

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**.

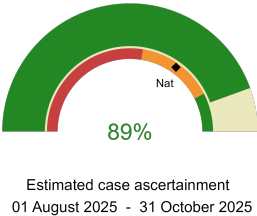


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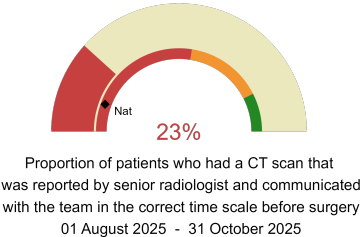
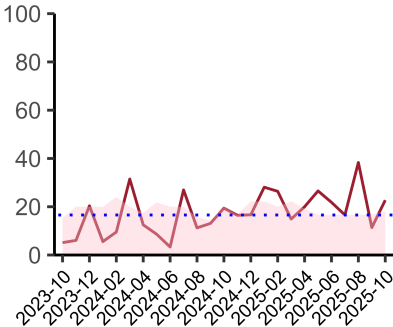
These plots represent patients having an emergency laparotomy during Year 2025-26 Reporting Period 7 of NELA data collection.

NELA process and outcome measures



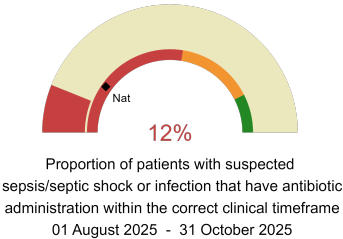
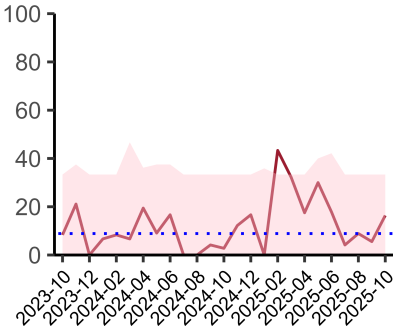
Estimated Case Ascertainment (Based on HES Data)

Expected number of cases 140
Total cases entered 123
Cases locked 35
Cases unlocked 88



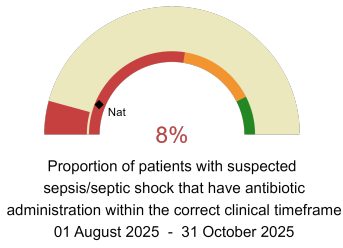
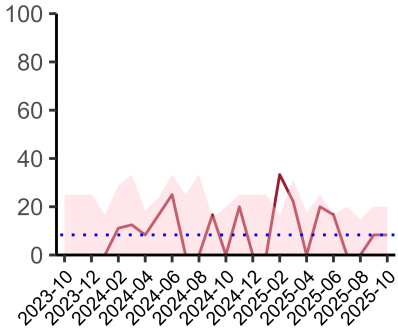
CT reported by a senior radiologist (ST3+) and communicated with the team in the correct time scale before surgery.

National mean 11%
Number of patients included 93
Data completeness 100%



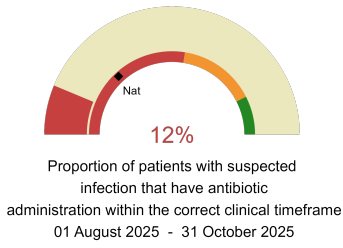
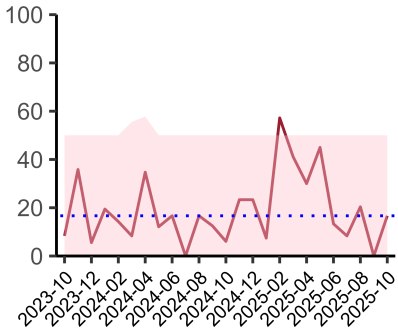
Combined Infection management standard - antibiotic administration within the correct clinical timeframe

National mean 20%
Number of patients included 50
Data completeness 82%



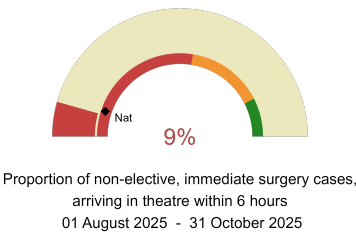
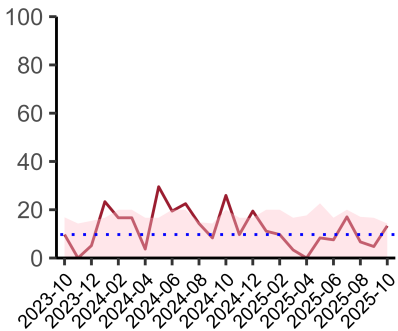
Sepsis/septic shock - antibiotic administration within the correct clinical timeframe

National mean 12%
Number of patients included 23
Data completeness 78%



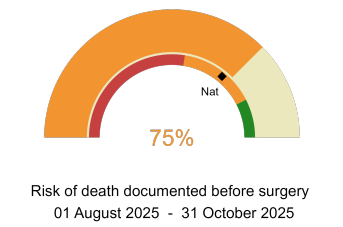
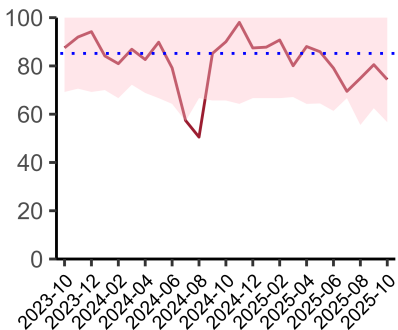
Infection - antibiotic administration within the correct clinical timeframe

National mean 26%
Number of patients included 27
Data completeness 43%



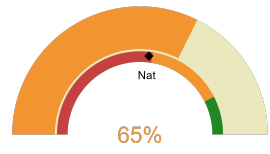
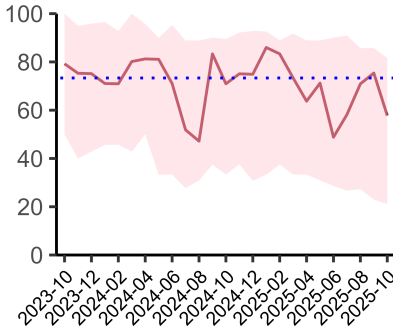
Timeliness - proportion of patients arriving in theatre according to correct clinical timeframe.

National mean 10%
Number of patients included 62
Data completeness 100%



Risk documented before surgery

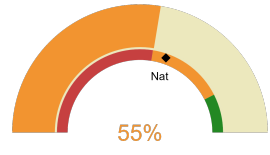
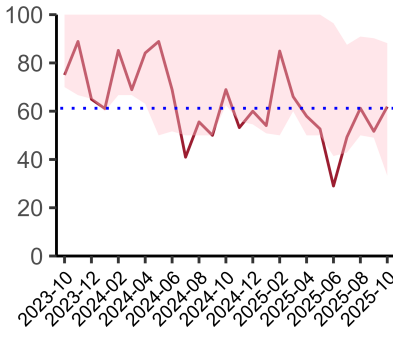
National mean 72%
Number of patients included 123
Data completeness 100%



Risk of death documented after surgery
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Risk documented after surgery

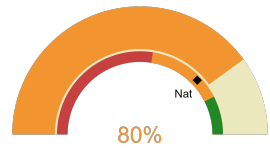
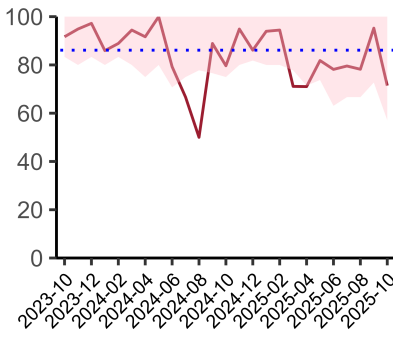
National mean 54%
Number of patients included 123
Data completeness 100%



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%)

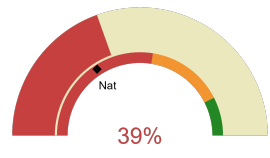
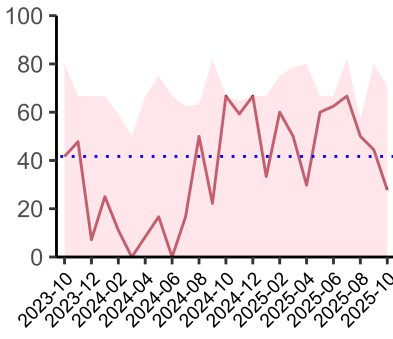
National mean 61%
Number of patients included 76
Data completeness 100%



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%)

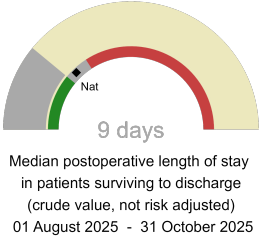
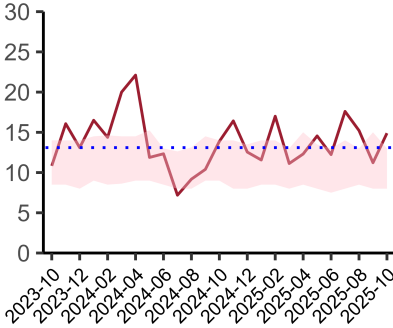
National mean 76%
Number of patients included 69
Data completeness 82%



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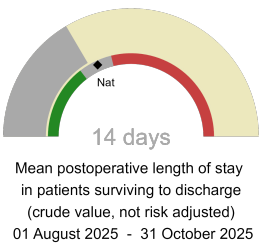
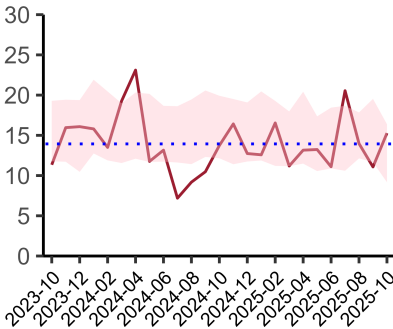
Perioperative Assessment by a member of the geriatrician-led multidisciplinary team for patient aged 65 or over and frail (CFS ≥ 5) or 80+

National mean 32%
Number of patients included 29
Data completeness 80%



Median postoperative Length of Stay

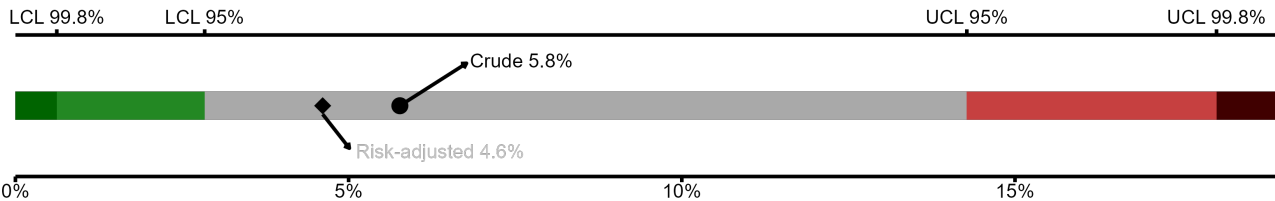
National median 10 days
Number of patients included 96
Data completeness 90%



Mean postoperative Length of Stay

National mean 15 days
Number of patients included 96
Data completeness 90%

Risk-Adjusted Mortality



Number of patients included 104 | 30-day risk-adjusted mortality rate 4.6% | National 30-day mortality rate 8.2%

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