

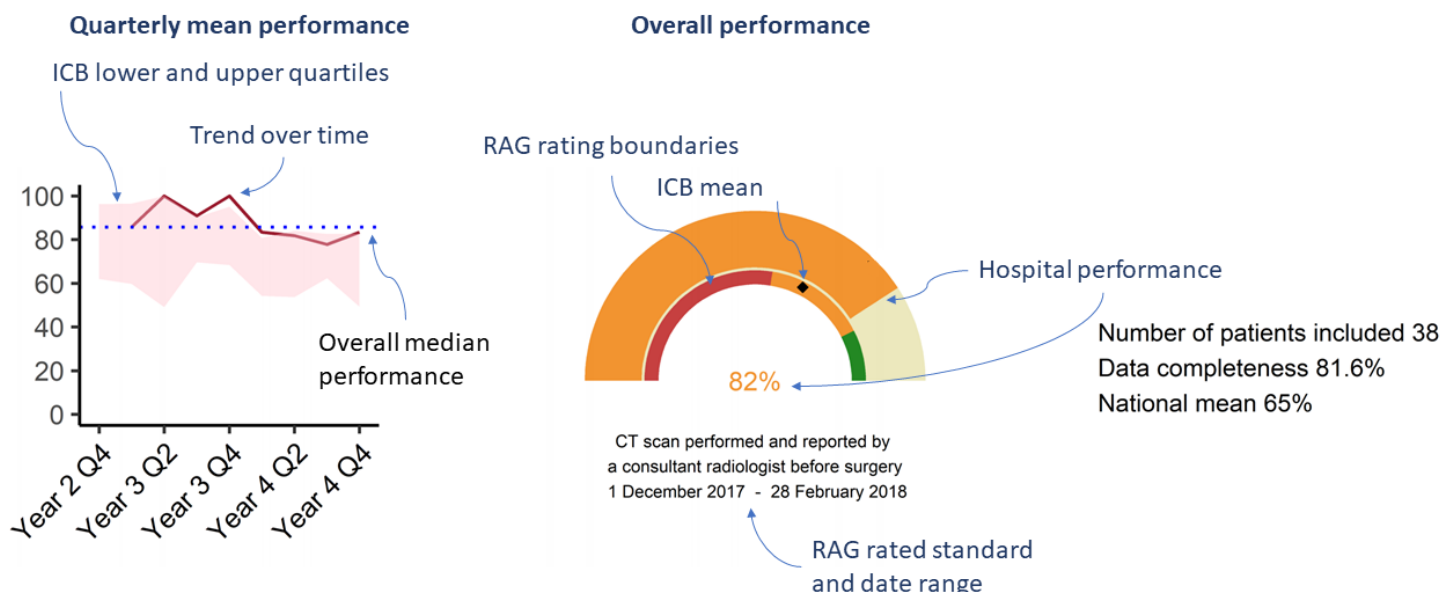
Explanatory Notes

All cases admitted to hospital between 01 February 2026 and 30 April 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**.

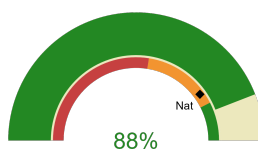


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2026-27 Reporting Period 1: 01 February 2026 - 30 April 2026

These plots represent patients having an emergency laparotomy during Year 2026-27 Reporting Period 1 of NELA data collection.

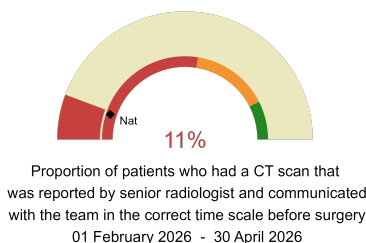
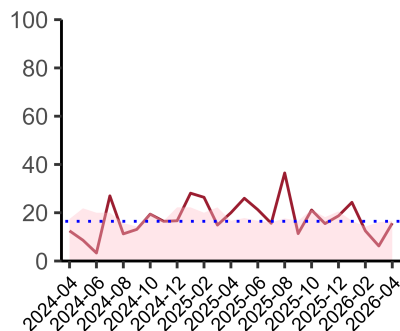
NELA process and outcome measures



Estimated case ascertainment
01 February 2026 - 30 April 2026

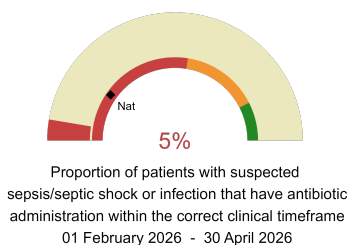
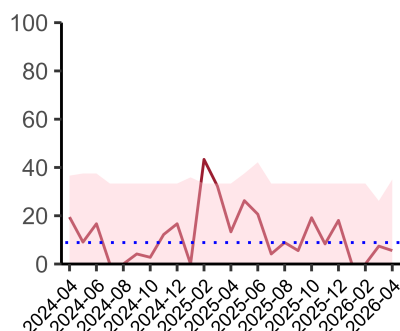
Estimated Case Ascertainment (Based on HES Data)

Expected number of cases 109
Total cases entered 106
Cases locked 88
Cases unlocked 18



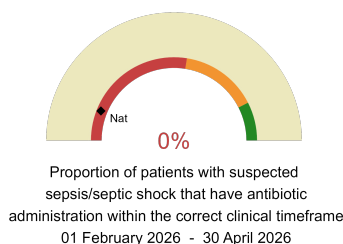
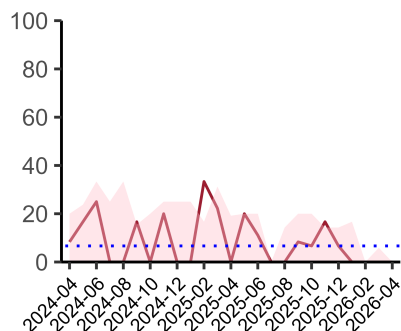
CT reported by a senior radiologist (ST3+) and communicated with the team in the correct time scale before surgery.

National mean 10%
Number of patients included 86
Data completeness 95%



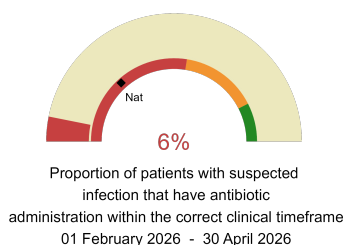
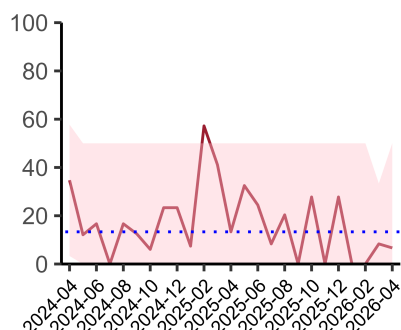
Combined Infection management standard - antibiotic administration within the correct clinical timeframe

National mean 20%
Number of patients included 42
Data completeness 100%



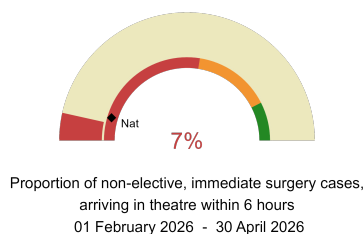
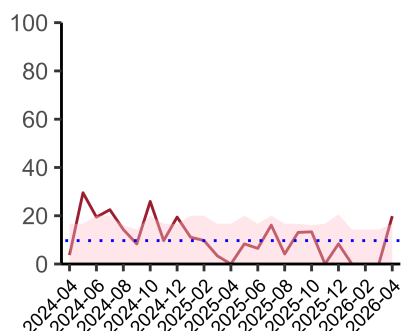
Sepsis/septic shock - antibiotic administration within the correct clinical timeframe

National mean 12%
Number of patients included 10
Data completeness 100%



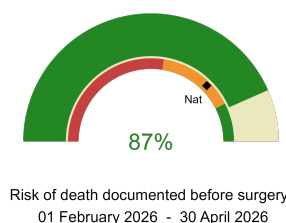
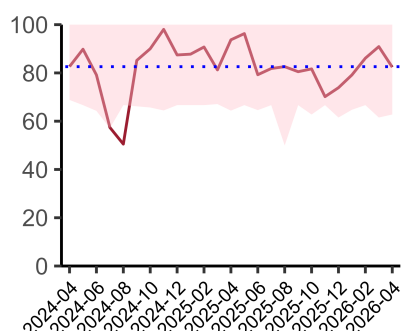
Infection - antibiotic administration within the correct clinical timeframe

National mean 27%
Number of patients included 32
Data completeness 75%



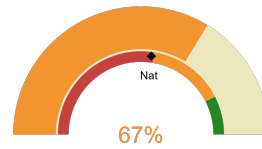
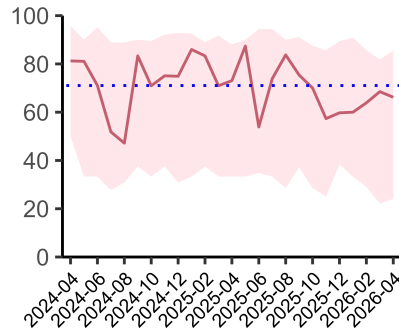
Timeliness - proportion of patients arriving in theatre according to correct clinical timeframe.

National mean 9%
Number of patients included 57
Data completeness 100%



Risk documented before surgery

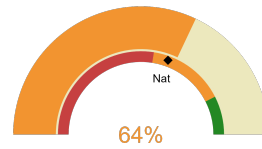
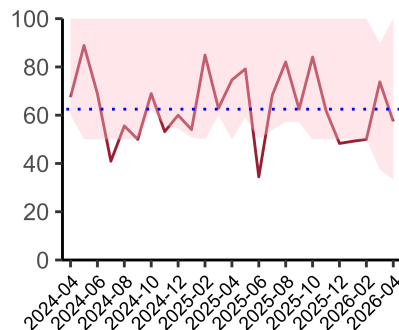
National mean 75%
Number of patients included 106
Data completeness 100%



Risk of death documented after surgery
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Risk documented after surgery

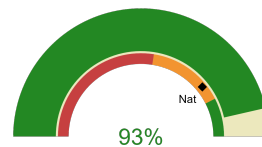
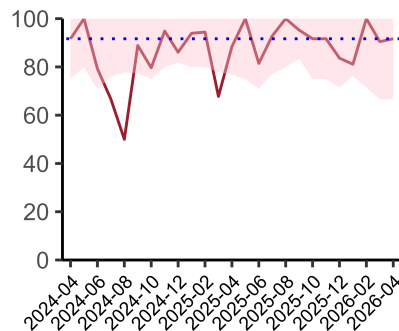
National mean 54%
Number of patients included 106
Data completeness 100%



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)
01 February 2026 - 30 April 2026

Admitted to Critical Care (risk of death $\geq 5\%$)

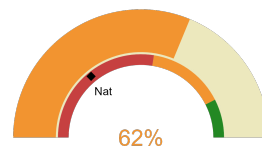
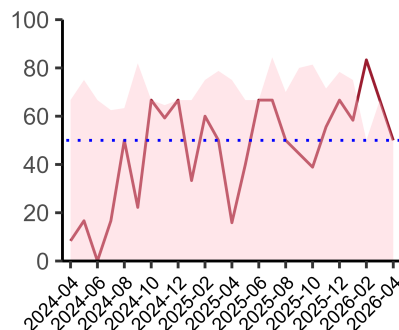
National mean 61%
Number of patients included 52
Data completeness 100%



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 $\geq 5\%$)

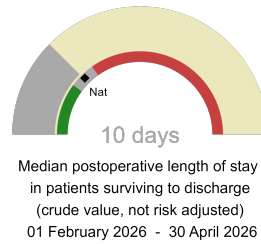
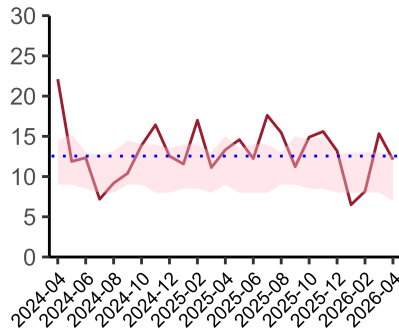
National mean 78%
Number of patients included 49
Data completeness 81%



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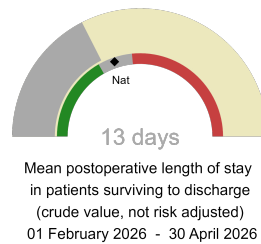
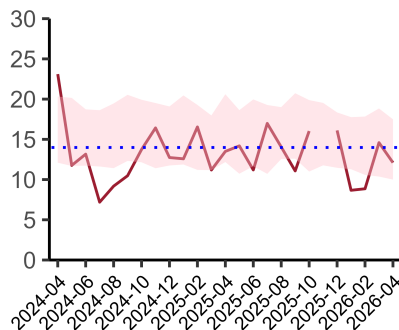
Perioperative Assessment by a member of the geriatrician- led multidisciplinary team for patient aged 65 or over and frail (CFS ≥ 5) or 80+

National mean 28%
Number of patients included 18
Data completeness 100%



Median postoperative Length of Stay

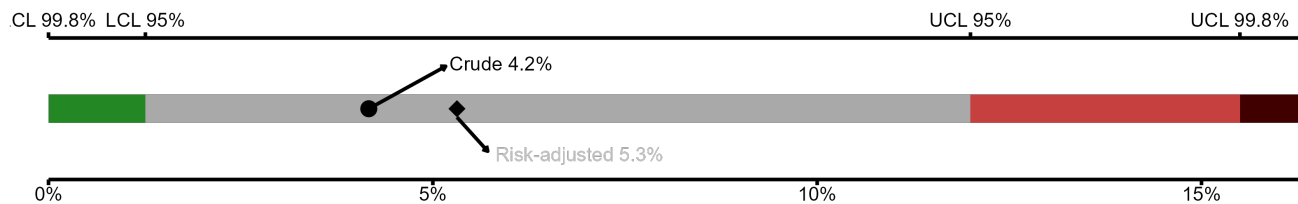
National median 10 days
Number of patients included 92
Data completeness 100%



Mean postoperative Length of Stay

National mean 14 days
Number of patients included 92
Data completeness 100%

Risk-Adjusted Mortality



Number of patients included 96 | 30-day risk-adjusted mortality rate 5.3% | National 30-day mortality rate 6.2%

Integrated Care Board

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