

Explanatory Notes

All cases admitted to hospital between 01 December 2025 and 28 February 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**.

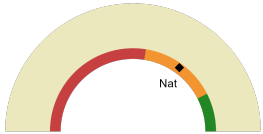


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2025-26 Reporting Period 11: 01 December 2025 - 28 February 2026

These plots represent patients having an emergency laparotomy during Year 2025-26 Reporting Period 11 of NELA data collection.

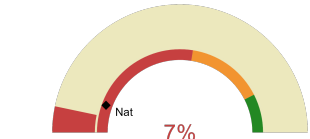
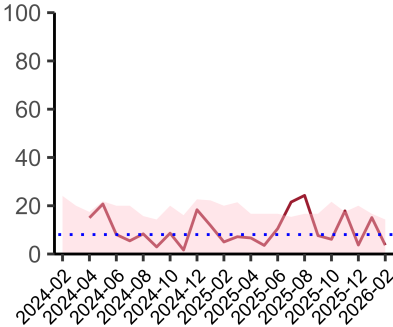
NELA process and outcome measures



Estimated case ascertainment
01 December 2025 - 28 February 2026

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

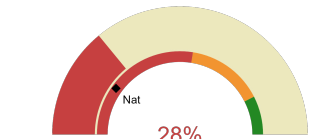
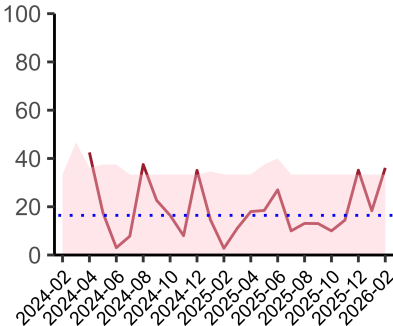
Expected number of cases 0
Total cases entered 217
Cases locked 162
Cases unlocked 55



Proportion of patients who had a CT scan that was reported by senior radiologist and communicated with the team in the correct time scale before surgery
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CT reported by a senior radiologist (ST3+) and communicated with the team in the correct time scale before surgery.

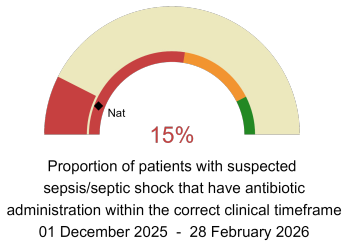
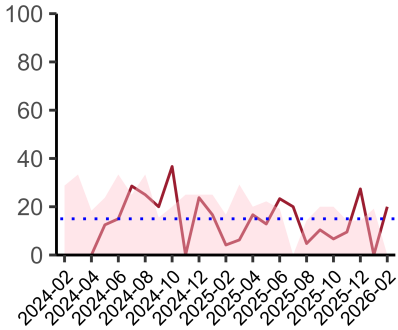
National mean 11%
Number of patients included 169
Data completeness 100%



Proportion of patients with suspected sepsis/septic shock or infection that have antibiotic administration within the correct clinical timeframe
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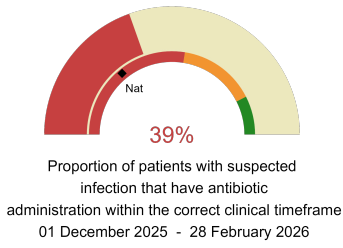
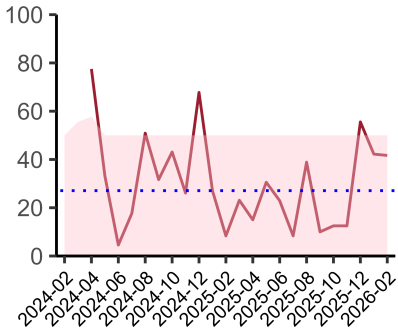
Combined Infection management standard - antibiotic administration within the correct clinical timeframe

National mean 20%
Number of patients included 90
Data completeness 97%



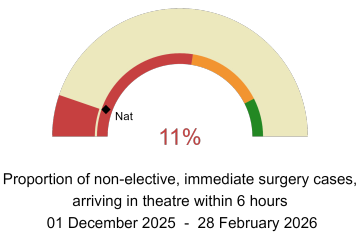
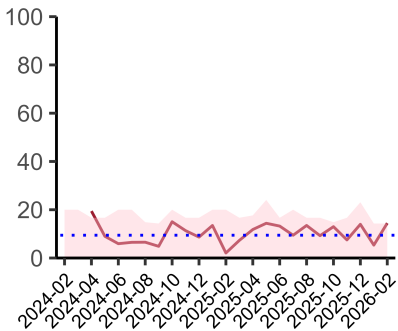
Sepsis/septic shock - antibiotic administration within the correct clinical timeframe

National mean 12%
Number of patients included 40
Data completeness 93%



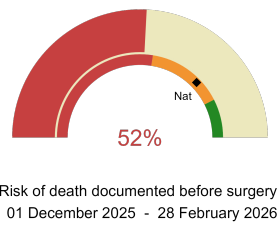
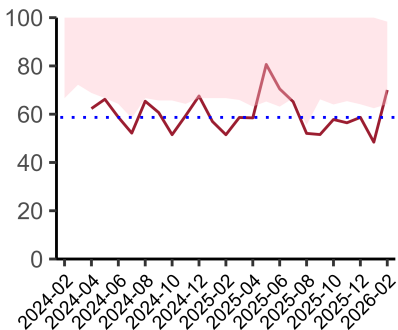
Infection - antibiotic administration within the correct clinical timeframe

National mean 28%
Number of patients included 50
Data completeness 54%



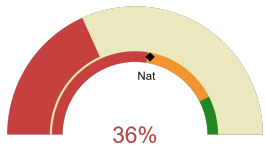
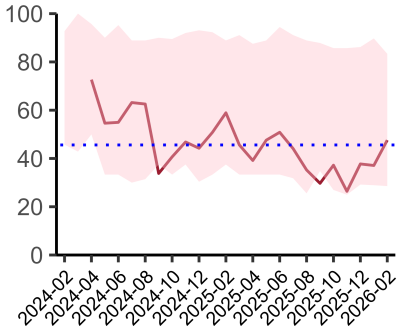
Timeliness - proportion of patients arriving in theatre according to correct clinical timeframe.

National mean 11%
Number of patients included 126
Data completeness 100%



Risk documented before surgery

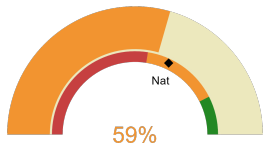
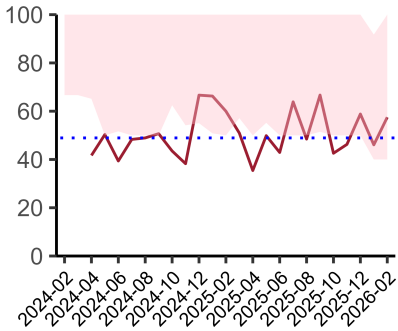
National mean 75%
Number of patients included 217
Data completeness 100%



Risk of death documented after surgery
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Risk documented after surgery

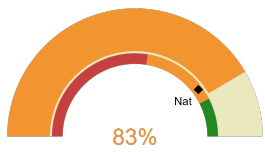
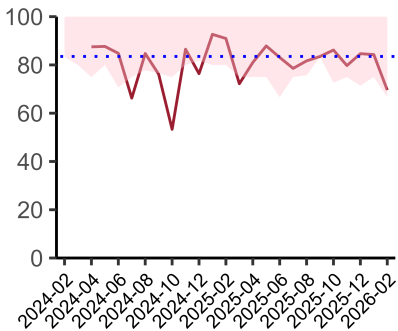
National mean 56%
Number of patients included 217
Data completeness 100%



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%)

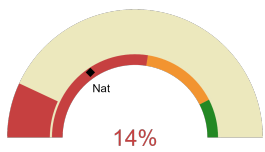
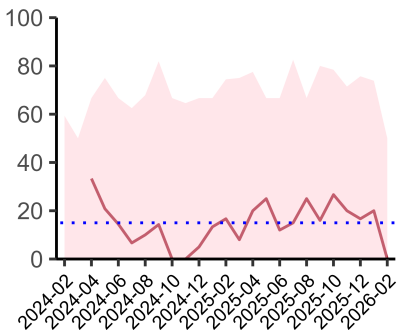
National mean 64%
Number of patients included 95
Data completeness 100%



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%)

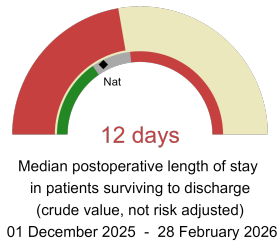
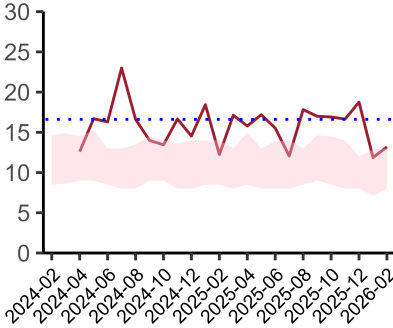
National mean 80%
Number of patients included 92
Data completeness 71%



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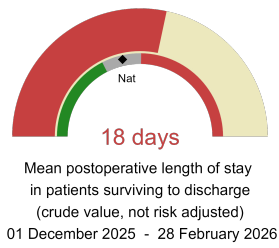
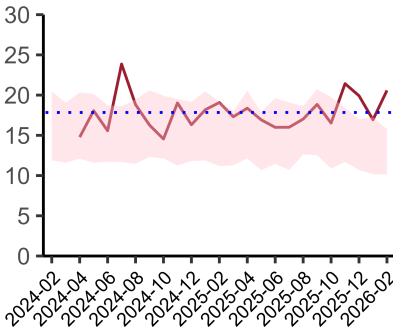
Perioperative Assessment by a member of the geriatrician-led multidisciplinary team for patient aged 65 or over and frail (CFS ≥ 5) or 80+

National mean 31%
Number of patients included 48
Data completeness 95%



Median postoperative Length of Stay

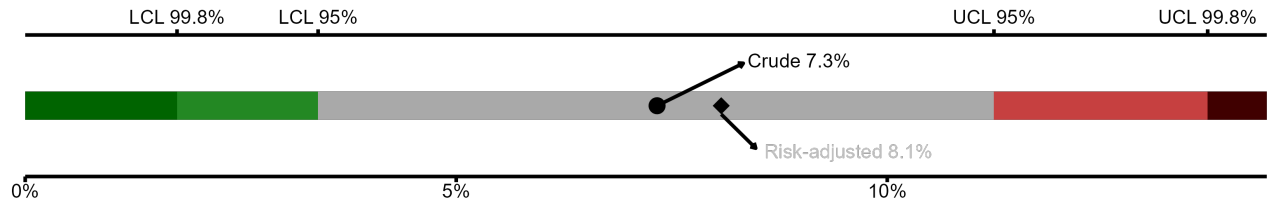
National median 9 days
Number of patients included 175
Data completeness 100%



Mean postoperative Length of Stay

National mean 14 days
Number of patients included 175
Data completeness 100%

Risk-Adjusted Mortality



Number of patients included 191 | 30-day risk-adjusted mortality rate 8.1% | National 30-day mortality rate 7.1%

Integrated Care Board

Northern Ireland ICB comprises Antrim Area Hospital, Altnagelvin Hospital, Causeway Hospital, Craigavon Area Hospital, Ulster hospital, Royal Victoria Hospital, Belfast City Hospital.