

Explanatory Notes

All cases admitted to hospital between 01 May 2026 and 31 July 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**.

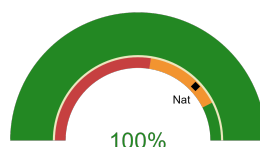


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2026-27 Reporting Period 4: 01 May 2026 - 31 July 2026

These plots represent patients having an emergency laparotomy during Year 2026-27 Reporting Period 4 of NELA data collection.

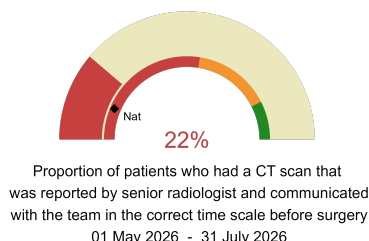
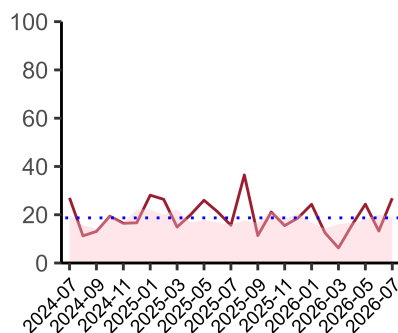
NELA process and outcome measures



Estimated case ascertainment
01 May 2026 - 31 July 2026

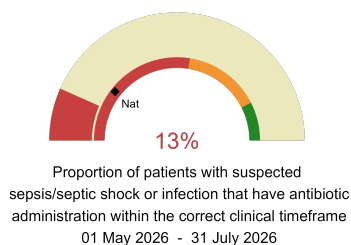
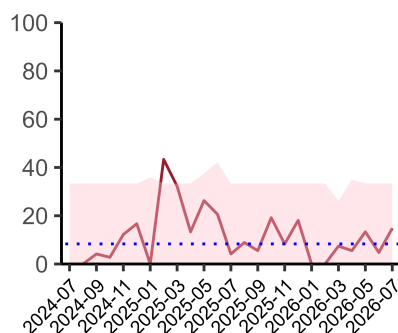
Estimated Case Ascertainment (Based on HES Data)

Expected number of cases 109
Total cases entered 136
Cases locked 89
Cases unlocked 47



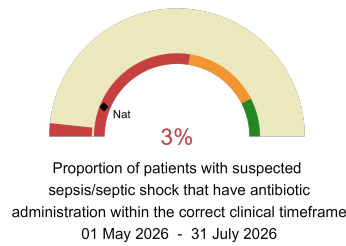
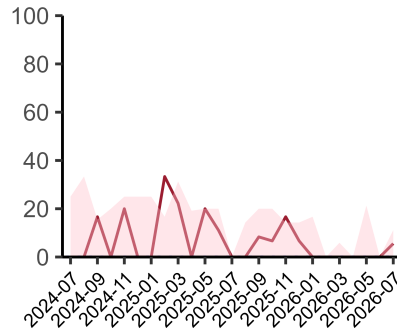
CT reported by a senior radiologist (ST3+) and communicated with the team in the correct time scale before surgery.

National mean 13%
Number of patients included 108
Data completeness 99%



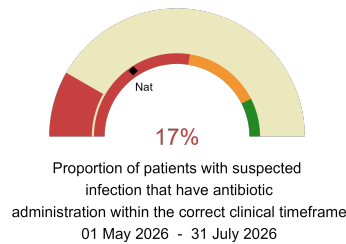
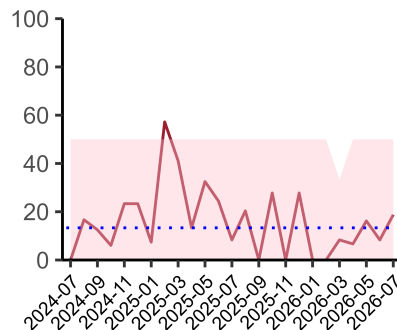
Combined Infection management standard - antibiotic administration within the correct clinical timeframe

National mean 21%
Number of patients included 61
Data completeness 94%



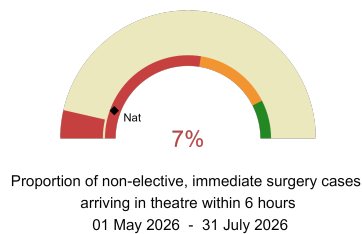
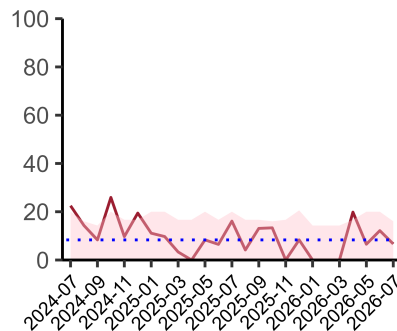
Sepsis/septic shock - antibiotic administration within the correct clinical timeframe

National mean 12%
Number of patients included 25
Data completeness 86%



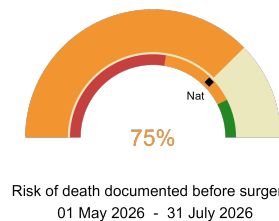
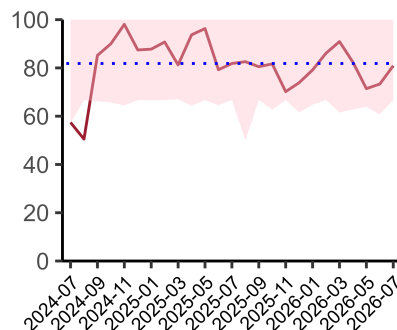
Infection - antibiotic administration within the correct clinical timeframe

National mean 31%
Number of patients included 36
Data completeness 53%



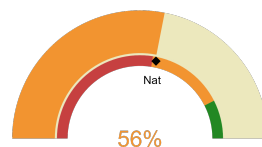
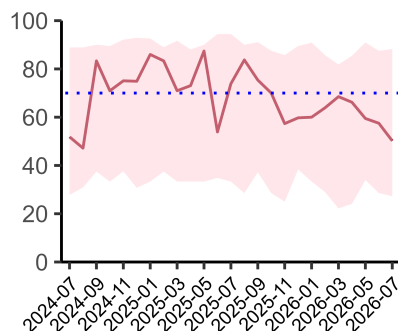
Timeliness - proportion of patients arriving in theatre according to correct clinical timeframe.

National mean 11%
Number of patients included 86
Data completeness 100%



Risk documented before surgery

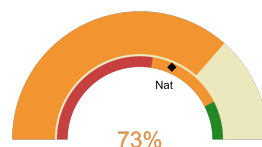
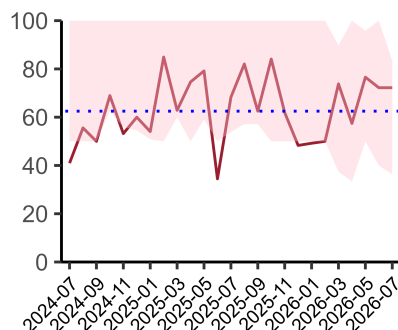
National mean 75%
Number of patients included 136
Data completeness 100%



Risk of death documented after surgery
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Risk documented after surgery

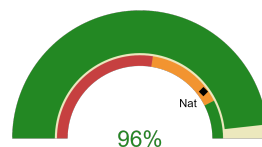
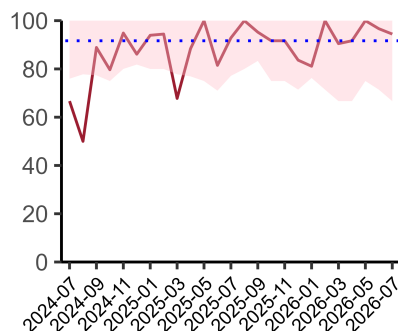
National mean 56%
Number of patients included 136
Data completeness 100%



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 $\geq 5\%$)

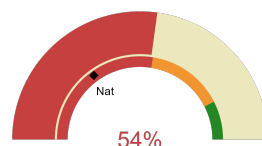
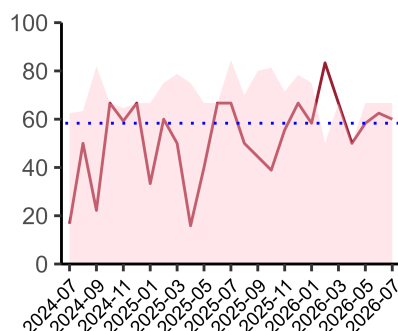
National mean 63%
Number of patients included 75
Data completeness 100%



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 $\geq 5\%$)

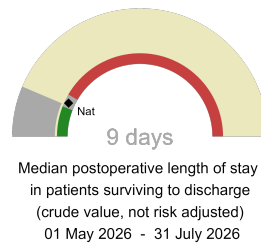
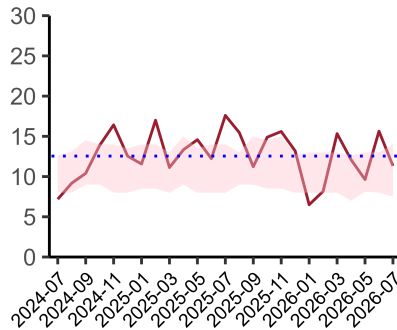
National mean 80%
Number of patients included 71
Data completeness 79%



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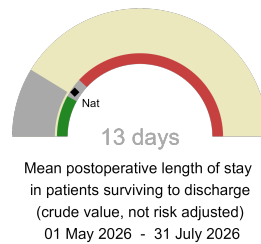
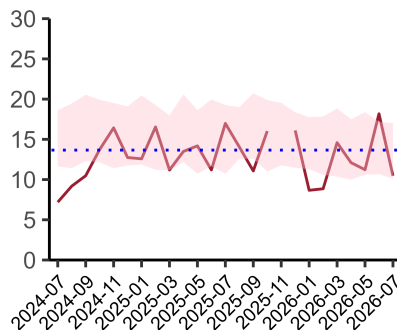
Perioperative Assessment by a member of the geriatrician- led multidisciplinary team for patient aged 65 or over and frail (CFS ≥ 5) or 80+

National mean 30%
Number of patients included 41
Data completeness 93%



Median postoperative Length of Stay

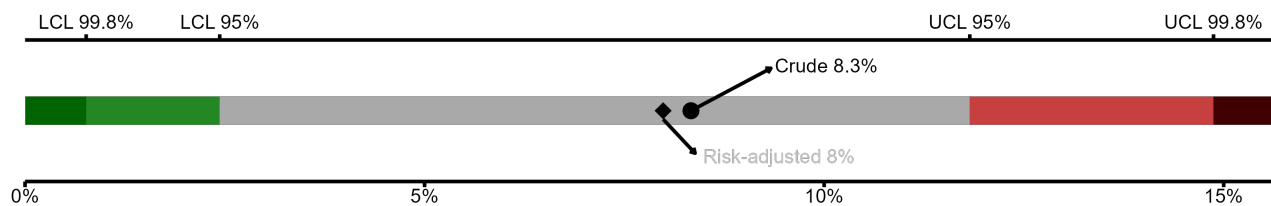
National median 10 days
Number of patients included 121
Data completeness 101%



Mean postoperative Length of Stay

National mean 14 days
Number of patients included 121
Data completeness 101%

Risk-Adjusted Mortality



Number of patients included 132 | 30-day risk-adjusted mortality rate 8% | National 30-day mortality rate 6.8%

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