

Explanatory Notes

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

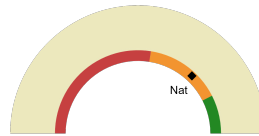


Northern Ireland

2025-26 Reporting Period 2: 01 March 2025 - 31 May 2025

These plots represent patients having an emergency laparotomy during Year 2025-26 Reporting Period 2 of NELA data collection.

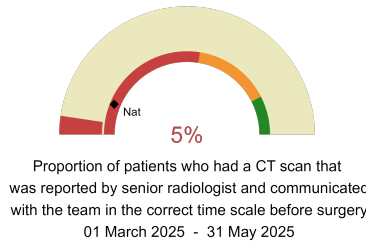
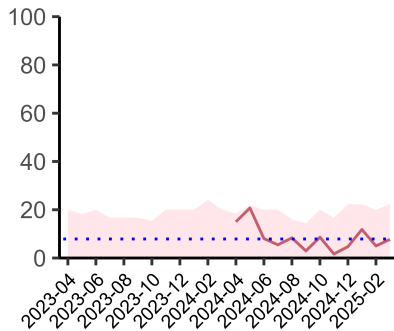
NELA process and outcome measures



Estimated case ascertainment
01 March 2025 - 31 May 2025

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

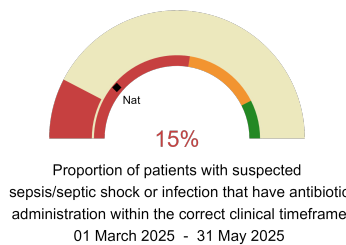
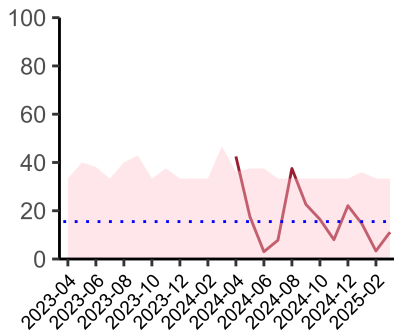
Expected number of cases 0
Total cases entered 197
Cases locked 170
Cases unlocked 27



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
01 March 2025 - 31 May 2025

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

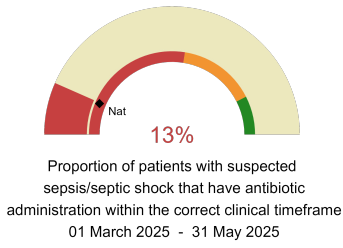
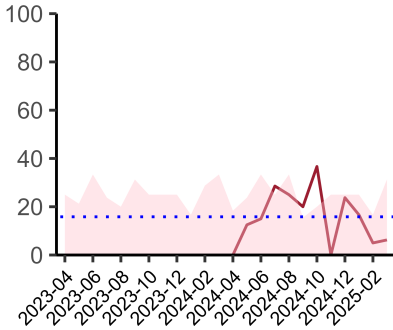
National mean 12%
Number of patients included 160
Data completeness 99%



Proportion of patients with suspected sepsis/septic shock or infection that have antibiotic administration within the correct clinical timeframe
01 March 2025 - 31 May 2025

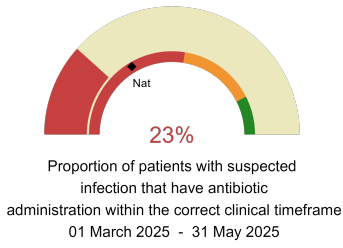
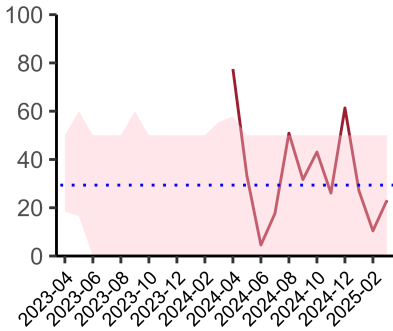
Combined Infection management standard - antibiotic administration within the correct clinical timeframe

National mean 22%
Number of patients included 71
Data completeness 97%



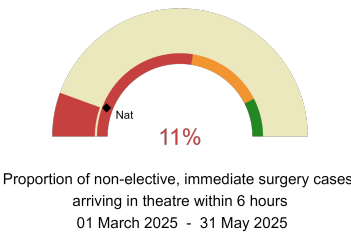
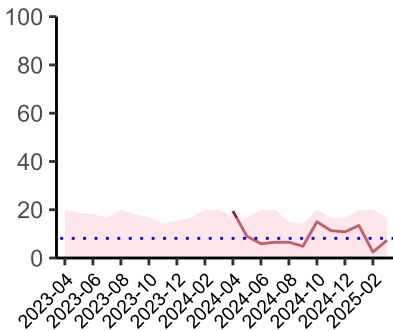
Sepsis/septic shock - antibiotic administration within the correct clinical timeframe

National mean 13%
Number of patients included 33
Data completeness 93%



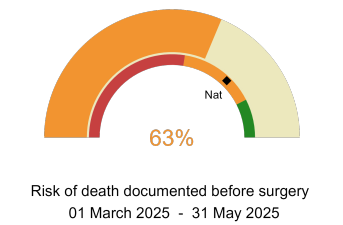
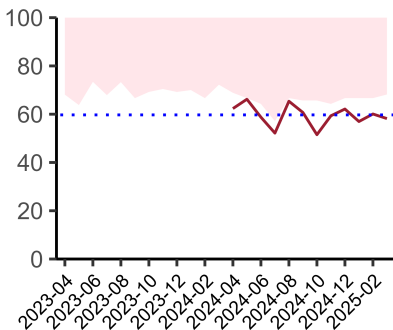
Infection - antibiotic administration within the correct clinical timeframe

National mean 33%
Number of patients included 46
Data completeness 69%



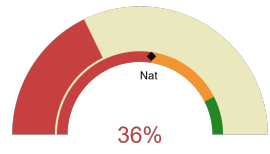
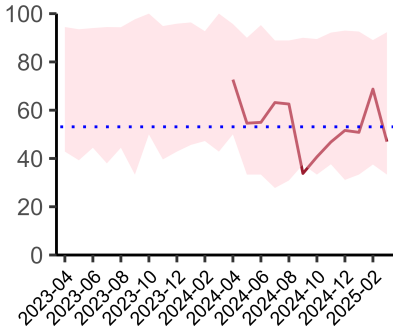
Timeliness - proportion of patients arriving in theatre according to correct clinical timeframe.

National mean 12%
Number of patients included 121
Data completeness 100%



Risk documented before surgery

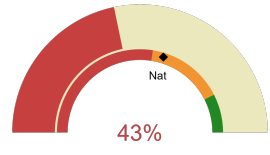
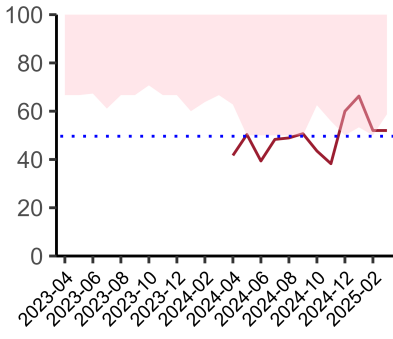
National mean 74%
Number of patients included 197
Data completeness 100%



Risk of death documented after surgery
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Risk documented after surgery

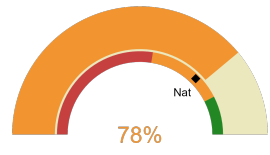
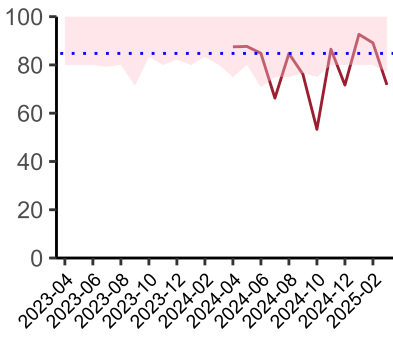
National mean 55%
Number of patients included 197
Data completeness 100%



Admitted to critical care following surgery when the risk of death ≥ 5% (Excludes patients who died in theatre or with a decision to palliate)
01 March 2025 - 31 May 2025

Admitted to Critical Care (risk of death ≥ 5%)

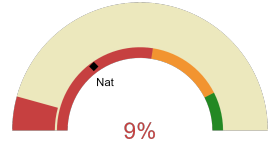
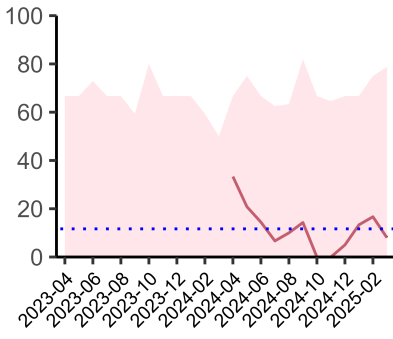
National mean 60%
Number of patients included 104
Data completeness 100%



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%)

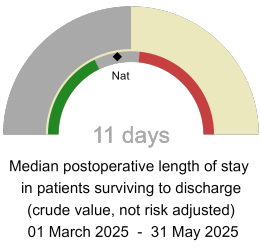
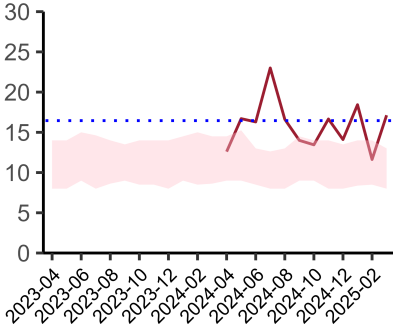
National mean 75%
Number of patients included 108
Data completeness 76%



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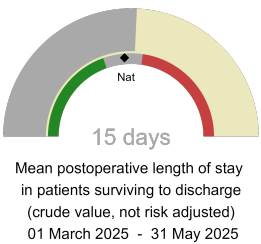
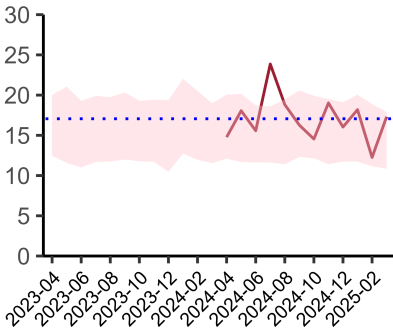
Perioperative Assessment by a member of the geriatrician-led multidisciplinary team for patient aged 65 or over and frail (CFS ≥ 5) or 80+

National mean 30%
Number of patients included 56
Data completeness 94%



Median postoperative Length of Stay

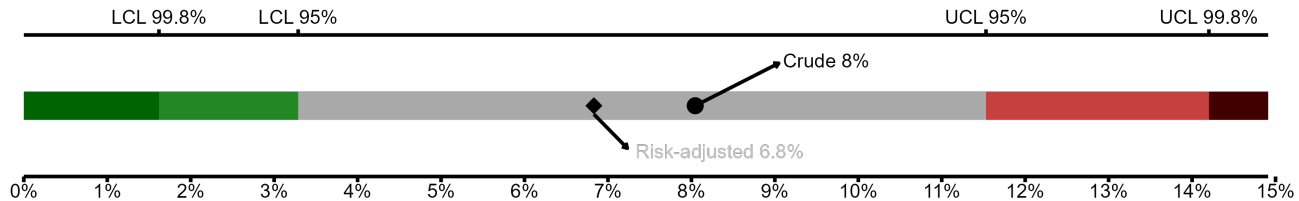
National median 10 days
Number of patients included 158
Data completeness 99%



Mean postoperative Length of Stay

National mean 14 days
Number of patients included 158
Data completeness 99%

Risk-Adjusted Mortality



Number of patients included 174 | 30-day risk-adjusted mortality rate 6.8% | National 30-day mortality rate 7.2%