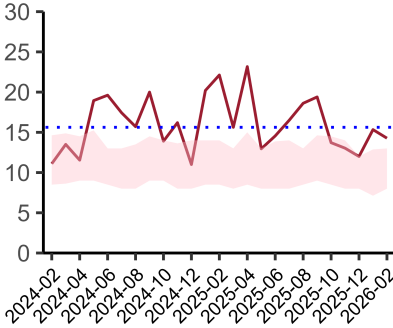
National mean 80%  
Number of patients included 80  
Data completeness 84%



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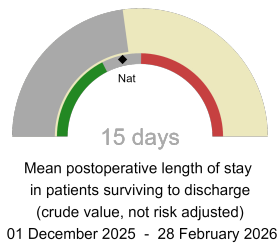
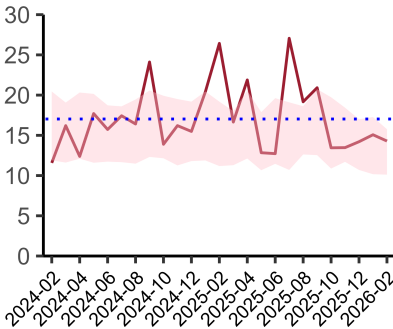
**Perioperative Assessment by a member of the geriatrician-led multidisciplinary team for patient aged 65 or over and frail (CFS ≥ 5) or 80+**

National mean 31%  
Number of patients included 49  
Data completeness 96%



**Median postoperative Length of Stay**

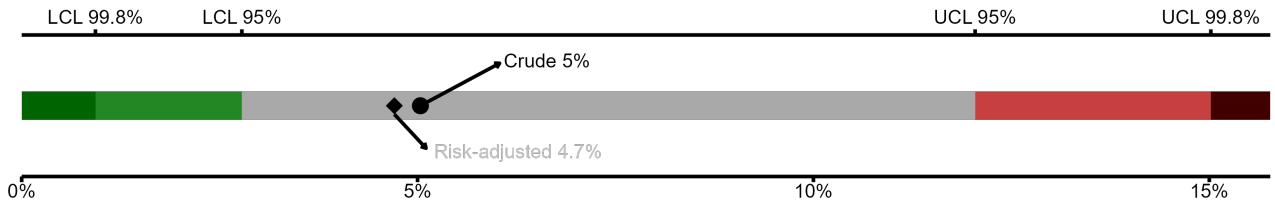
National median 9 days  
Number of patients included 130  
Data completeness 97%



**Mean postoperative Length of Stay**

National mean 14 days  
Number of patients included 130  
Data completeness 97%

**Risk-Adjusted Mortality**



Number of patients included 139 | 30-day risk-adjusted mortality rate 4.7% | National 30-day mortality rate 7.1%

**Integrated Care Board**

NHS Sussex Integrated Care Board ICB comprises Conquest Hospital, Worthing Hospital, St Richards Hospital, Royal Sussex County Hospital.