

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

FALLS

3 February 2022

PROGRESS TO DATE

Falls continue to be the highest reported incident within the Trust. Work is ongoing to raise awareness regarding preventing falls throughout the Trust. This work is supported by the Professional Nursing Team and the Falls Integrated Pathway Coordinator through the Trust Slips, Trips and Falls Group. The group has updated the Policy to support reduction of Slips, Trips and Falls for Adult inpatients which now includes an additional risk assessment for those who report a fear of falling, have had a fall in the last twelve months or are assessed as having a risk of falling. The group has also created four further sub groups to look at specific areas these are: Education and Learning; Reduction of falls that result in moderate and above harm; Assessment and documentation & Environment and equipment. These sub groups update the Slips Trips and Falls group on progress on a quarterly basis.

The Falls Bundle tool continues to be audited monthly with results recorded on the Nursing SharePoint site. Up until recently the Trust had been completing bi-monthly audits these are now monthly as requested by the PHA. Compliance with the bundle appears relatively static in most areas, areas that have poor compliance are discussed at local level and directorate governance meetings for assurance that actions are taken and monitored to show improvement.

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic the Trust has severe workforce challenges and nursing dependency challenges, this has impeded much of the good quality improvement work that had begun previously. This is evident in Quarter 4 2020/21 to present with an increase in falls per 1,000 bed days. Further contributing factors to this is the single rooms within the North Wing of Altnagelvin Hospital and within SWAH hospital. Also visiting has been significantly reduced and at times suspended, this has meant that there were less family members around to monitor or prevent falls before they occurred and alert staff to potential falls. The ability to get enhanced care (1-1's) covered through Bank or Agency has also contributed to the number of falls.

Reporting of moderate and above harm is ongoing to the PHA, learning from these incidents is shared locally at wards / departments and also through the Slips Trips and Falls group.

Review of moderate and above falls is supported by the Falls Integrated Pathway Coordinator. Work has begun to establish a new falls learning group that will focus on improving prevention of falls and enhance shared learning.

Due to staff challenges throughout the year the Falls Collaborative has not met as frequently as desired and this is due to recommence imminently.

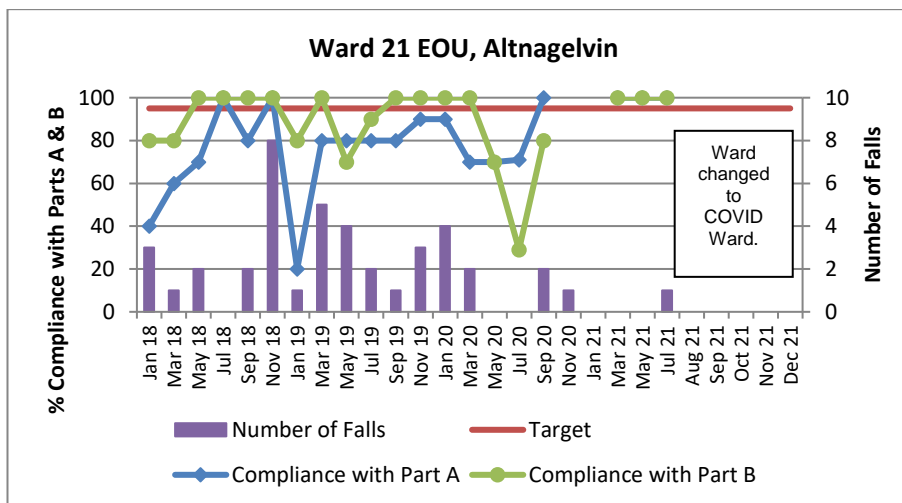
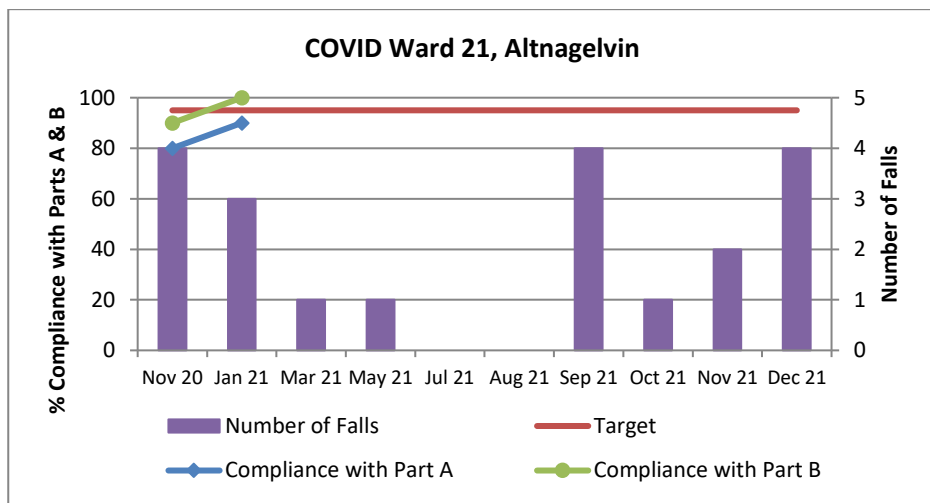
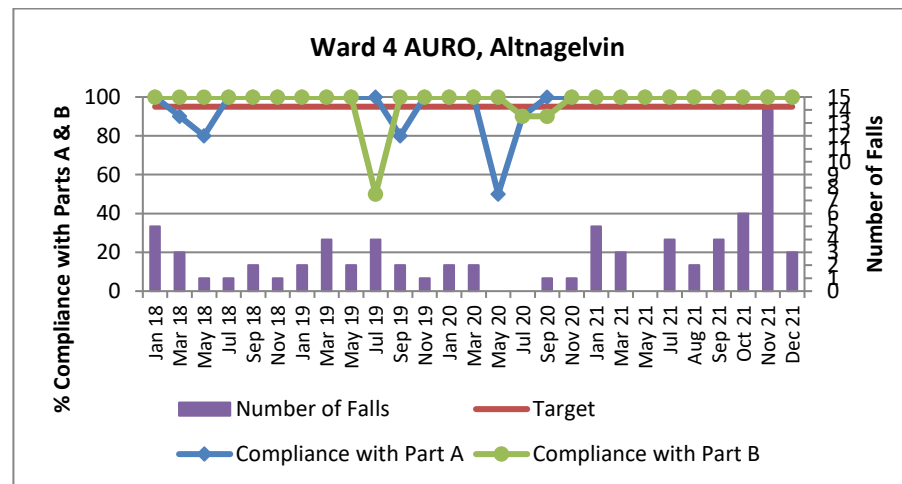
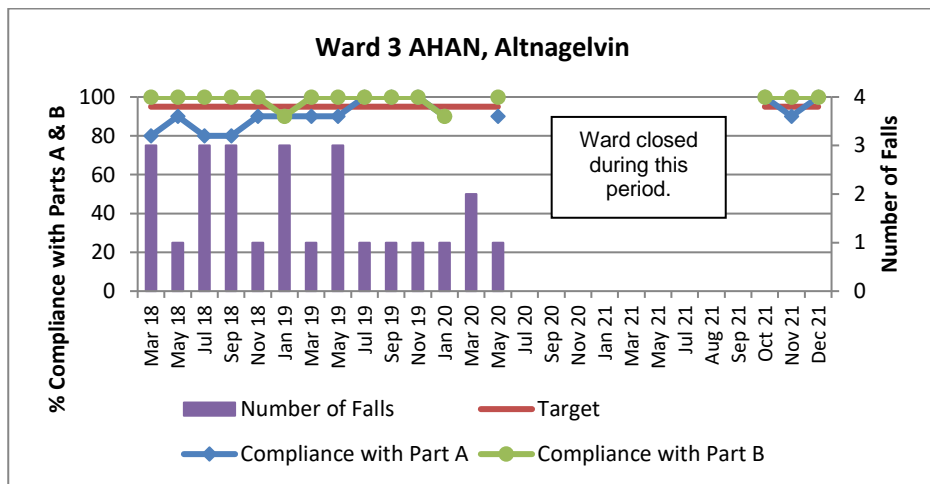
During the pandemic some wards were closed or reassigned to a new speciality and this is captured in the charts below.

Quarter	Rate per 1,000 bed days for No. of Falls	Rate per 1,000 bed days for No. of Falls resulting in harm (Moderate Major or Catastrophic)
Quarter 1 2020/21	7.00	0.14
Quarter 2 2020/21	6.24	0.22
Quarter 3 2020/21	7.45	0.13
Quarter 4 2020/21	8.02	0.11
Quarter 1 2021/22	Rates per 1,000 bed days for Quarters 1 & 2 2021/22 are unavailable as the occupied bed days have not been released as yet by the PHA.	
Quarter 2 2021/22		

The overall Trust compliance with the Fallsafe Bundle for December 2021 was 94% for both Part A and Part B. Compliance for each adult inpatient ward is demonstrated in the graphs

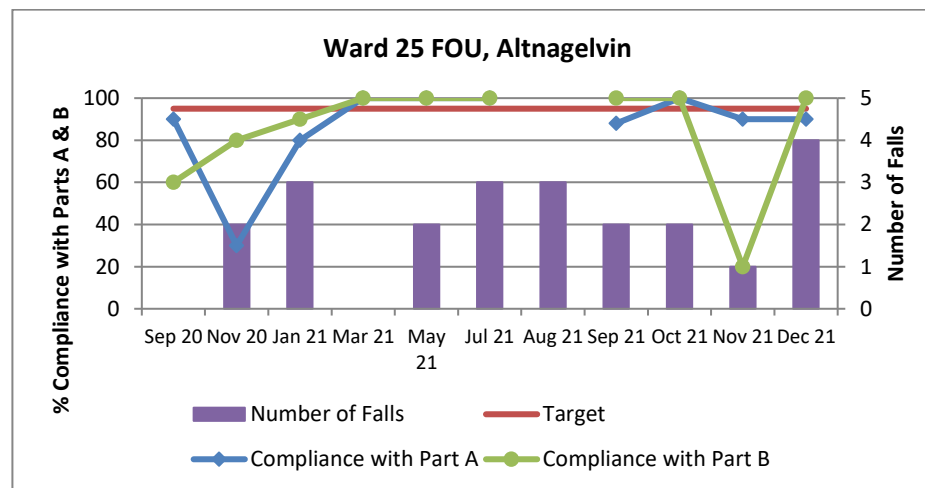
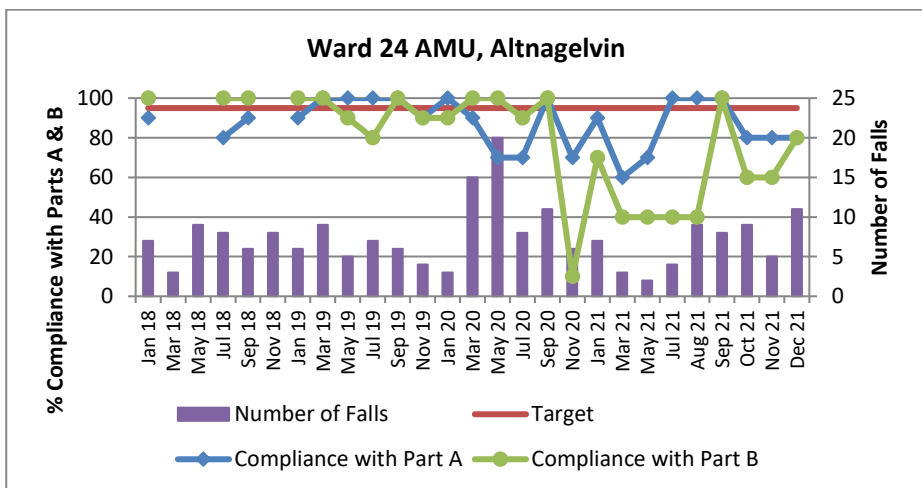
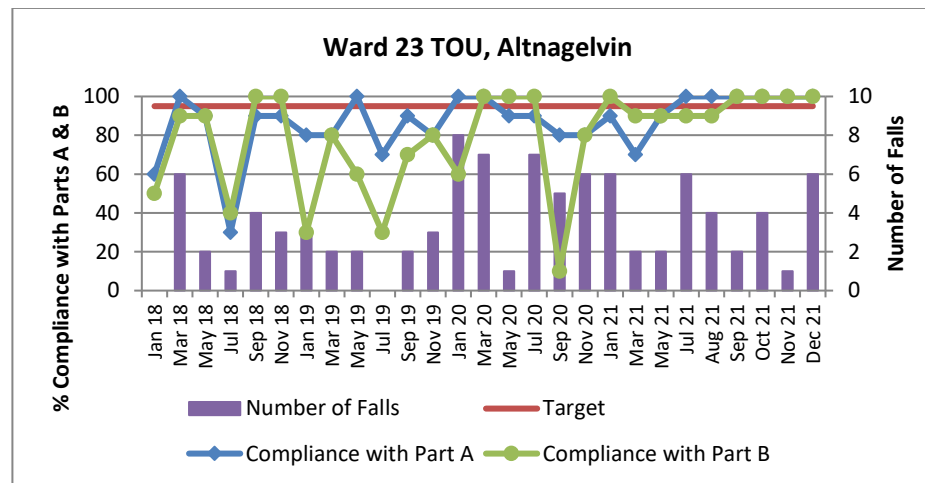
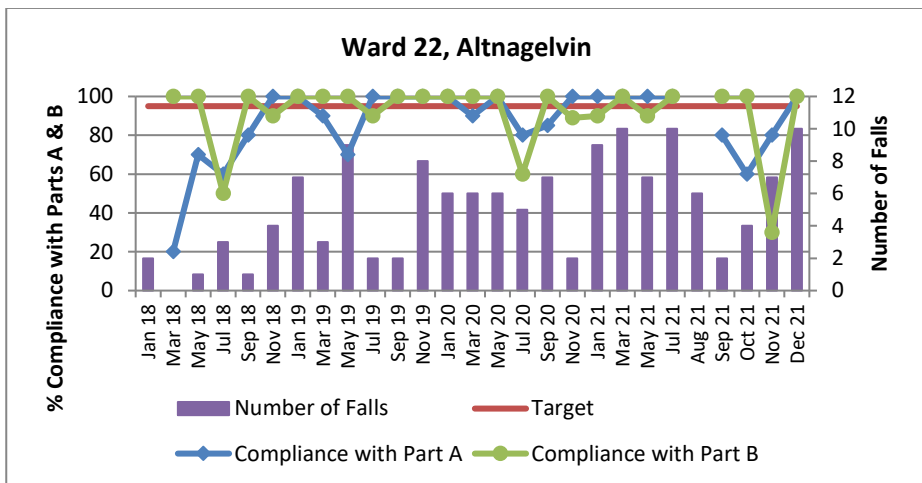
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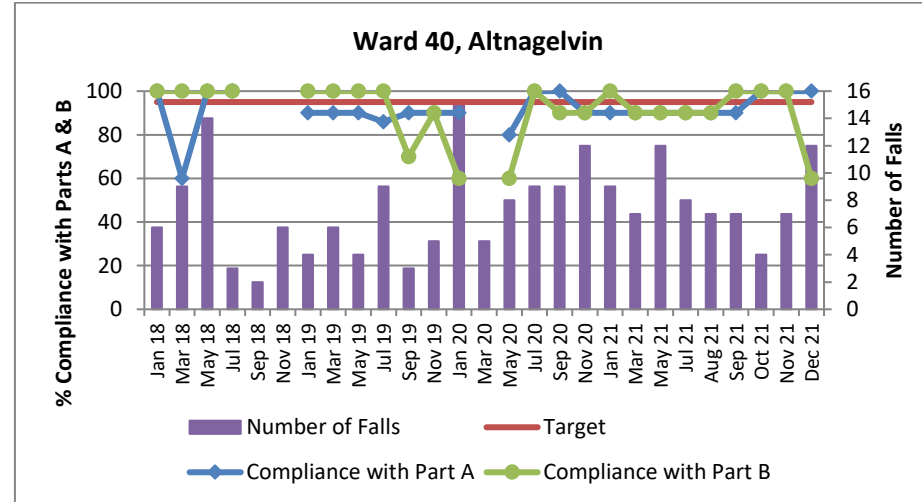
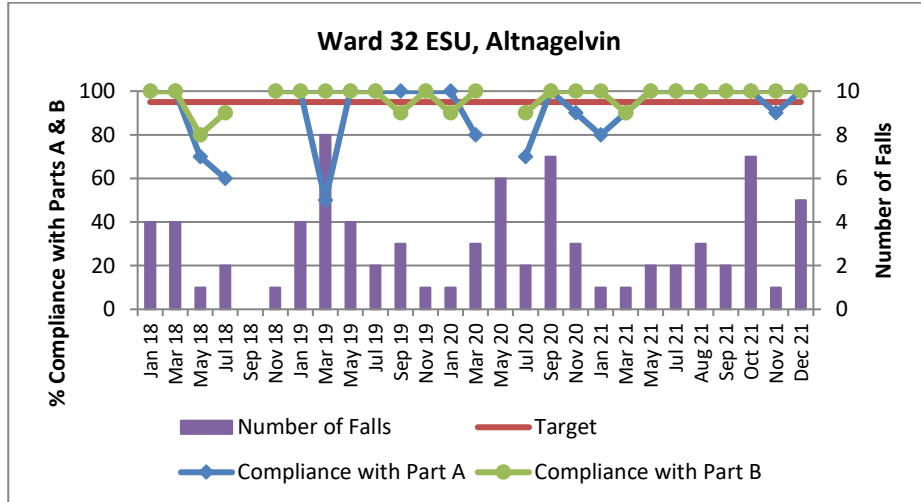
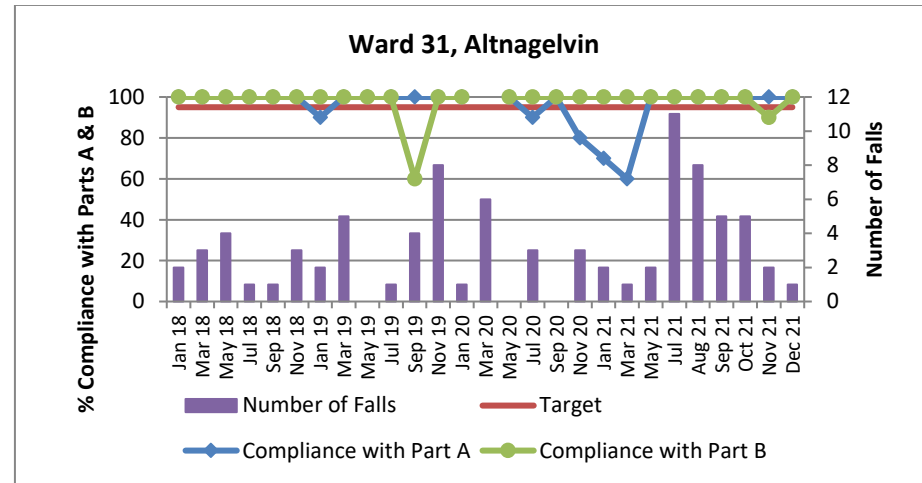
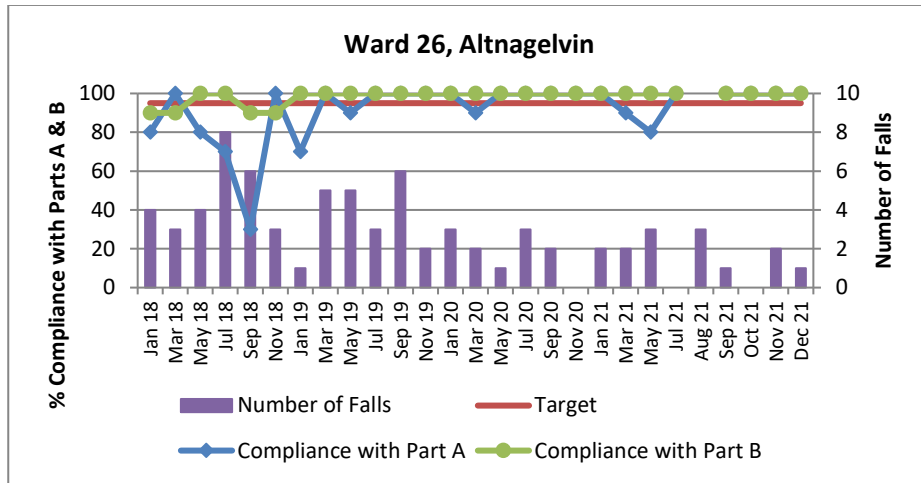
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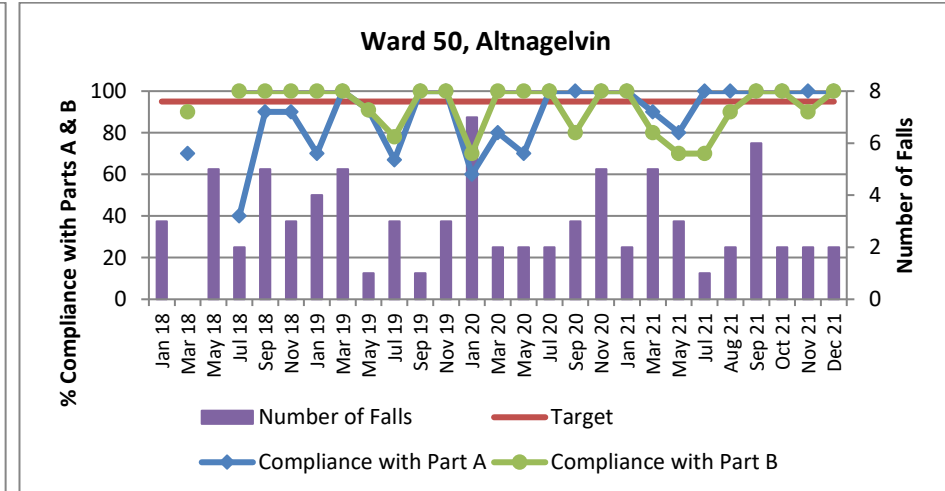
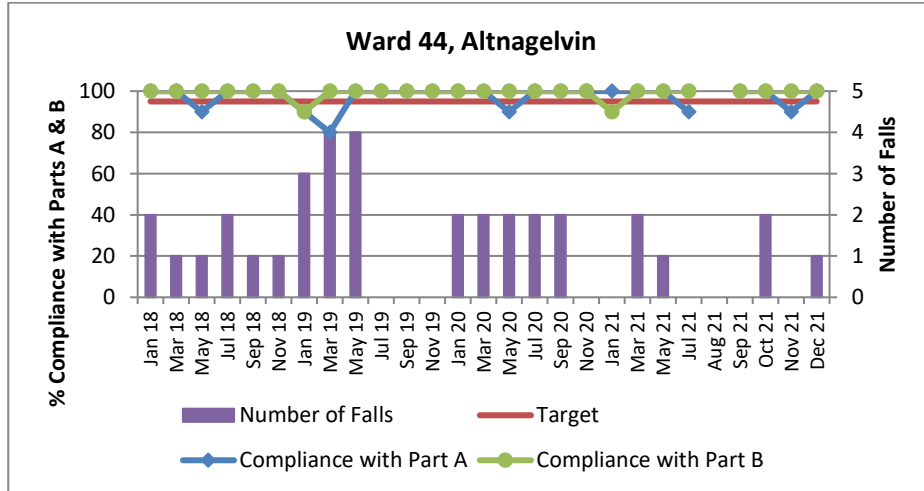
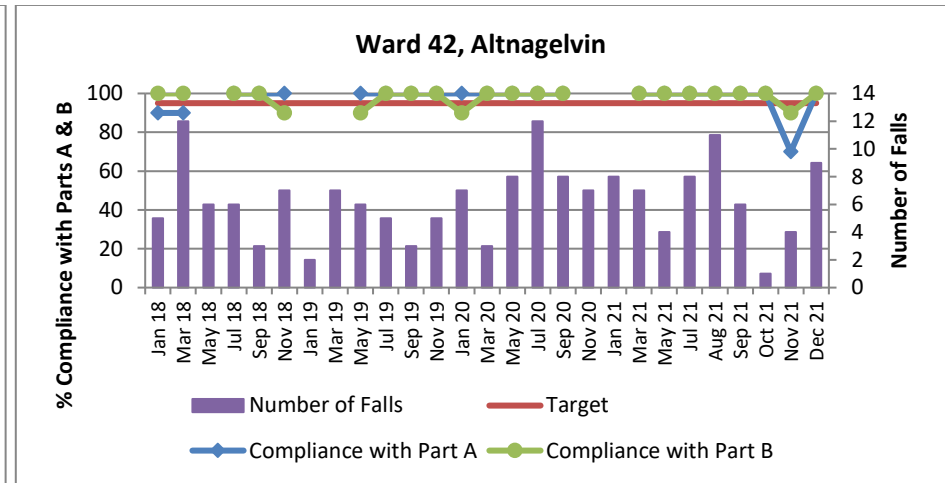
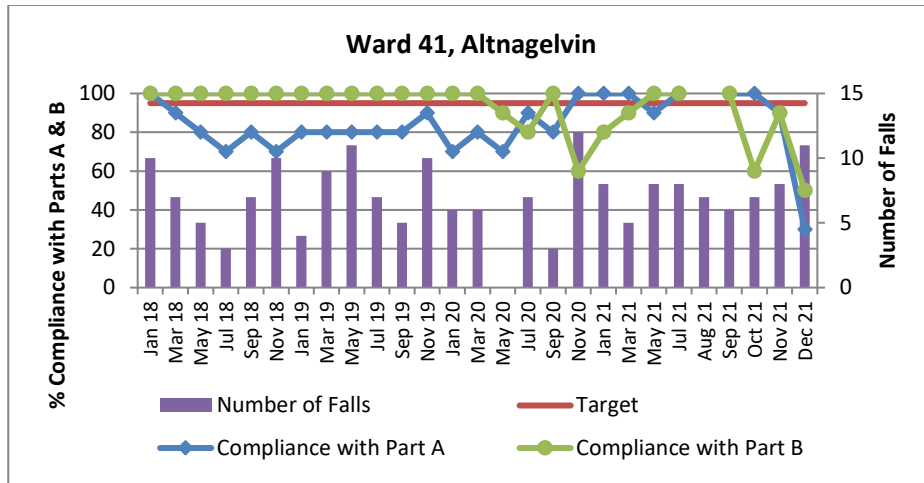
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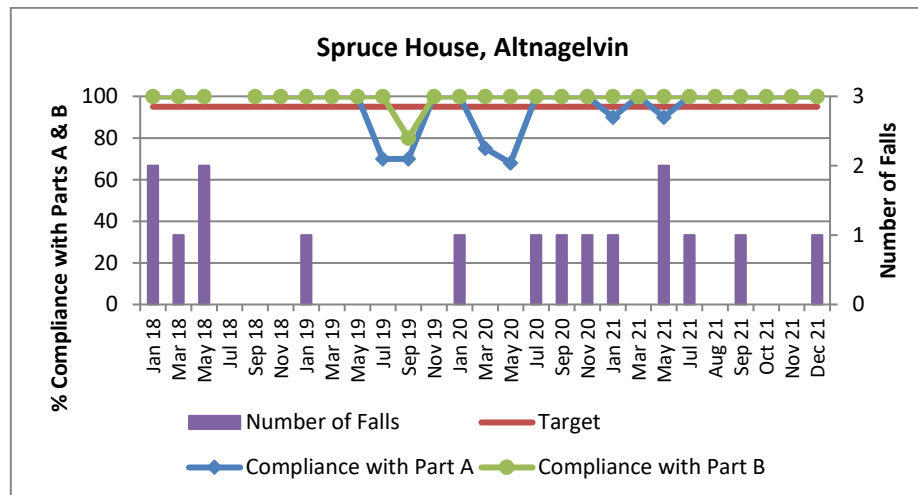
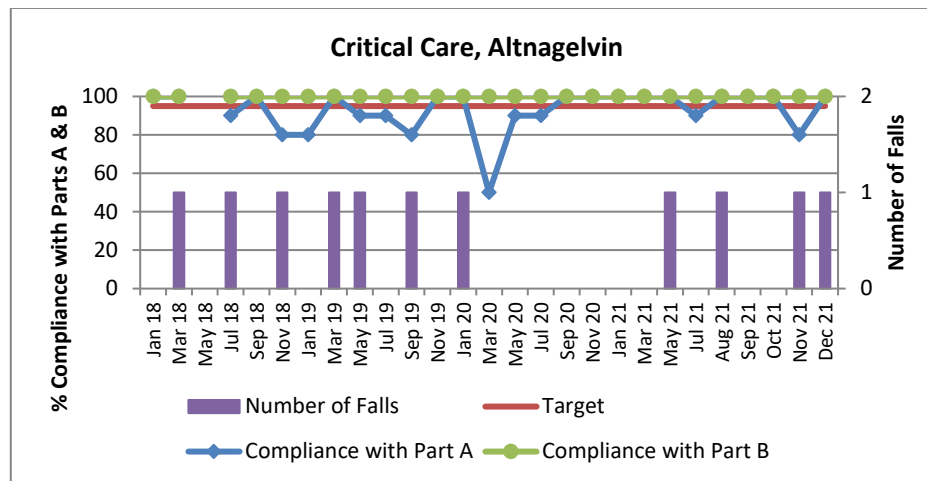
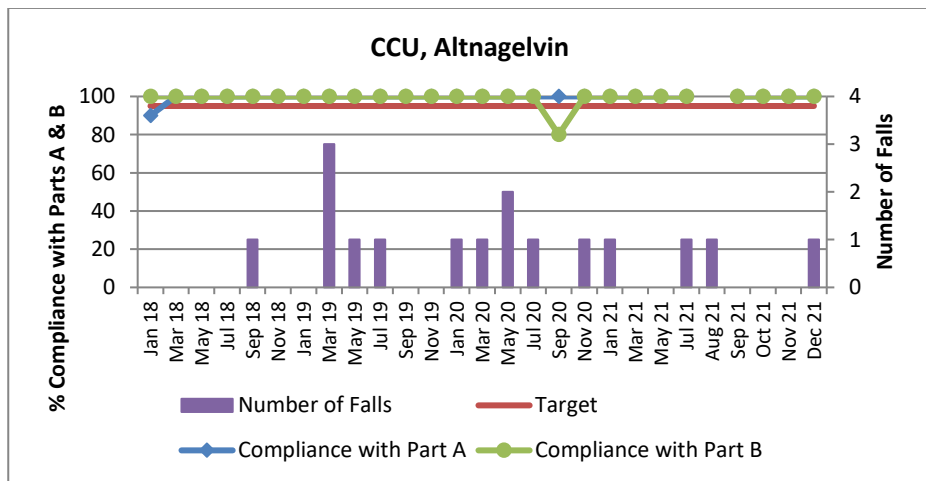
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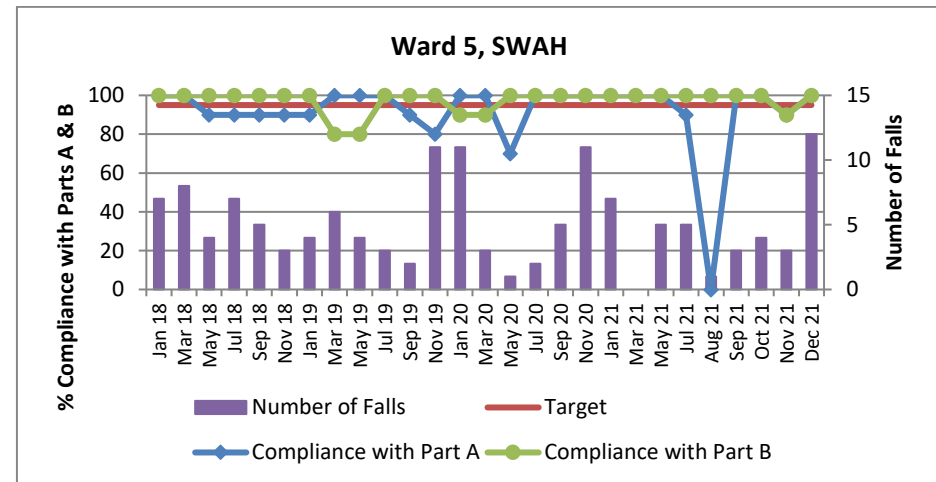
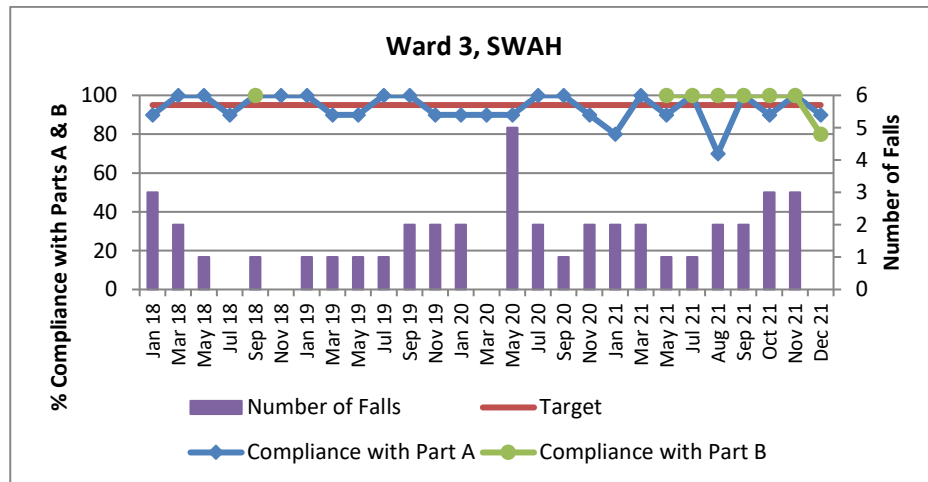
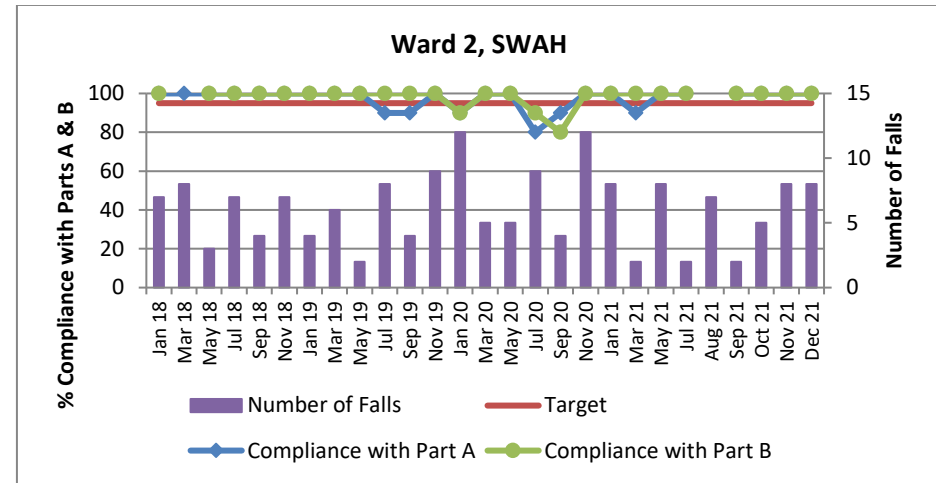
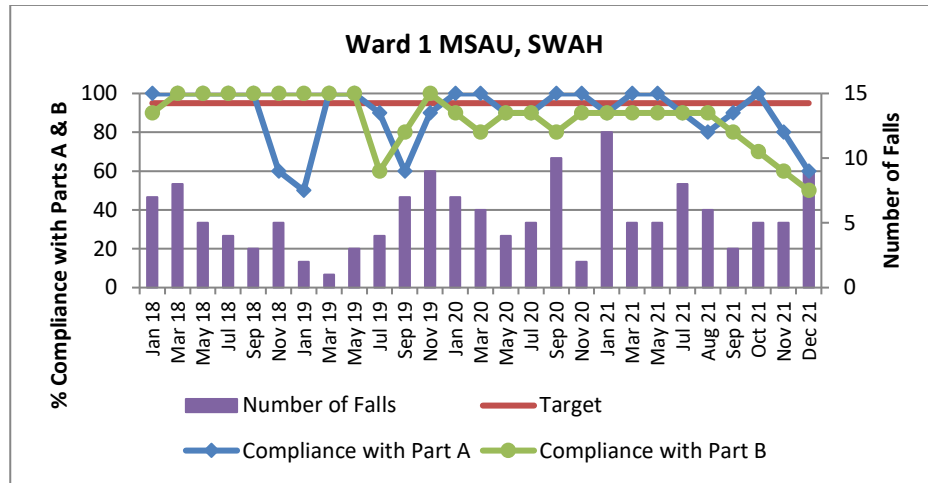
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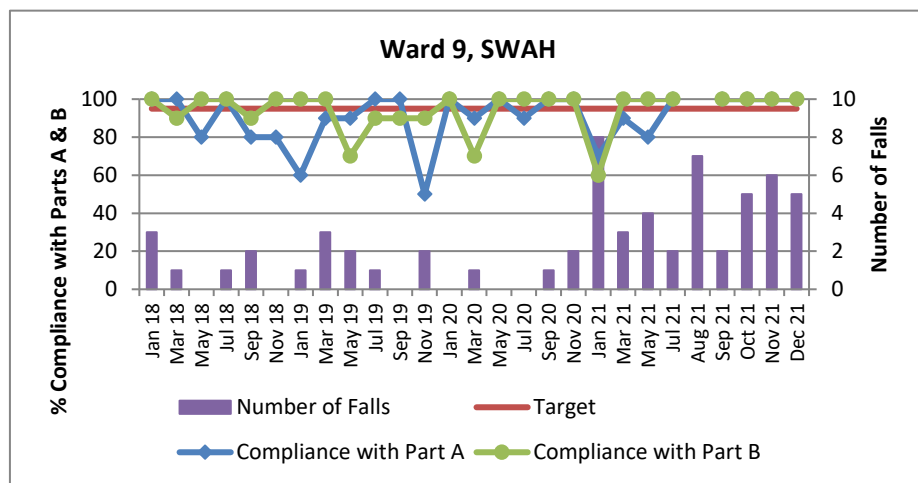
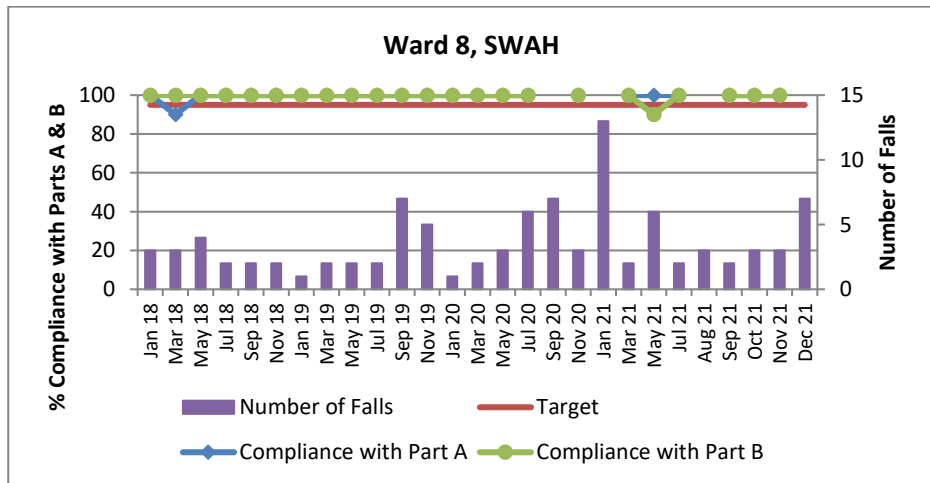
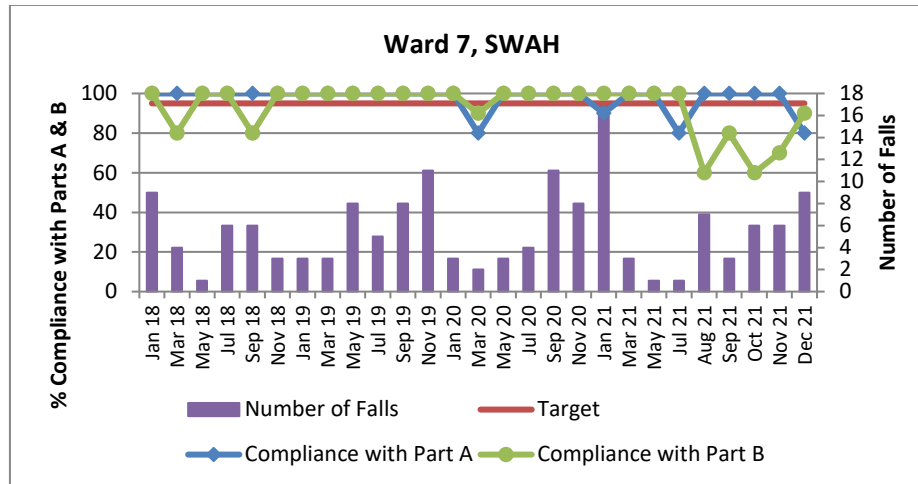
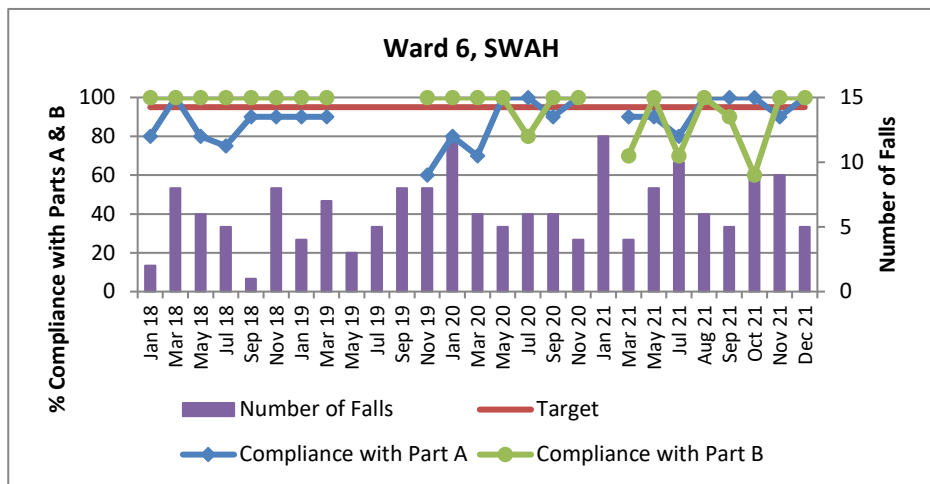
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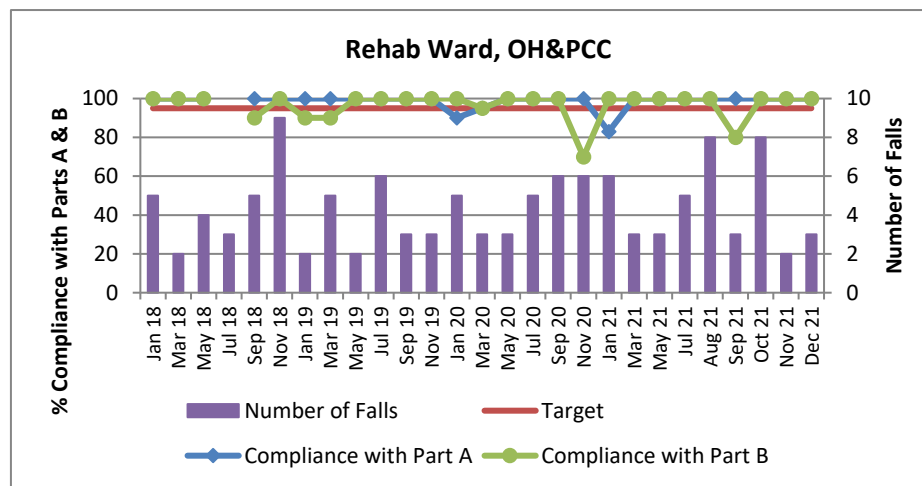
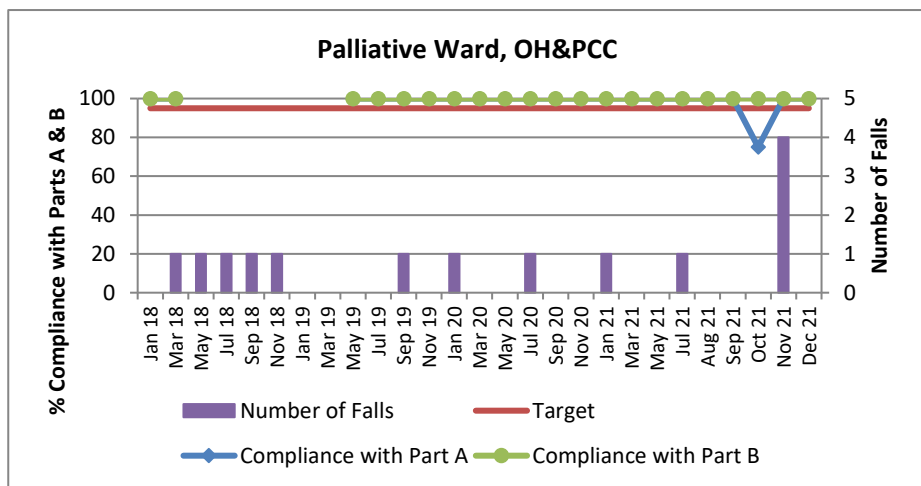
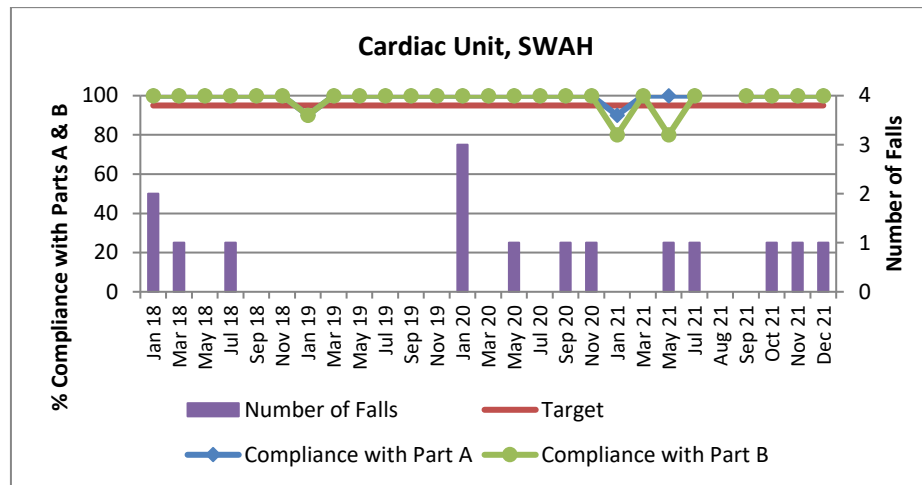
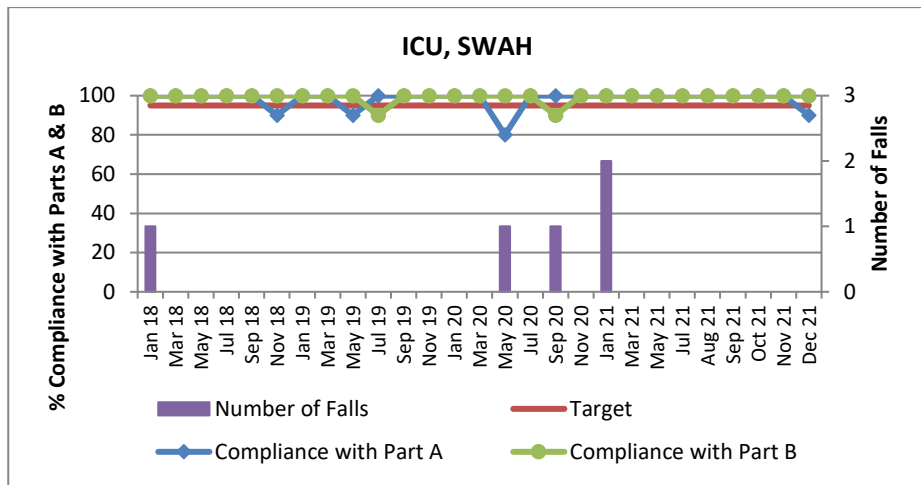
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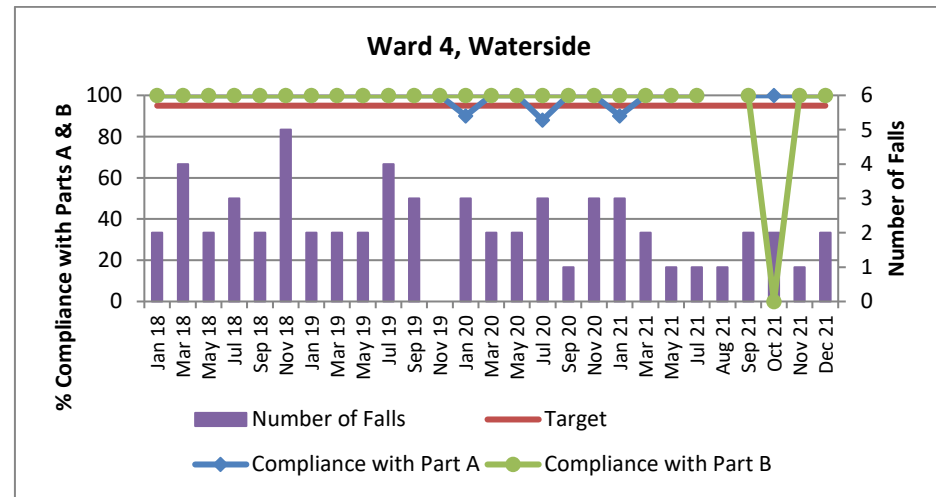
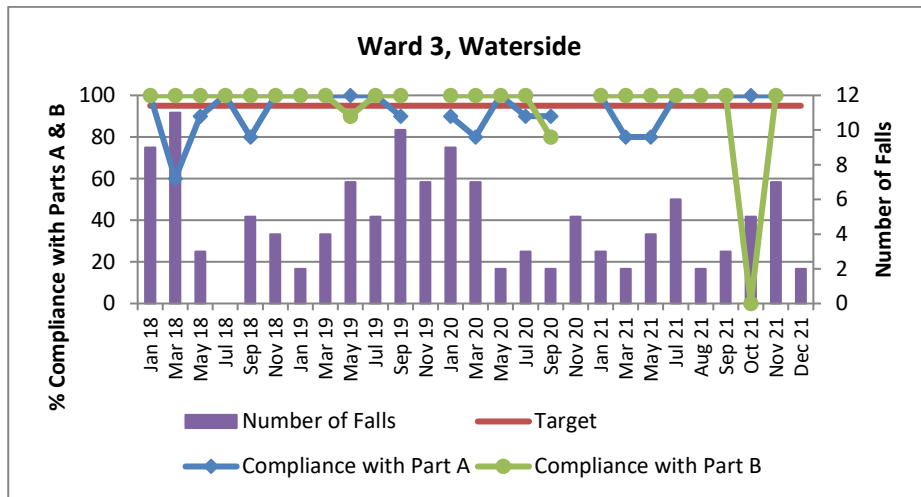
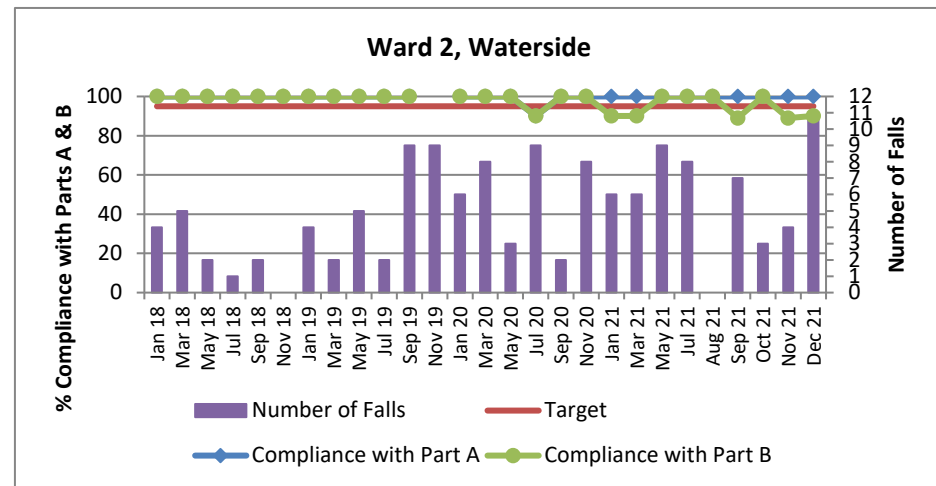
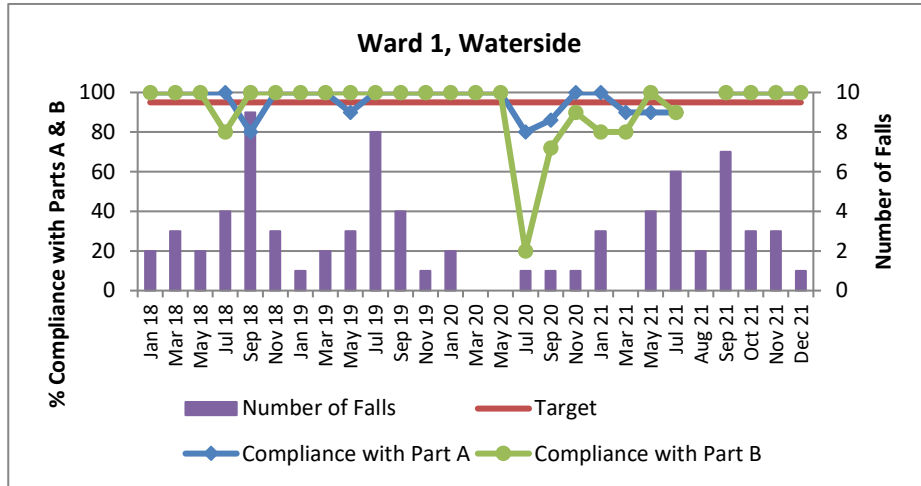
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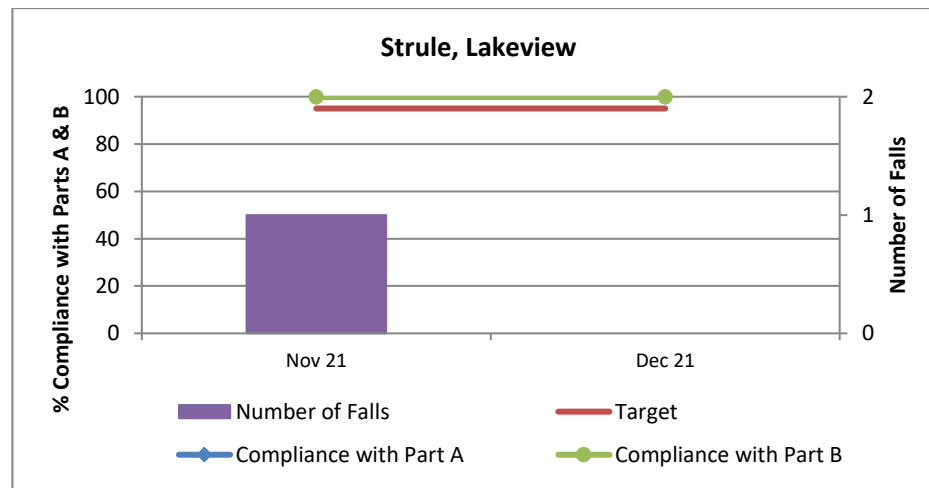
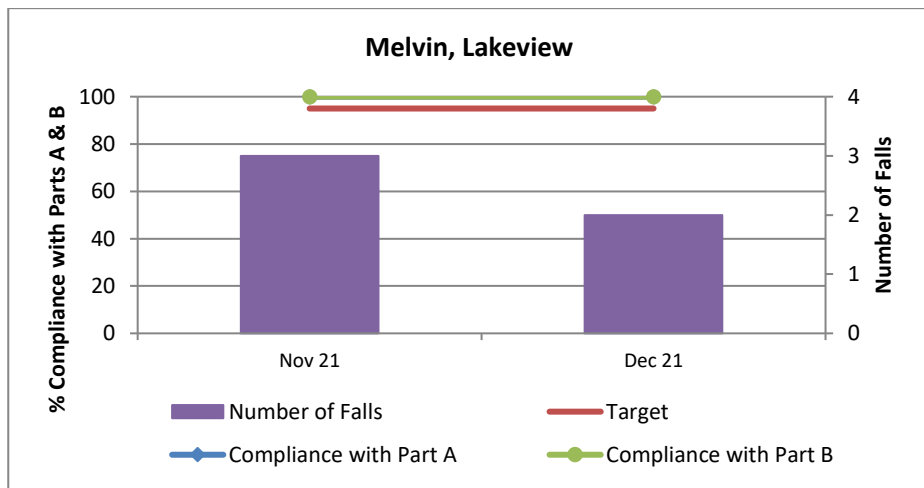
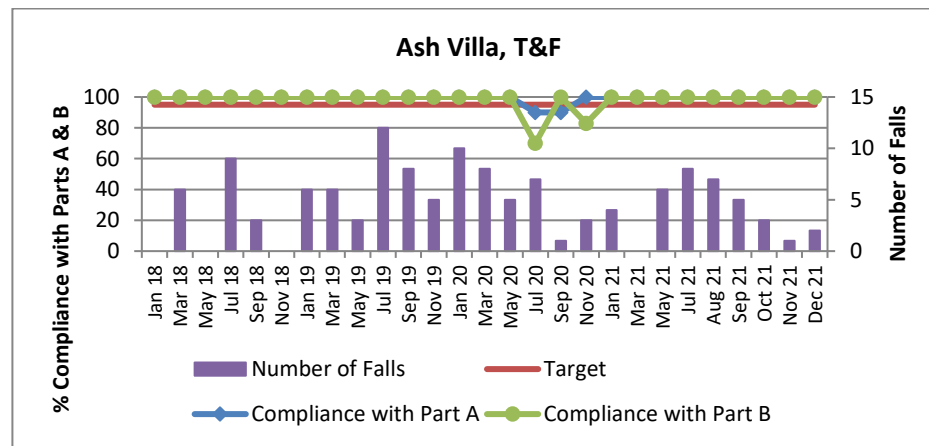
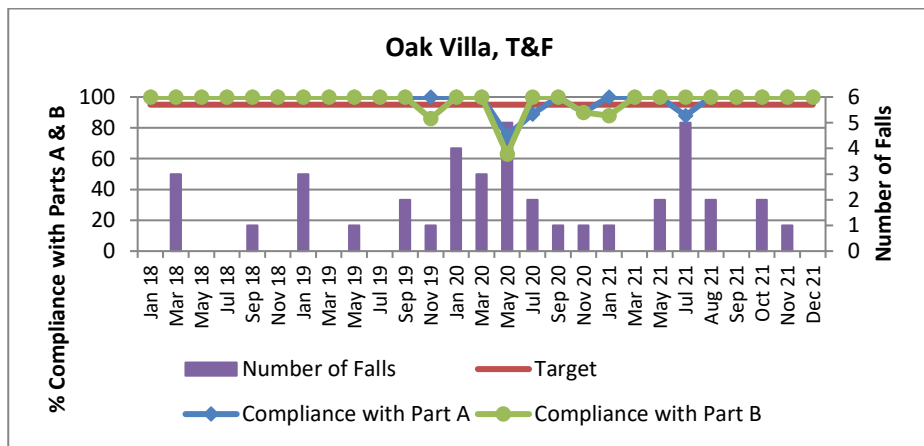
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