

Explanatory Notes

All cases admitted to hospital between 01 May 2025 and 31 July 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**.

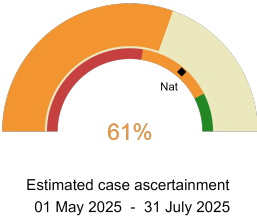


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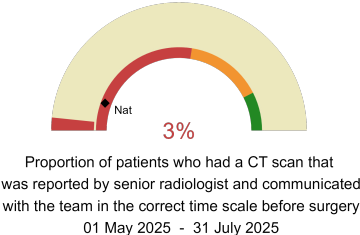
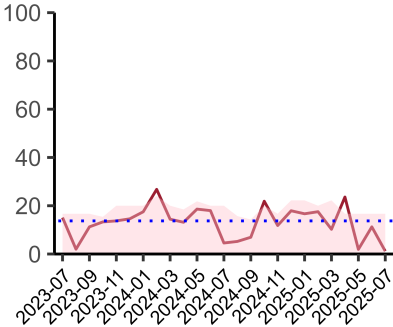
These plots represent patients having an emergency laparotomy during Year 2025-26 Reporting Period 4 of NELA data collection.

NELA process and outcome measures



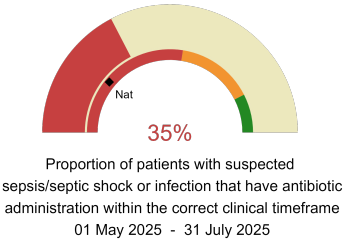
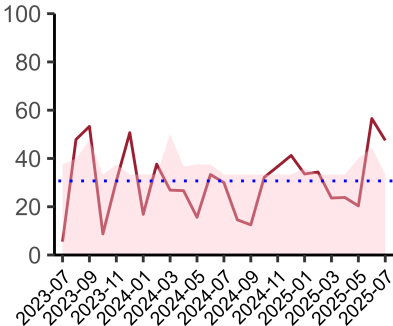
Estimated Case Ascertainment (Based on HES Data)

Expected number of cases 201
Total cases entered 173
Cases locked 99
Cases unlocked 74



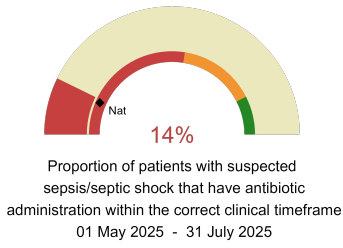
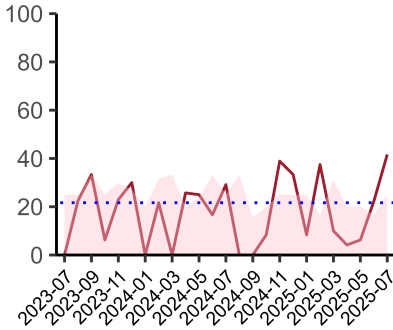
CT reported by a senior radiologist (ST3+) and communicated with the team in the correct time scale before surgery.

National mean 11%
Number of patients included 118
Data completeness 100%



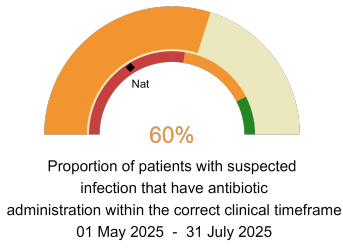
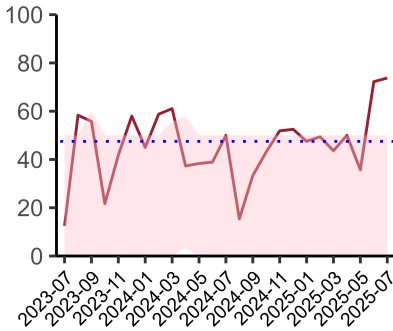
Combined Infection management standard - antibiotic administration within the correct clinical timeframe

National mean 22%
Number of patients included 68
Data completeness 99%



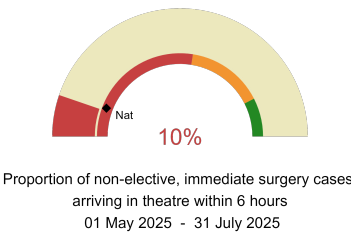
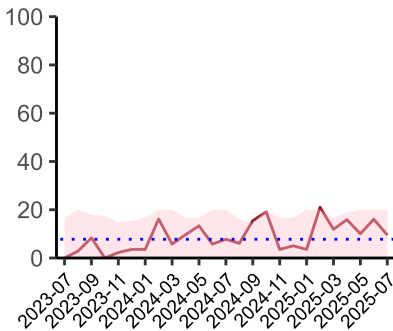
Sepsis/septic shock - antibiotic administration within the correct clinical timeframe

National mean 13%
Number of patients included 29
Data completeness 98%



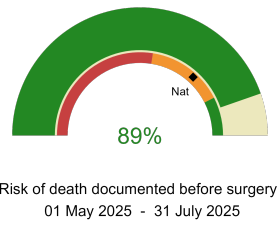
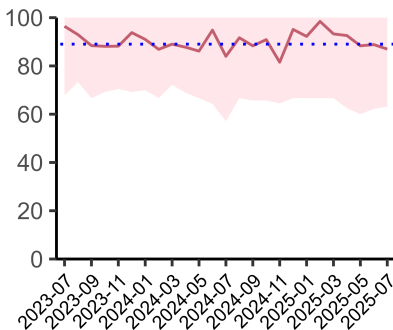
Infection - antibiotic administration within the correct clinical timeframe

National mean 32%
Number of patients included 39
Data completeness 42%



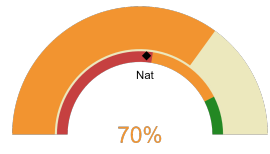
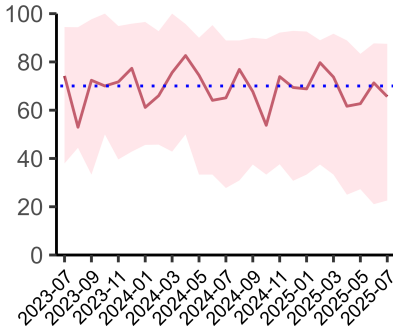
Timeliness - proportion of patients arriving in theatre according to correct clinical timeframe.

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



Risk documented before surgery

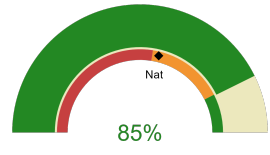
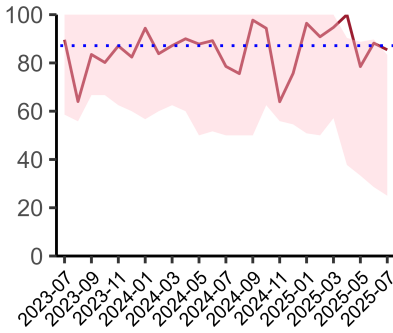
National mean 74%
Number of patients included 173
Data completeness 100%



Risk of death documented after surgery
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Risk documented after surgery

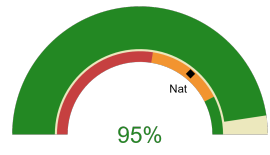
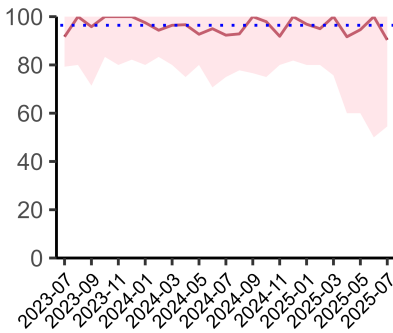
National mean 53%
Number of patients included 173
Data completeness 100%



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%)

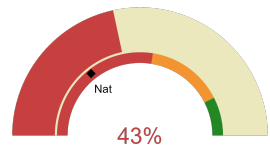
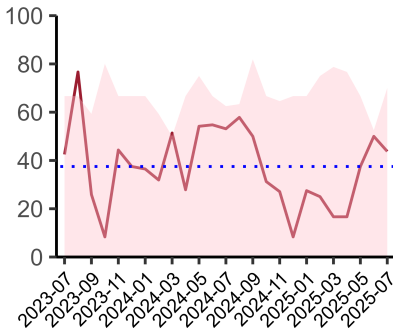
National mean 58%
Number of patients included 104
Data completeness 100%



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%)

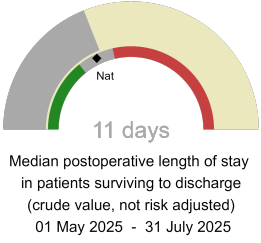
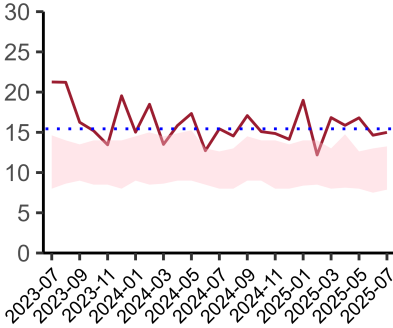
National mean 72%
Number of patients included 106
Data completeness 58%



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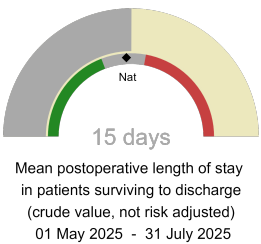
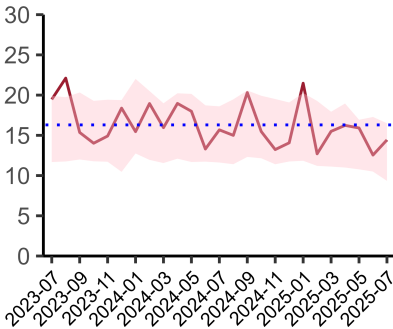
Perioperative Assessment by a member of the geriatrician-led multidisciplinary team for patient aged 65 or over and frail (CFS ≥ 5) or 80+

National mean 29%
Number of patients included 41
Data completeness 97%



Median postoperative Length of Stay

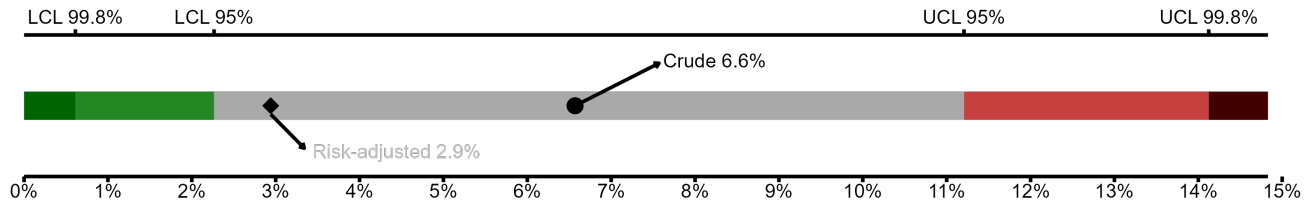
National median 10 days
Number of patients included 126
Data completeness 98%



Mean postoperative Length of Stay

National mean 14 days
Number of patients included 126
Data completeness 98%

Risk-Adjusted Mortality



Number of patients included 137 | 30-day risk-adjusted mortality rate 2.9% | National 30-day mortality rate 6.4%

Integrated Care Board

NHS Black Country Integrated Care Board ICB comprises City Hospital, Sandwell General Hospital, Russells Hall Hospital, New Cross Hospital, Walsall Manor Hospital, Midland Metropolitan University Hospital.