

Explanatory Notes

All cases (locked and unlocked) admitted to hospital between 01 August 2025 and 31 January 2026 have been included. Only cases where the necessary data are available have been included in the denominator for each individual analysis.

At hospital level, runcharts are compared to hospitals within the same ICB.

The results for process measures for which fewer than 10 cases have available data will not be reported. Instead the value will be marked as 'Insufficient data'.

The NELA standards include a newly updated composite standard for CT Scanning and Reporting. The new standard is composed of three metrics: (1) the proportion of patients who had a CT scan that was reported by senior radiologist (ST3+), (2) the proportion of those reported within an hour or less of the scan, and (3) the proportion of those communicated between a senior radiologist (ST3+) and senior surgeon (ST3+) to discuss the CT findings.

NOTE: due to changes in database structure, time related metrics may be calculated even if a time (NOT date) stamp is not entered. When time is entered as "00:00" and the "Time not known" box is not ticked, this time-stamp will be used for the standard calculation and may negatively affect reported metrics. We would therefore request that every effort is made to enter the time-stamps for the following variables:

- Date and Time of admission to hospital (Q1.9),
- Date and time of CT scan (Q2.7d),
- Date and time CT scan was reported (Q2.7e),
- Date and time of first dose of antibiotics (Q2.10),
- Date and time arrival in theatre (Q4.1).

For better insight to how these standards have been structured, please refer to the **NELA standards document**.

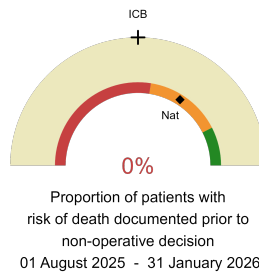
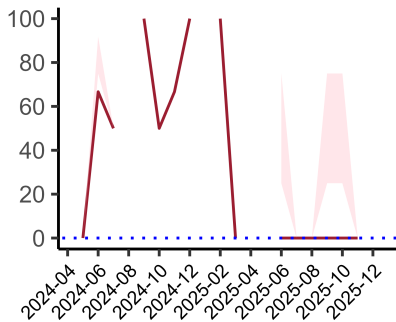


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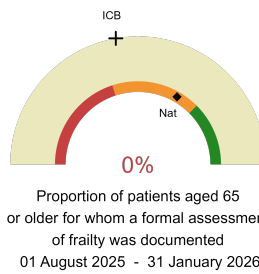
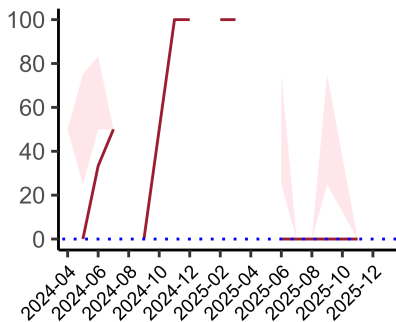
These plots represent patients who did NOT have an emergency laparotomy during Year 2025-26 Reporting Period 9 of NELA data collection. This version will be made publicly available via the NELA website. Feedback from participating hospitals is welcome.

NELA process and outcome measures



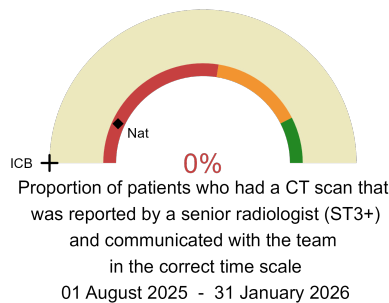
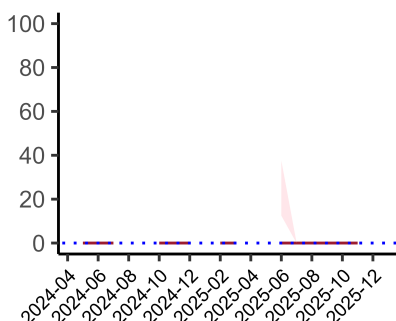
Risk documented prior to non-operative decision.

National mean 68%
ICB mean 50%
Number of patients included 10
Data completeness 100%



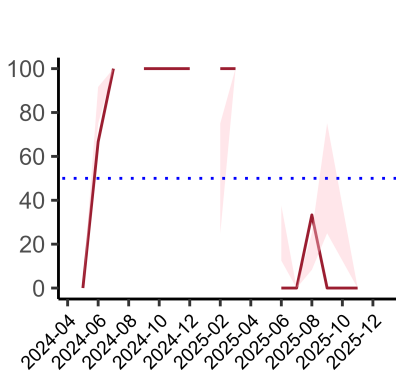
Formal assessment of frailty documented.

National mean 67%
ICB mean 44%
Number of patients included 10
Data completeness 0%



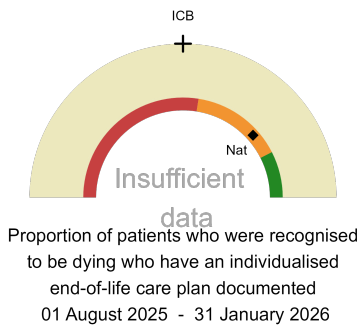
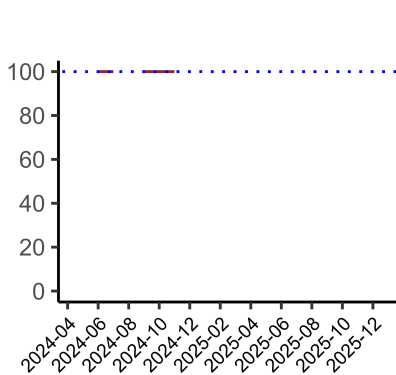
CT reported by a senior radiologist (ST3+) and communicated with the team in the correct time scale.

National mean 14%
ICB mean 0%
Number of patients included 10
Data completeness 100%



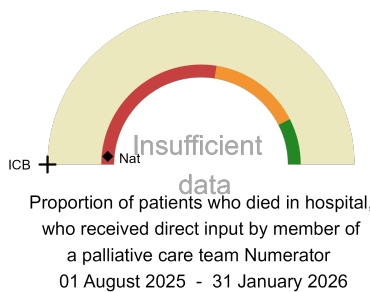
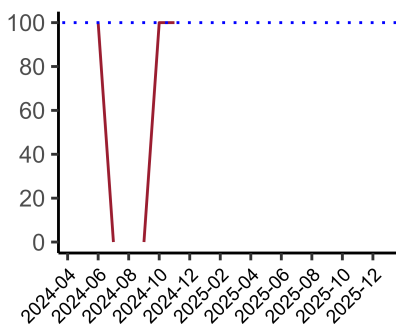
Advance care plans to support the decision-making process.

National mean 83%
ICB mean 48%
Number of patients included 10
Data completeness 0%



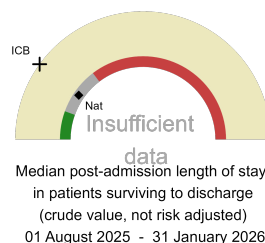
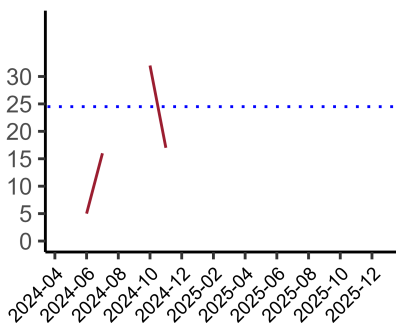
Individualised end-of-life care plan documented for patients recognised to be dying.

National mean 77%
ICB mean 50%
Number of patients included 0
Data completeness 0%



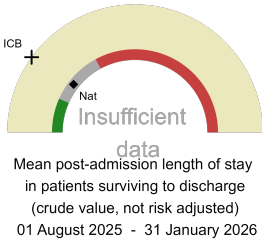
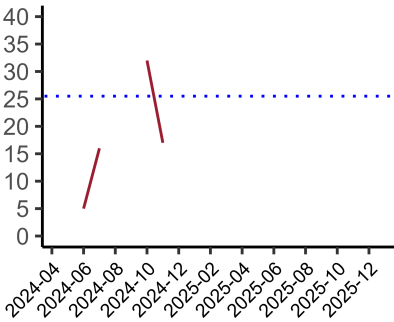
Direct input by a member of a palliative care team for patients who have died in hospital.

National mean 3%
ICB mean 0%
Number of patients included 0
Data completeness 0%

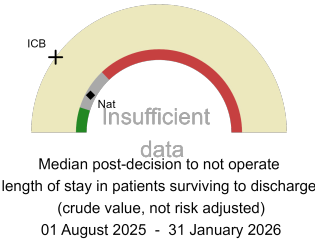
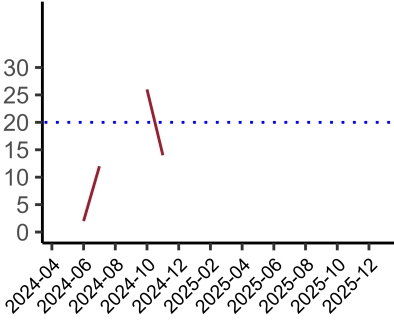


Median post-admission length of stay

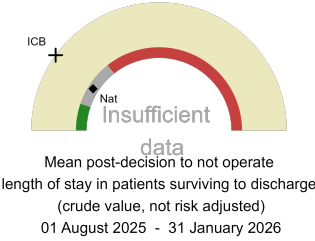
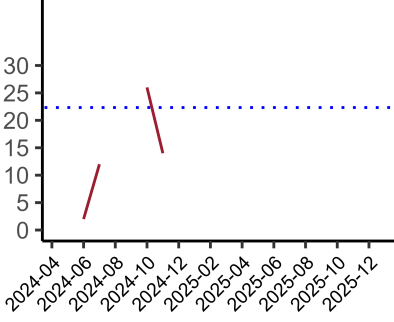
National median 12 days
ICB median 12 days
Number of patients included 0
Data completeness NaN%



Mean post-admission length of stay
National mean 13 days
ICB mean 12 days
Number of patients included 0
Data completeness NaN%



Median post-decision to not operate length of stay
National median 10 days
ICB median 12 days
Number of patients included 0
Data completeness NaN%



Mean post-decision to not operate length of stay
National mean 11 days
ICB median 12 days
Number of patients included 0
Data completeness NaN%

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Royal Sussex County Hospital is part of the NHS Sussex Integrated Care Board ICB. This comprises Conquest Hospital, Worthing Hospital, St Richards Hospital, Royal Sussex County Hospital.