

Explanatory Notes

All cases (locked and unlocked) admitted to hospital between 01 June 2025 and 31 August 2025 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'.

Mortality

This section defines three key mortality measures for the monthly report. In all cases we include only patients whose surgery-to-discharge interval (Q4.1 - Q7.8) is ≤ 30 days, and we exclude any with missing discharge status (Q7.7) or missing dates (Q4.1/Q7.8).

1. 30-Day Observed (Crude) Mortality Rate

Let

- d = number of patients who **died** within 30 days of surgery,
- N = total number of patients with known discharge status (alive, died, or still in hospital at 60 days).

Then the crude 30-day mortality rate (as a percentage) is

$$\text{Crude 30-day Mortality Rate} = \frac{d}{N} \times 100.$$

2. Standardised Mortality Ratio (SMR)

Let

- $O = d$ = observed deaths within 30 days,
- $E = \sum_i \text{RiskScore}_i$ = sum of individual parsimonious NELA mortality risk scores for all N patients.

The SMR is

$$\text{SMR} = \frac{O}{E}.$$

3. Risk-Adjusted Mortality

Combines the SMR with the **National** 30-day mortality rate for the examined three month period:

$$\text{Risk-Adjusted Mortality} = \text{SMR} \times (\text{National 30-day mortality}) \times 100.$$

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

Quarterly mean performance



Overall performance



Risk-adjusted mortality

Rating boundaries are lower and upper 99.8% and 95% confidence limits



Non-risk-adjusted measures

Rating boundaries are lower and upper national quartiles

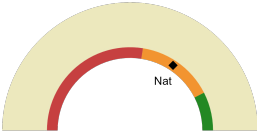


Ulster hospital

2025-26 Reporting Period 5: 01 June 2025 - 31 August 2025

These plots represent patients having an emergency laparotomy during Year 2025-26 Reporting Period 5 of NELA data collection. This version will be made publicly available via the NELA website. Feedback from participating hospitals is welcome.

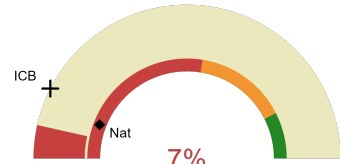
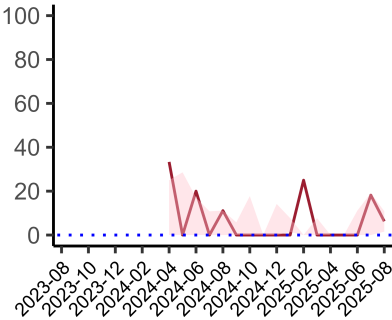
NELA process and outcome measures



Estimated case ascertainment
01 June 2025 - 31 August 2025

**Estimated case ascertainment
(Based on HES/PEDW Data)**

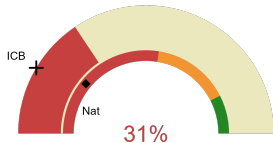
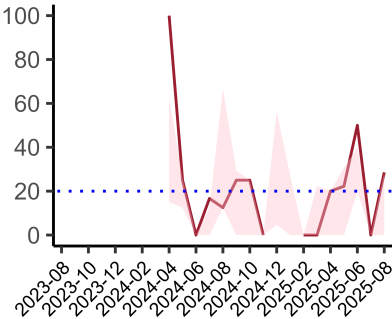
Expected number of cases NA
Total cases entered 53
Cases locked 53
Cases unlocked 0



Proportion of patients who had a CT scan that was reported by a senior radiologist (ST3+) and communicated with the team in the correct time scale before surgery
01 June 2025 - 31 August 2025

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

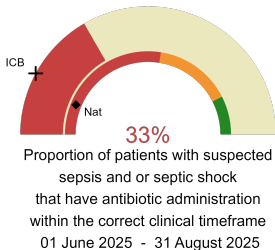
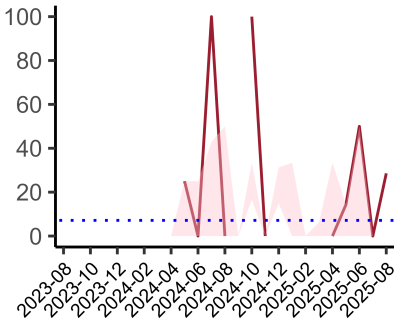
National mean 12%
ICB mean 15%
Number of patients included 43
Data completeness 100%



Proportion of patients with suspected sepsis or infection that have antibiotic administration within the correct clinical timeframe
01 June 2025 - 31 August 2025

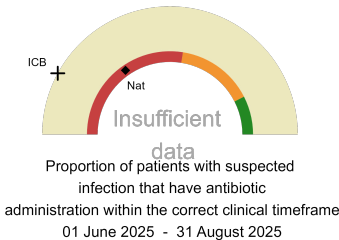
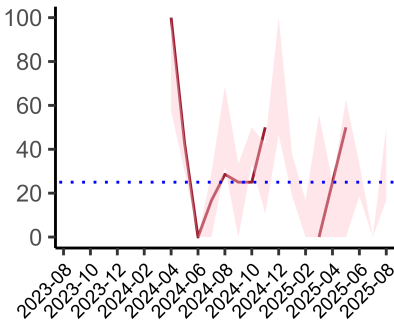
Combined Infection management standard - antibiotic administration within the correct clinical timeframe

National mean 22%
ICB mean 17%
Number of patients included 16
Data completeness 100%



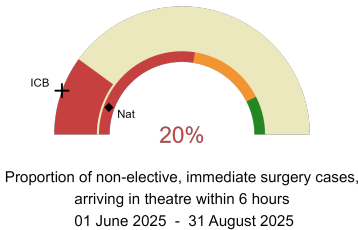
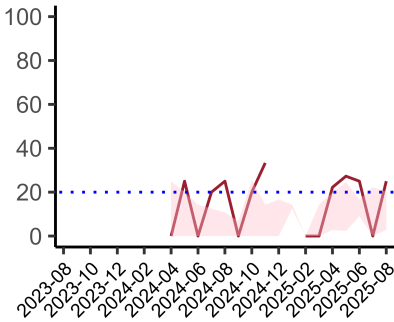
Sepsis/septic shock - antibiotic administration within the correct clinical timeframe

National mean 12%
ICB mean 16%
Number of patients included 15
Data completeness 100%



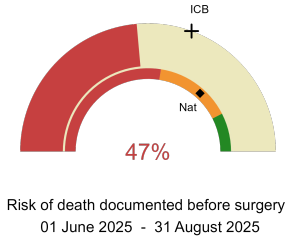
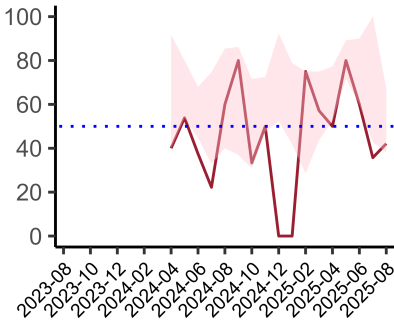
Infection - antibiotic administration within the correct clinical timeframe

National mean 31%
ICB mean 16%
Number of patients included 1
Data completeness 6%



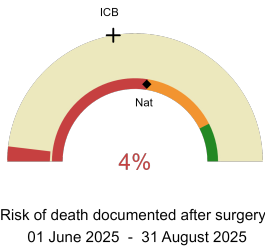
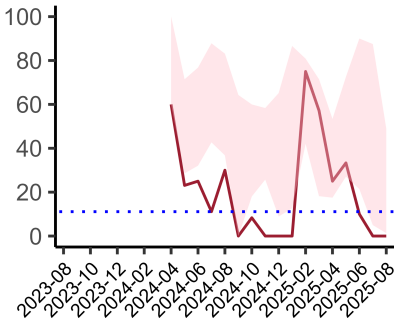
Non-elective, immediate surgery cases, arriving in theatre within 6 hours.

National mean 11%
ICB mean 11%
Number of patients included 30
Data completeness 100%



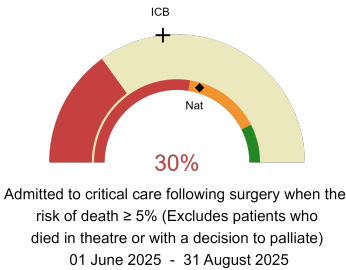
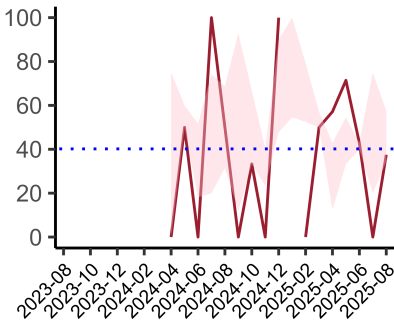
Risk documented before surgery

National mean 73%
ICB mean 61%
Number of patients included 53
Data completeness 100%



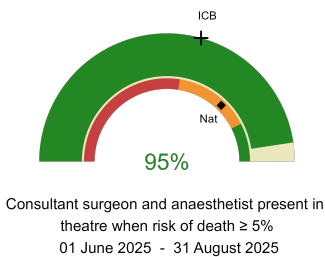
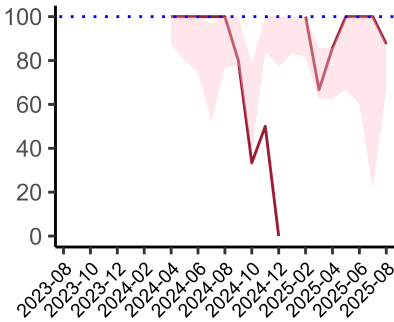
Risk documented after surgery

National mean 55%
ICB mean 45%
Number of patients included 53
Data completeness 100%



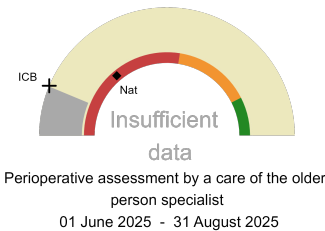
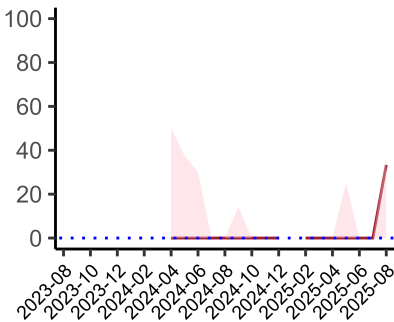
Admitted to Critical Care (risk of death \geq 5%)

National mean 59%
ICB mean 46%
Number of patients included 20
Data completeness 100%



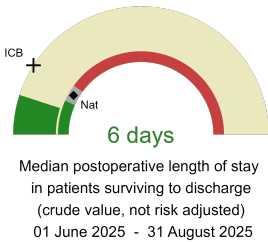
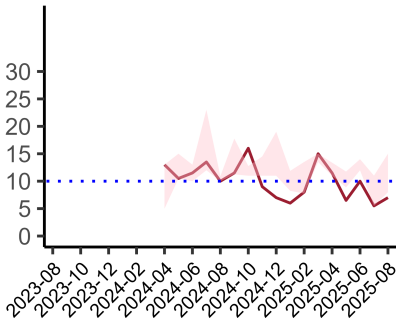
Consultant Anaesthetist & Consultant Surgeon in theatre (risk of death \geq 5%)

National mean 74%
ICB mean 59%
Number of patients included 21
Data completeness 91%



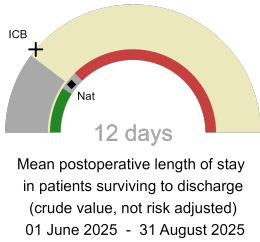
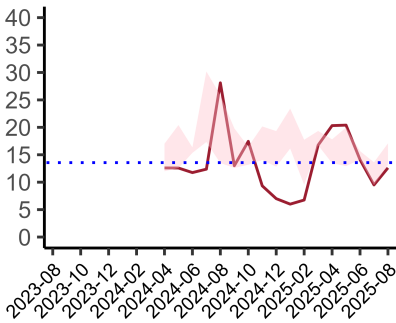
Perioperative Assessment by a member of the geriatrician-led multidisciplinary team for patient aged 65 or over and frail (CFS \geq 5) or 80+

National mean 28%
ICB mean 13%
Number of patients included 8
Data completeness 100%



Median postoperative length of stay

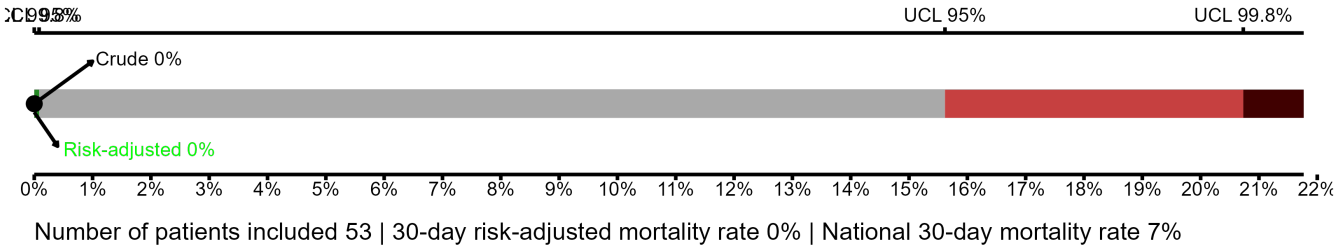
National median 10 days
ICB median 11 days
Number of patients included 51
Data completeness 100%



Mean postoperative length of stay

National mean 14 days
ICB mean 15 days
Number of patients included 51
Data completeness 100%

Risk-Adjusted Mortality



Integrated Care Board

Ulster hospital is part of the Northern Ireland ICB. This comprises Antrim Area Hospital, Altnagelvin Hospital, Causeway Hospital, Craigavon Area Hospital, Ulster hospital, Royal Victoria Hospital, Belfast City Hospital.