

# **QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PLAN (QIP) TARGETS QUARTERLY TRUST BOARD REPORT**

***VTE***

***6 May 2021***

## PROGRESS TO DATE (as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021)

VTE is an important cause of death in hospital patients, and treatment of non-fatal symptomatic VTE and related long-term morbidities is associated with considerable cost to the health service. NICE guidance has been endorsed by Department of Health (DoH) and implemented in Northern Ireland. Assessing the risks of VTE and bleeding is a key priority for implementation of the guidelines.

Regionally developed patient information leaflets and VTE promotion posters have been supplied to wards.

Compliance with completion of the VTE Risk Assessment within 24hrs of admission is a Commissioning Priority and Trust compliance is reported quarterly to the PHA via a SharePoint site. The target is to sustain improvement with VTE risk assessment across all adult inpatient hospital wards to achieve 95% compliance throughout 2020/21. Compliance reported to the PHA for 2020/21 is as follows:-

Year	Quarter	No. of records audited which achieve compliance with completed VTE risk assessment	Number of records audited	Percentage Compliance
2020/21	Apr-20	54	57	94.7%
	May-20	66	68	97.1%
	Jun-20	46	46	100%
	Jul-20	105	106	99.1%
	Aug-20	122	124	98.4%
	Sep-20	129	134	96.3%
	Oct-20	71	72	98.6%
	Nov-20	103	106	97.2%
	Dec-20	73	76	96.1%
	Jan-21	104	106	98.1%
	Feb-21	130	135	96.3%
	Mar-21	121	128	94.5%
	<b>YTD</b>	<b>1124</b>	<b>1158</b>	<b>97.1%</b>

*NB. Figures highlighted in red in the table above are provisional as Quarter 4 is not due to be reported to the PHA until end of May 2021. Whilst monthly percentage compliance appears high, these figures reflect compliance in relation to the number of audits actually submitted each month and does not represent the total number of adult inpatient wards within the Trust.*

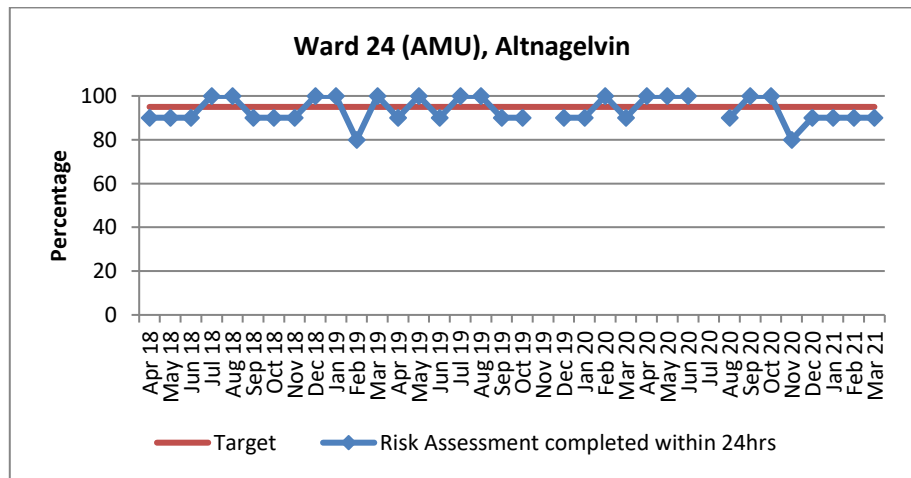
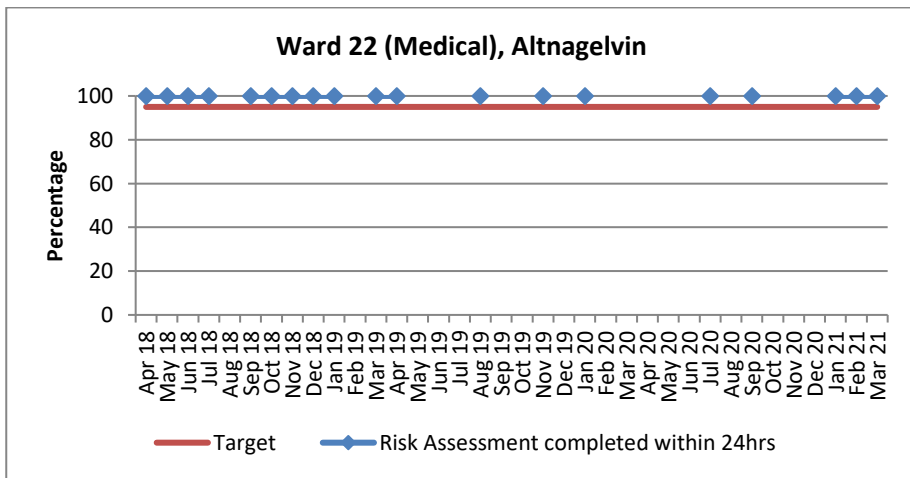
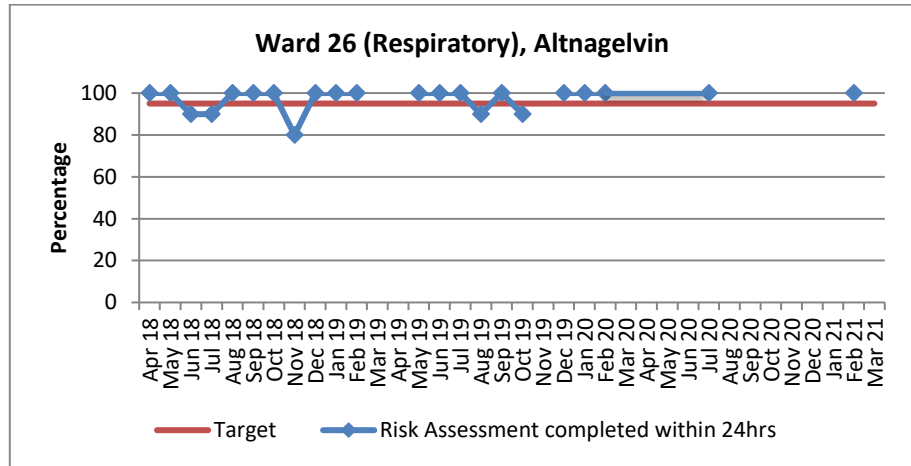
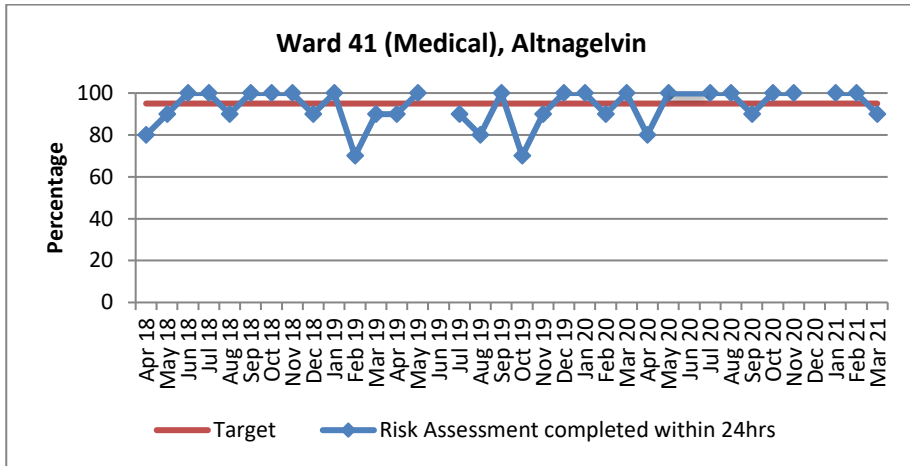
Compliance with completion of monthly VTE audits remains a challenge for some wards and the number of monthly audits submitted during 2020/21 was significantly reduced due to the COVID-19 pandemic. In response to the COVID-19 emergency, it was agreed by the (A) Deputy Medical Director that the requirement to submit monthly VTE audits should be temporarily stood down during April to June 2020. However, several wards continued to submit monthly audits during this period. Following discussion at the Corporate Safety Team meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2020 it was agreed that all adult inpatient wards should recommence monthly auditing from July 2020. A letter was issued by the Associate Medical Director for Clinical Governance & Patient Safety to all VTE Leads to advise them of this decision and to remind them that completion of monthly VTE audits for all adult inpatient wards is a regional commissioning priority and compliance is monitored by the Public Health Agency.

Whilst completion of monthly VTE audits has improved slightly since July 2020, the number of monthly audits submitted continues to be lower than previous years. Monthly reminder emails continue to be issued to the VTE Leads for all adult inpatient wards and compliance continues to be monitored as a standing agenda item by the Trust VTE Group. The VTE dashboard is also included within the Clinical Quality & Safety Directorate Reports which are shared quarterly with Directorate Governance Groups.

Monthly compliance by ward is recorded in the run charts below:-

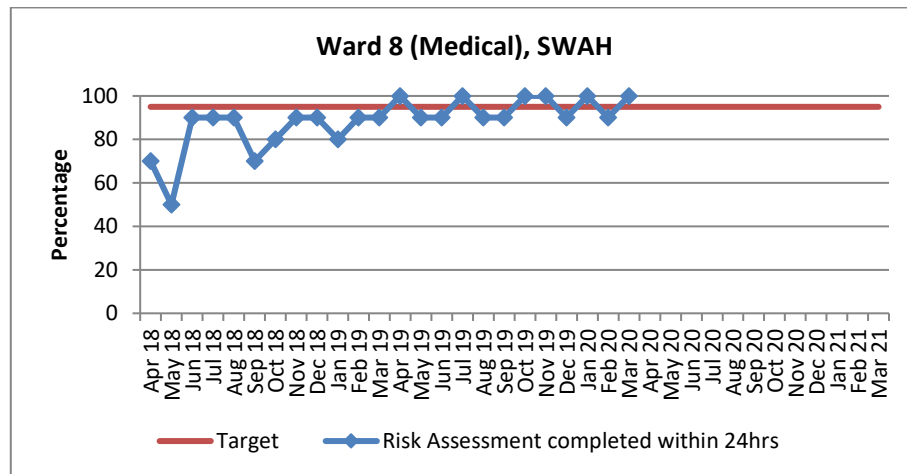
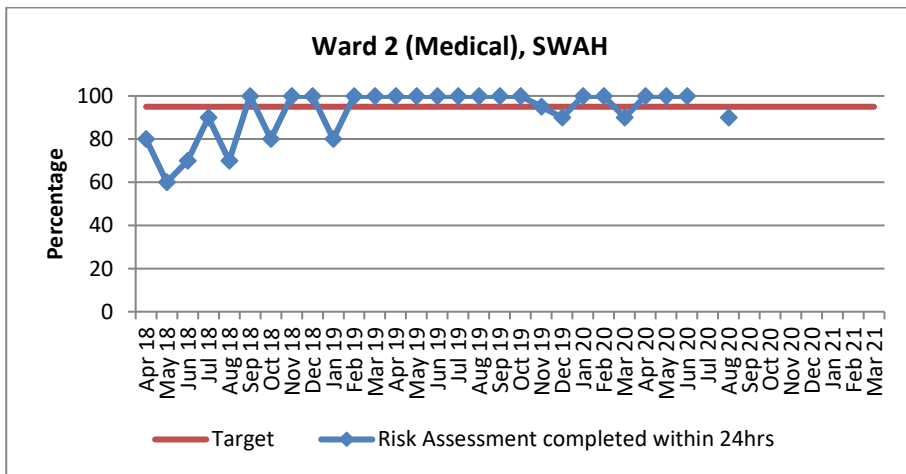
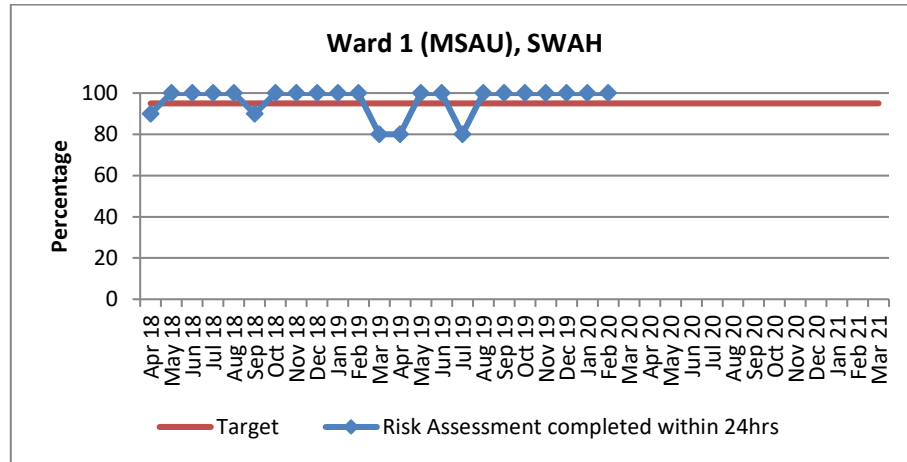
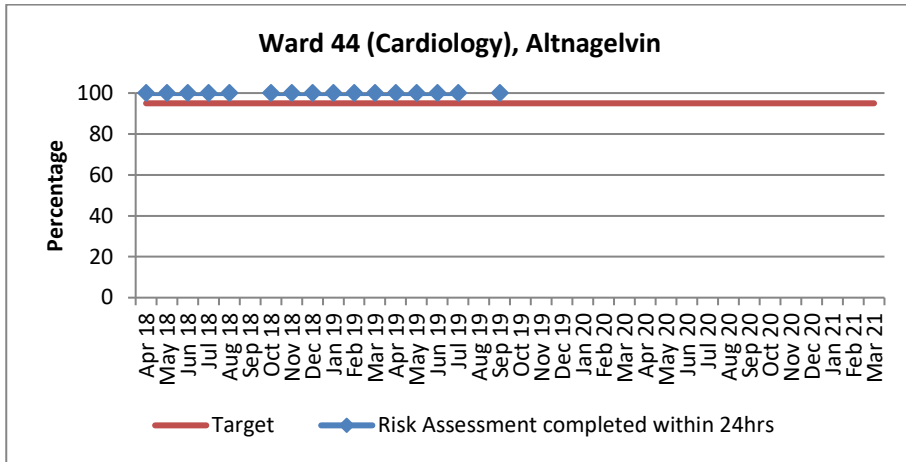
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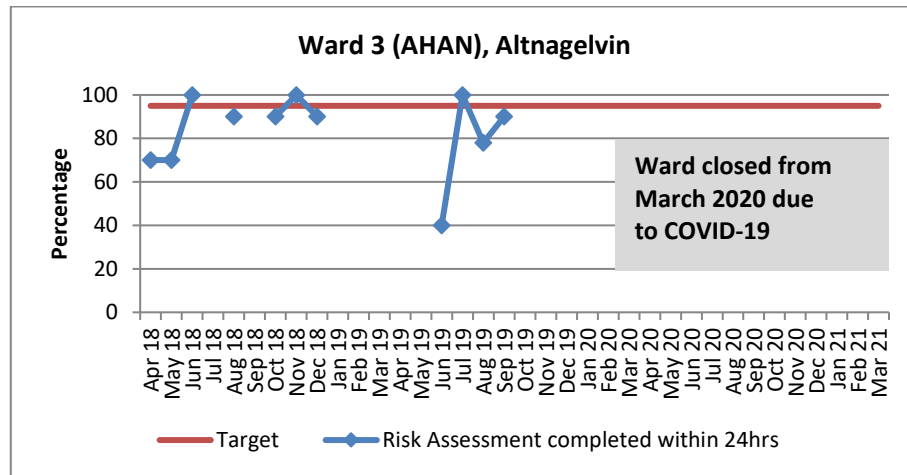
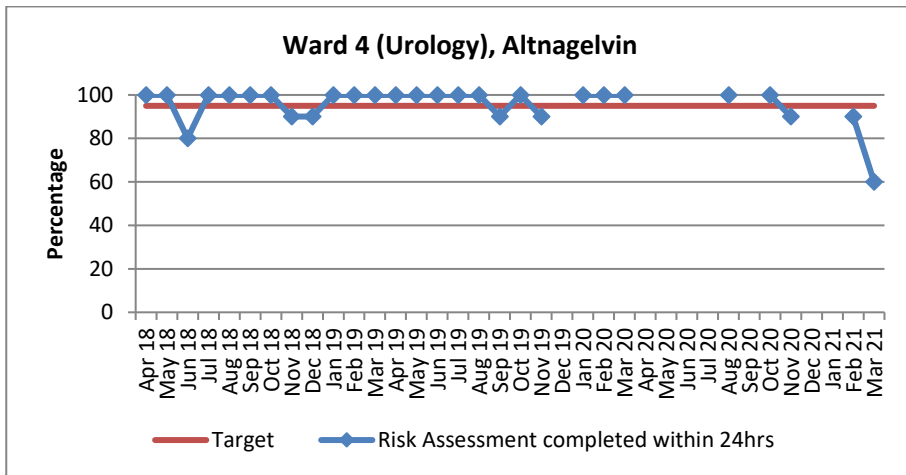
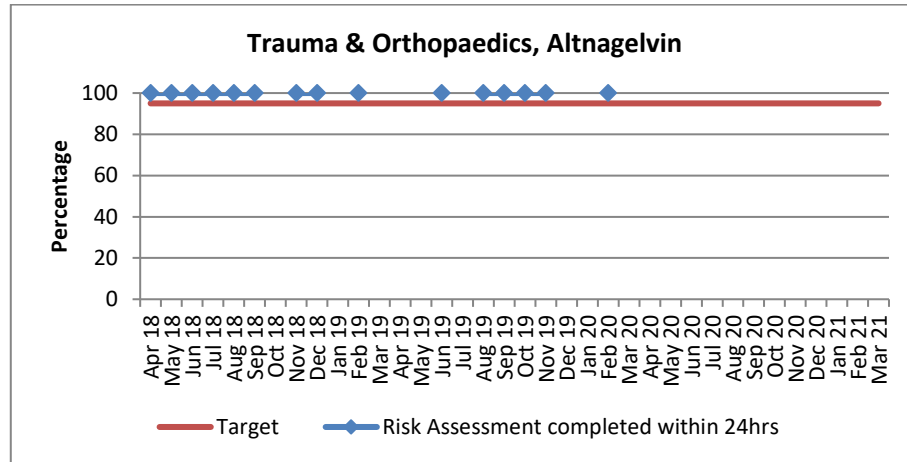
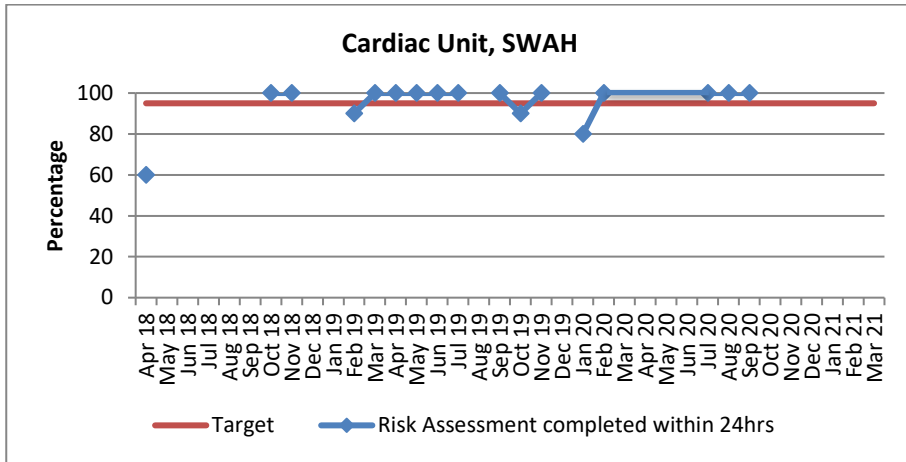
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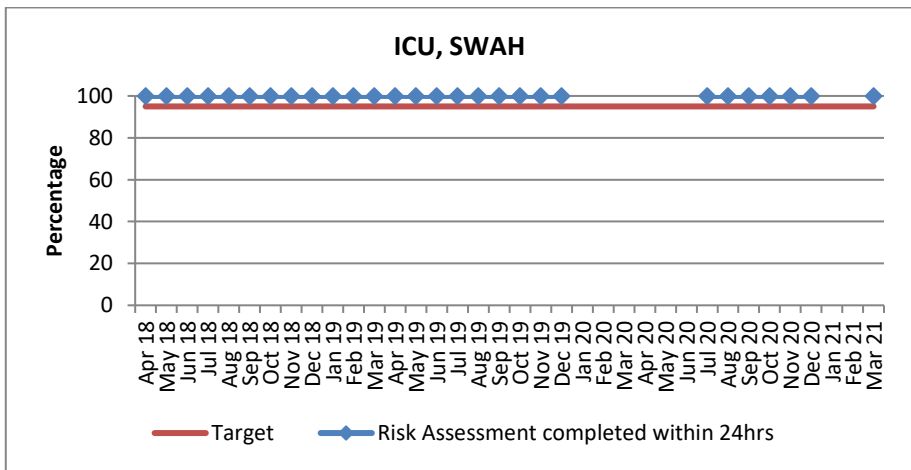
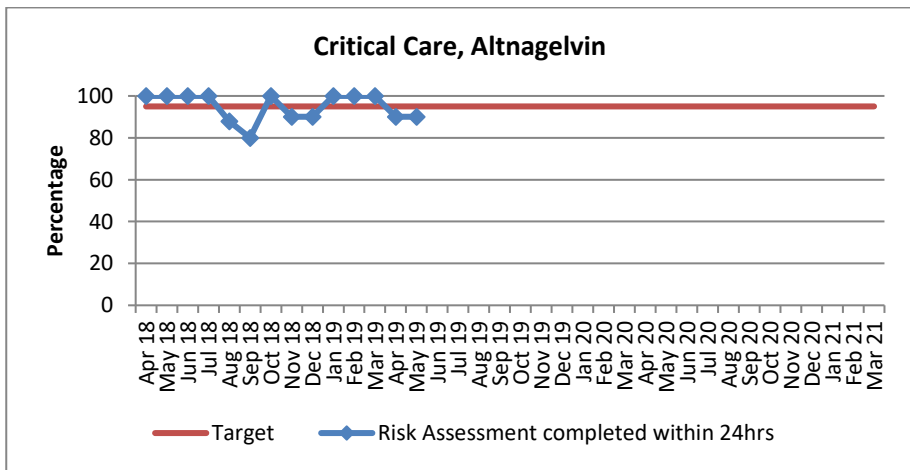
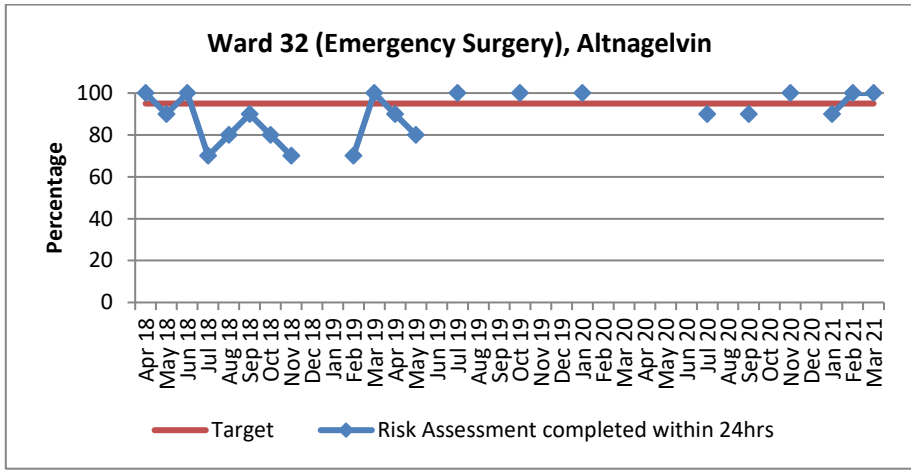
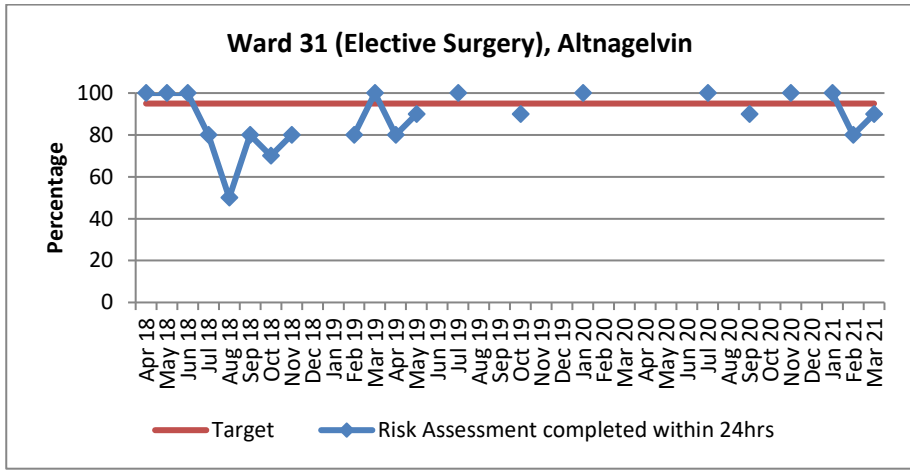
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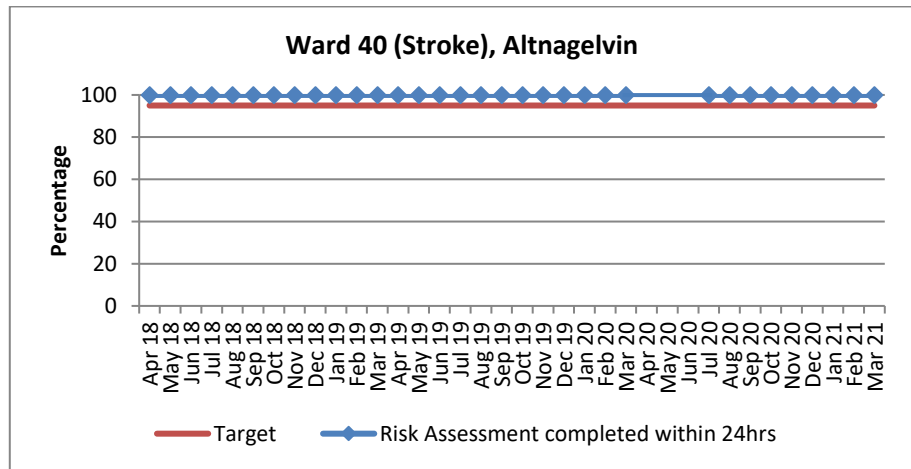
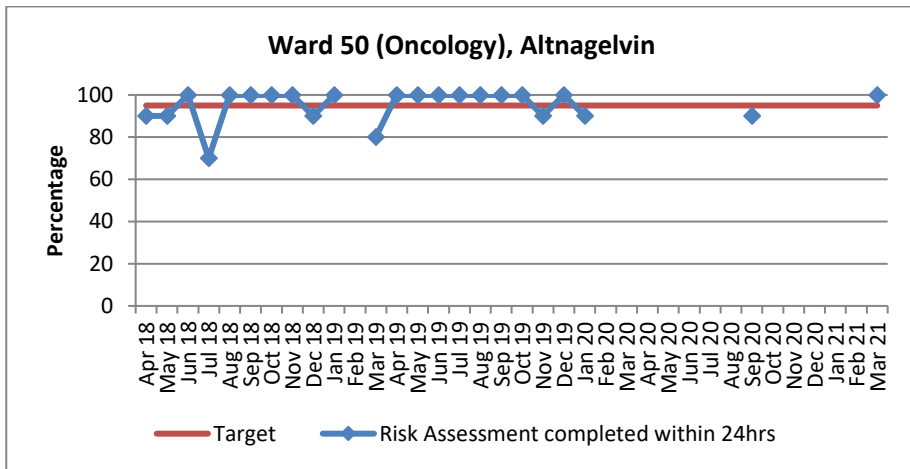
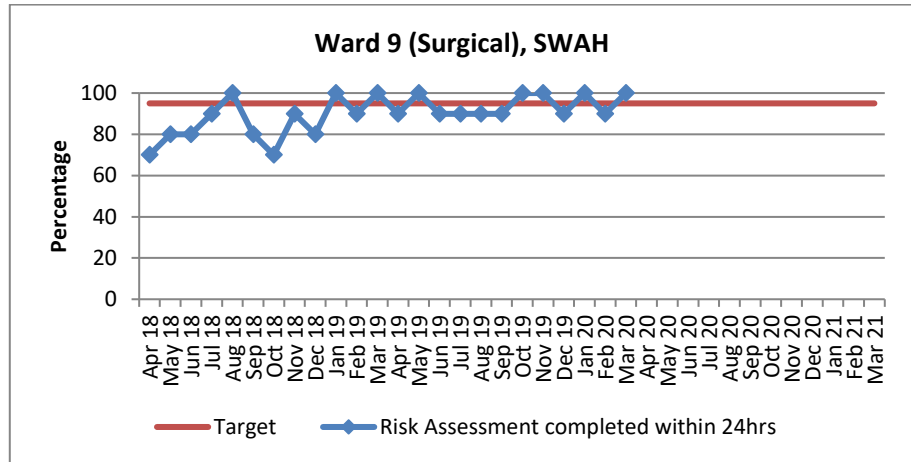
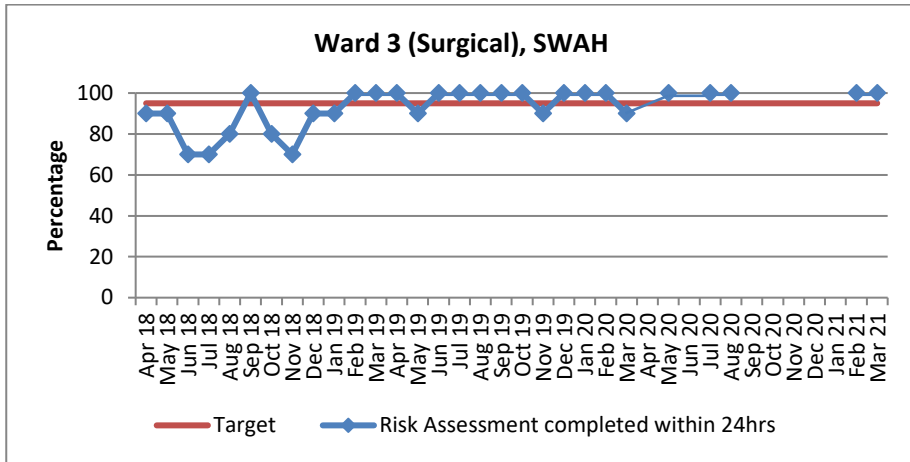
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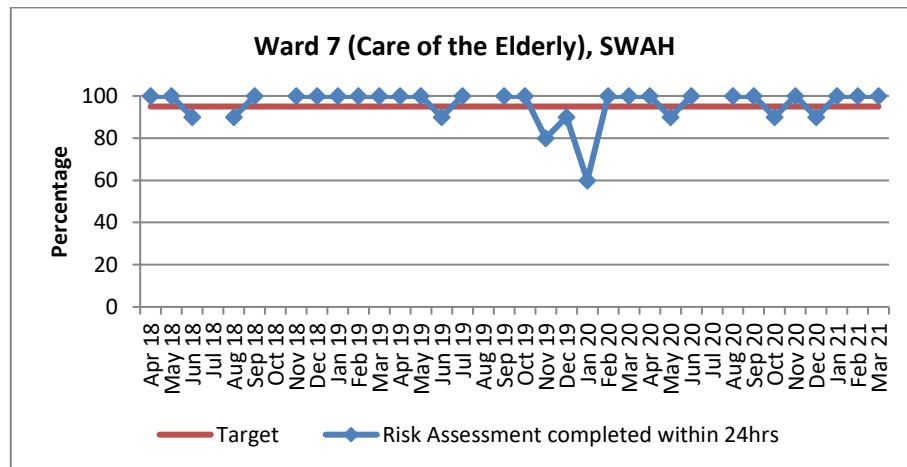
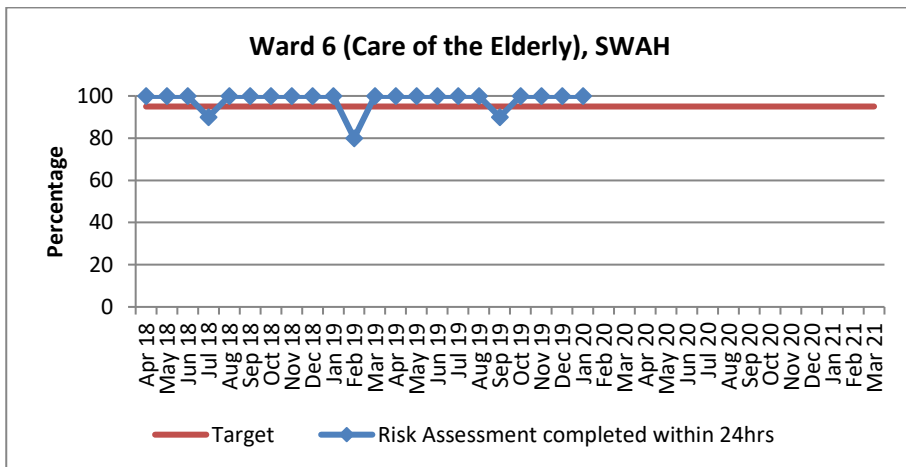
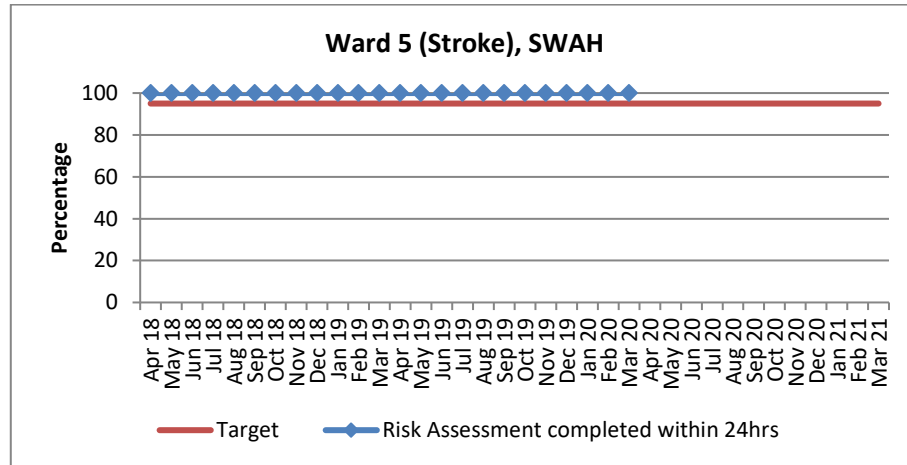
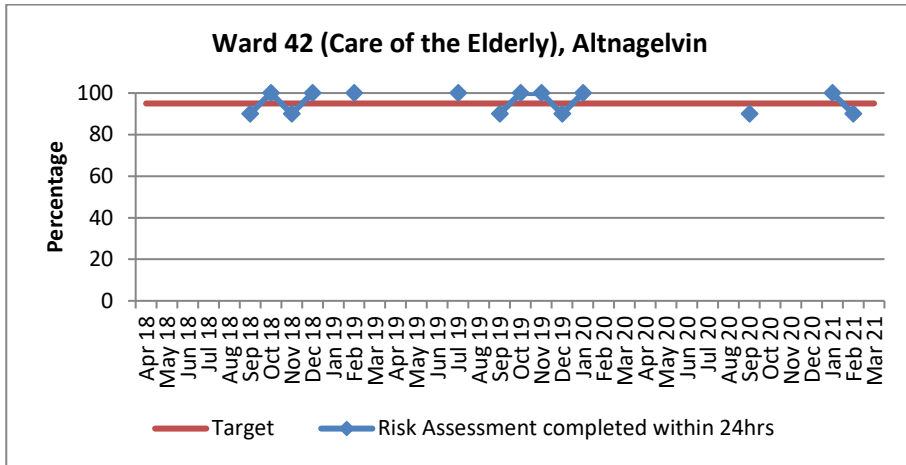
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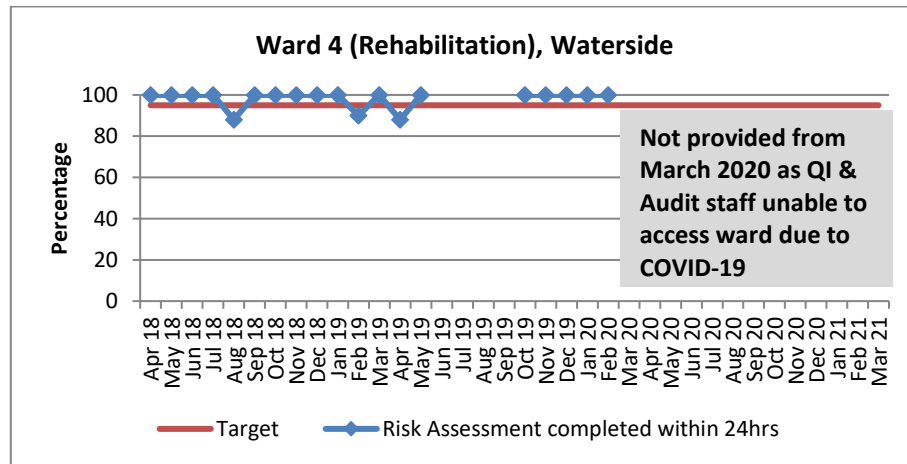
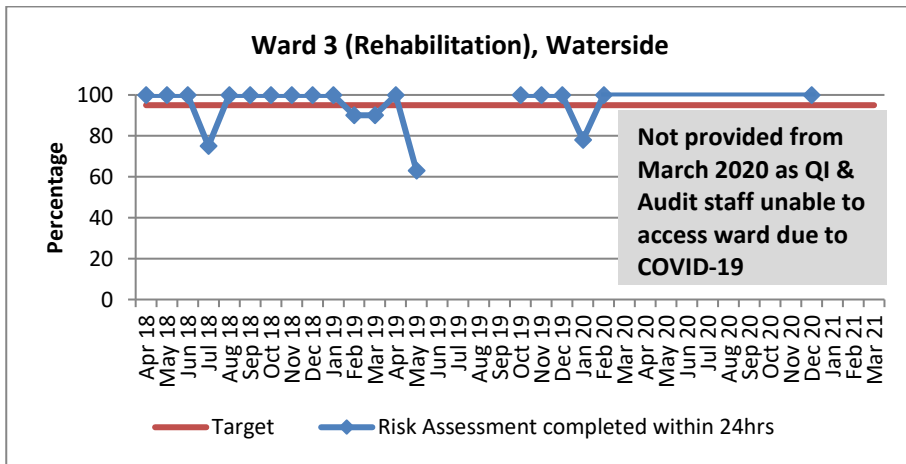
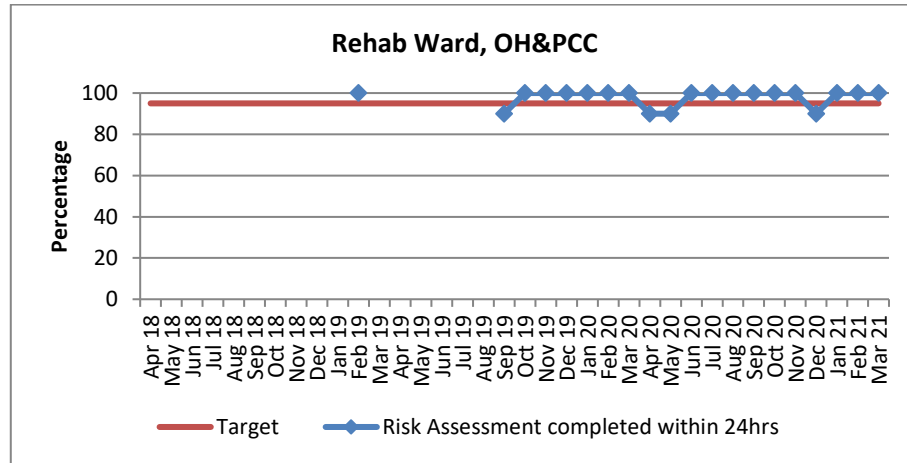
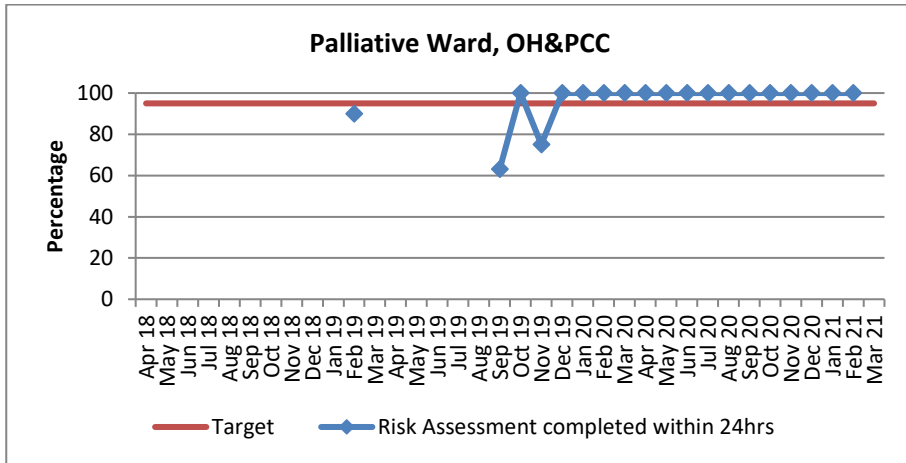
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