

**Explanatory Notes**

All cases admitted to hospital between 01 September 2025 and 30 November 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**.

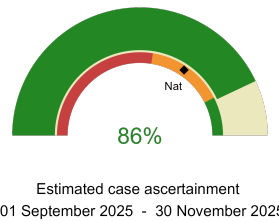


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**2025-26 Reporting Period 8: 01 September 2025 - 30 November 2025**

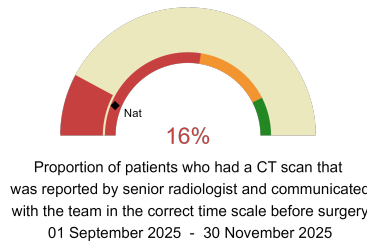
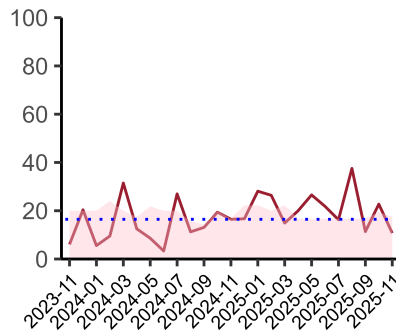
These plots represent patients having an emergency laparotomy during Year 2025-26 Reporting Period 8 of NELA data collection.

**NELA process and outcome measures**



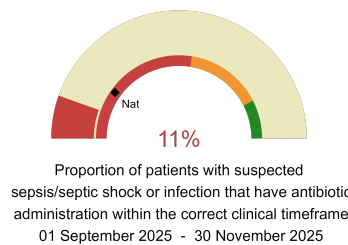
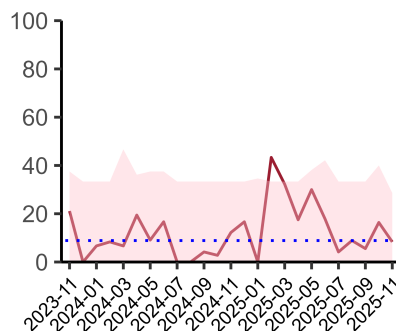
**Estimated Case Ascertainment  
(Based on HES Data)**

Expected number of cases 140  
Total cases entered 117  
Cases locked 69  
Cases unlocked 48



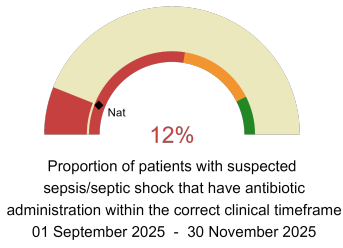
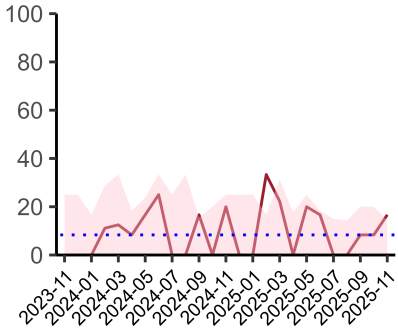
**CT reported by a senior radiologist (ST3+) and communicated with the team in the correct time scale before surgery.**

National mean 12%  
Number of patients included 90  
Data completeness 100%



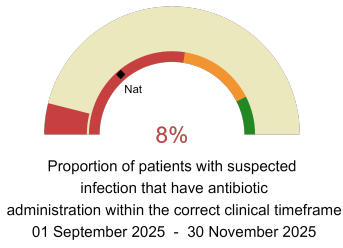
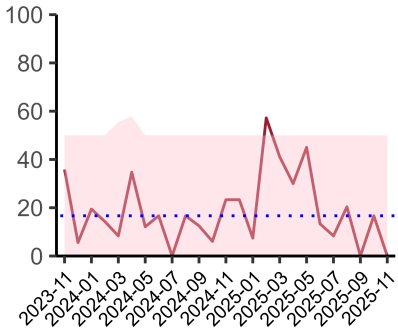
**Combined Infection management standard - antibiotic administration within the correct clinical timeframe**

National mean 20%  
Number of patients included 45  
Data completeness 85%



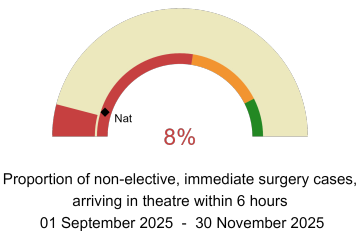
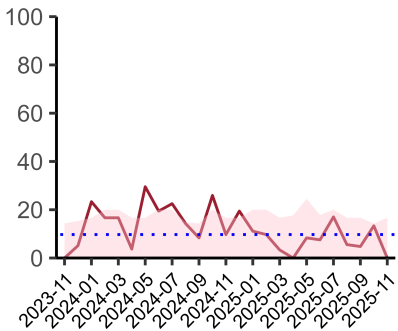
**Sepsis/septic shock - antibiotic administration within the correct clinical timeframe**

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Number of patients included 25  
Data completeness 80%



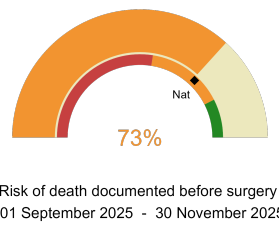
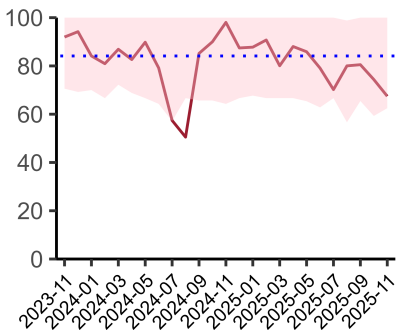
**Infection - antibiotic administration within the correct clinical timeframe**

National mean 27%  
Number of patients included 20  
Data completeness 38%



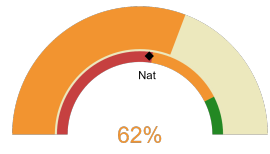
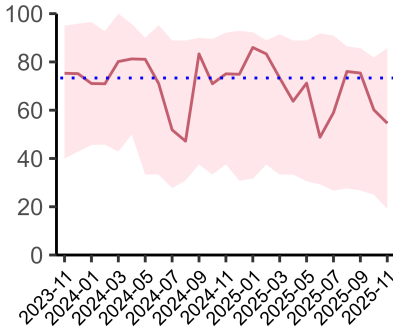
**Timeliness - proportion of patients arriving in theatre according to correct clinical timeframe.**

National mean 10%  
Number of patients included 54  
Data completeness 100%



**Risk documented before surgery**

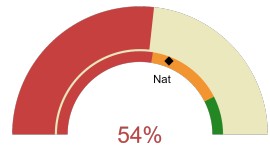
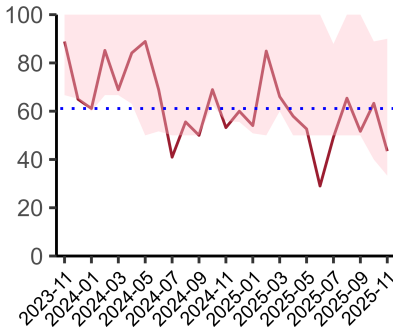
National mean 74%  
Number of patients included 117  
Data completeness 100%



Risk of death documented after surgery  
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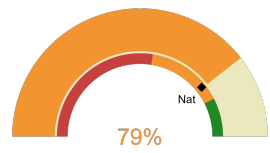
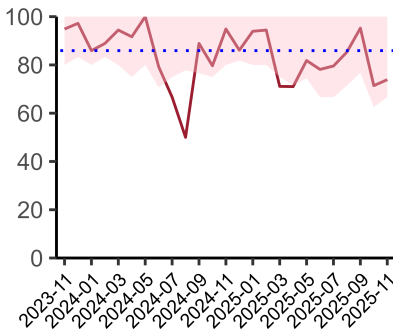
National mean 54%  
Number of patients included 117  
Data completeness 100%



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%)**

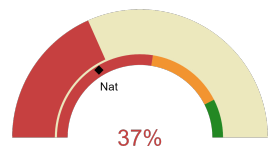
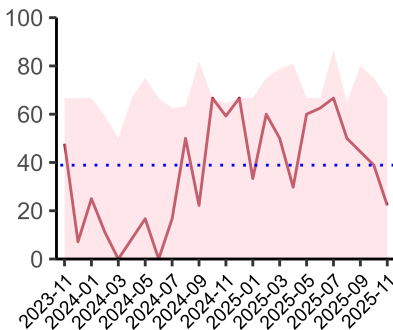
National mean 62%  
Number of patients included 72  
Data completeness 100%



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%)**

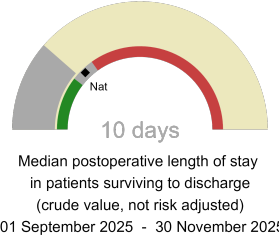
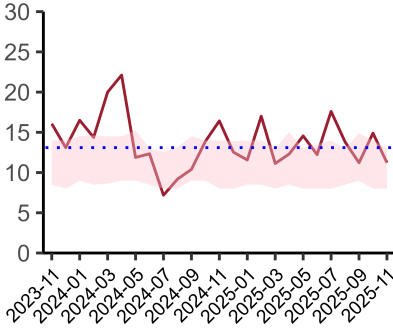
National mean 79%  
Number of patients included 65  
Data completeness 79%



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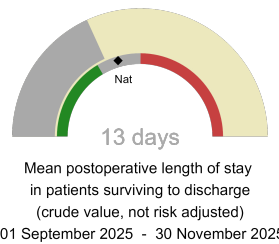
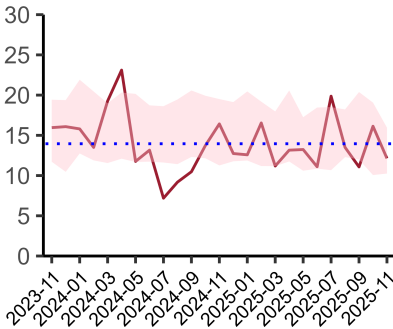
**Perioperative Assessment by a member of the geriatrician-led multidisciplinary team for patient aged 65 or over and frail (CFS ≥ 5) or 80+**

National mean 33%  
Number of patients included 28  
Data completeness 80%



**Median postoperative Length of Stay**

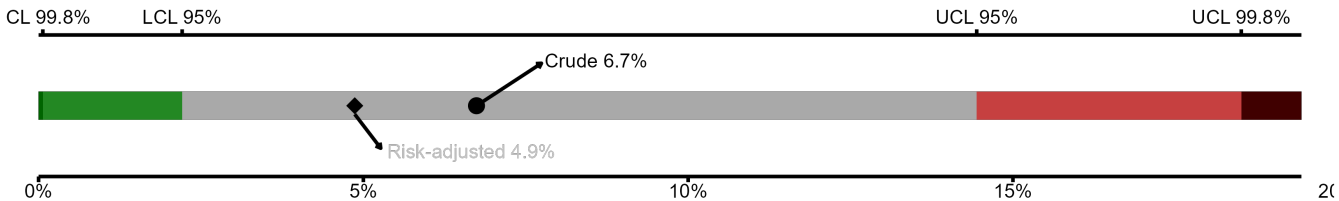
National median 11 days  
Number of patients included 83  
Data completeness 93%



**Mean postoperative Length of Stay**

National mean 15 days  
Number of patients included 83  
Data completeness 93%

**Risk-Adjusted Mortality**



Number of patients included 89 | 30-day risk-adjusted mortality rate 4.9% | National 30-day mortality rate 7.8%

**Integrated Care Board**

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