

Explanatory Notes

All cases admitted to hospital between 01 December 2024 and 28 February 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'.

At ICB level, runcharts are compared to national quartiles.

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

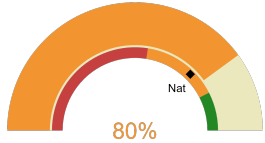


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2024-25 Reporting Period 9: 01 December 2024 - 28 February 2025

These plots represent patients having an emergency laparotomy during Year 2024-25 Reporting Period 9 of NELA data collection. This version will be made publicly available via the NELA website. Feedback from participating ICBs and hospitals is welcome.

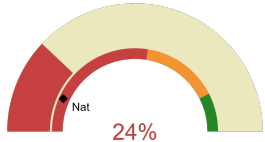
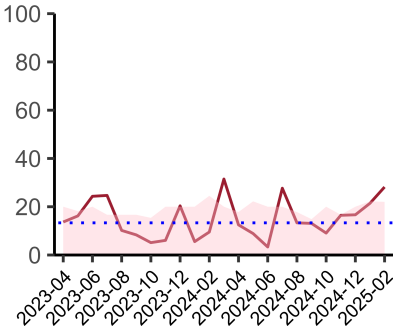
NELA process and outcome measures



Estimated case ascertainment
01 December 2024 - 28 February 2025

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

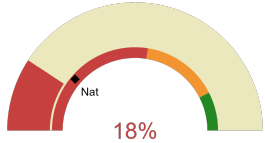
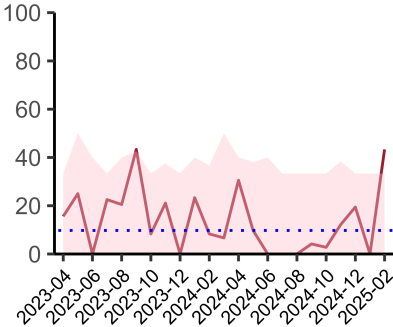
Expected number of cases 112
Total cases entered 98
Cases locked 63
Cases unlocked 35



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

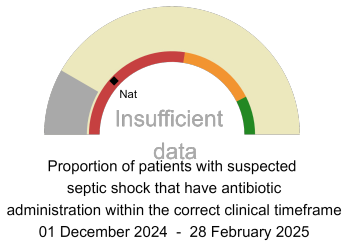
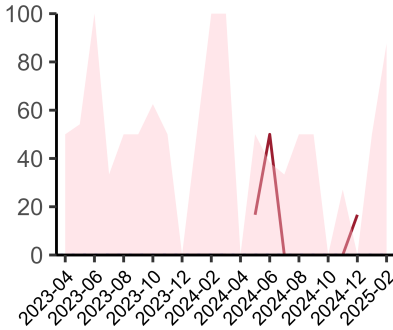
National mean 14%
Number of patients included 69
Data completeness 98%



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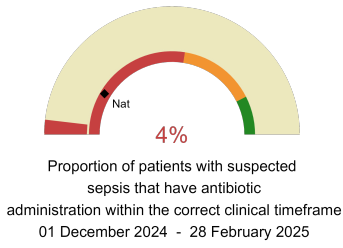
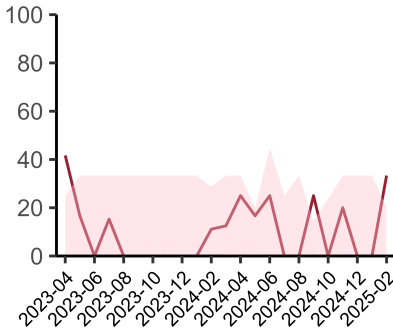
Combined Infection management standard - antibiotic administration within the correct clinical timeframe

National mean 23%
Number of patients included 40
Data completeness 94%



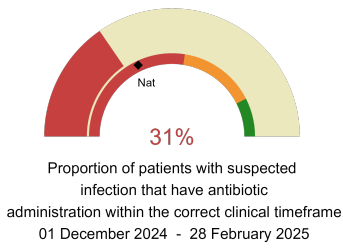
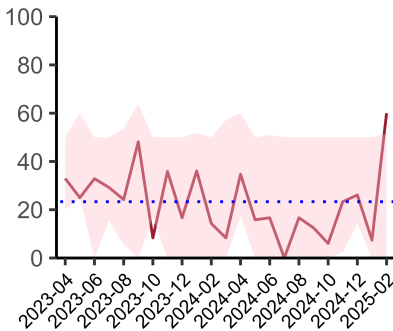
Septic Shock - antibiotic administration within the correct clinical timeframe

National mean 24%
Number of patients included 5
Data completeness 71%



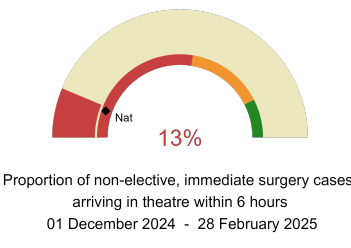
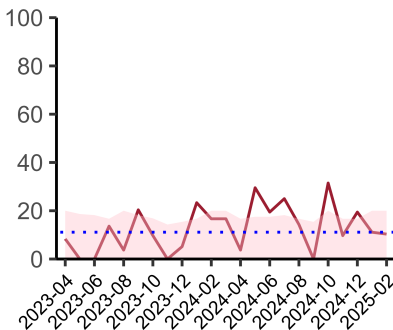
Sepsis - antibiotic administration within the correct clinical timeframe

National mean 17%
Number of patients included 21
Data completeness 90%



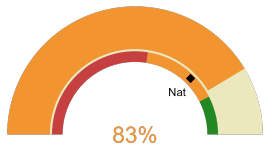
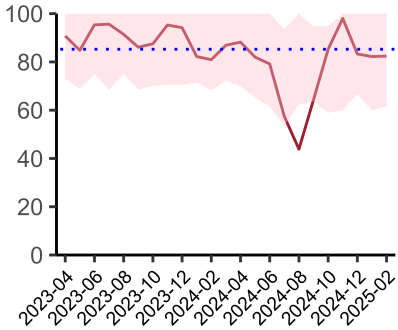
Infection - antibiotic administration within the correct clinical timeframe

National mean 36%
Number of patients included 37
Data completeness 93%



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

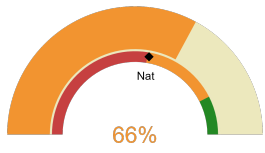
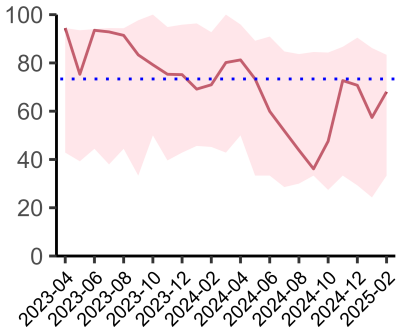
National mean 11%
Number of patients included 49
Data completeness 100%



Risk of death documented before surgery
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Risk documented before surgery

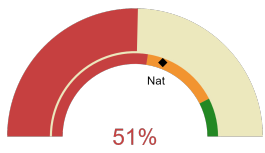
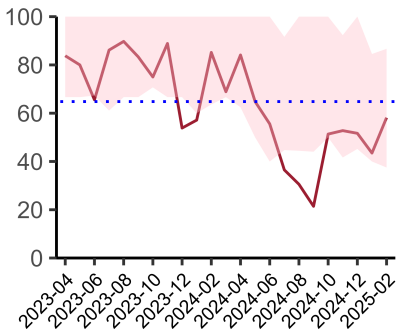
National mean 75%
Number of patients included 98
Data completeness 100%



Risk of death documented after surgery
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Risk documented after surgery

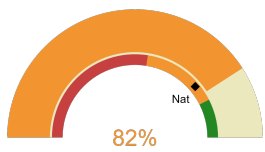
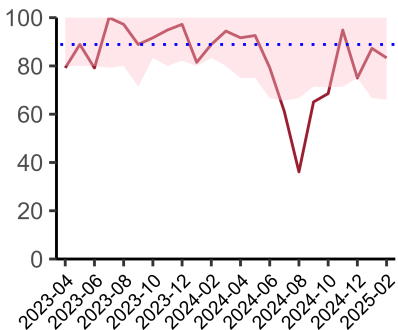
National mean 56%
Number of patients included 98
Data completeness 100%



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

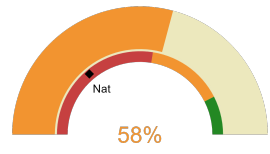
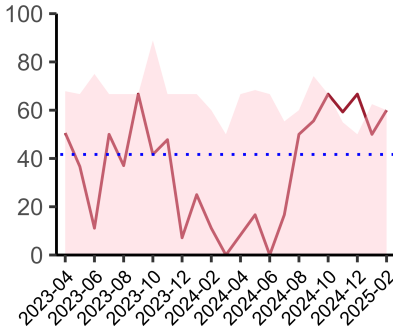
National mean 61%
Number of patients included 59
Data completeness 100%



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

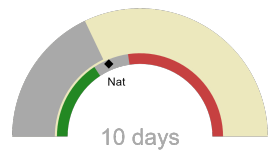
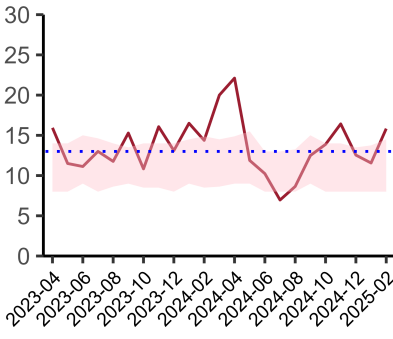
National mean 78%
Number of patients included 48
Data completeness 79%



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+

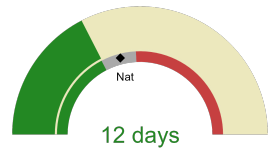
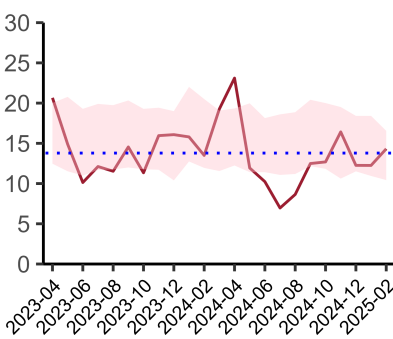
National mean 28%
Number of patients included 20
Data completeness 86%



Median postoperative length of stay in patients surviving to discharge (crude value, not risk adjusted)
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Median postoperative Length of Stay

National median 10 days
Number of patients included 68
Data completeness 97%



Mean postoperative length of stay in patients surviving to discharge (crude value, not risk adjusted)
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Mean postoperative Length of Stay

National mean 15 days
Number of patients included 68
Data completeness 97%

Integrated Care Board

NHS Hertfordshire And West Essex Integrated Care Board ICB comprises Princess Alexandra Hospital, Watford General Hospital, Lister Hospital.