



**QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PLAN (QIP) TARGETS
QUARTERLY TRUST BOARD REPORT
*NATIONAL EARLY WARNING SCORES (NEWS)***

7 November 2019

National Early Warning Scores (NEWS)

Progress to Date

NEWS systems record vital signs observations of respiratory rate, saturated oxygen levels, heart rate, blood pressure and consciousness level. NEWS systems were developed following review of themes in over 45000 patient charts to provide a standardized approach to identification of a sick patient and to support consistent clinical decision-making and appropriate clinical response.

When a patient presents to hospital and is acutely unwell, or becomes acutely unwell whilst in hospital, time is of the essence. A fast and efficient response is required to ensure that the patient is reviewed, assessed and treated by the correct person at the correct time to where possible prevent further deterioration.

Appropriate and accurate use of a NEWS system requires staff to

- Record vital signs observations correctly
- Follow approved escalation plan and call for appropriate help within an agreed timeframe
- Different grades of nursing and medical responders must then assess the patient within a specific time frame and record interventions.

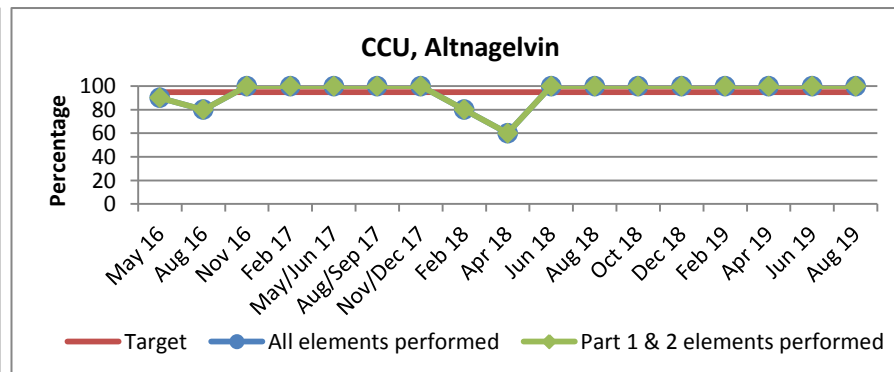
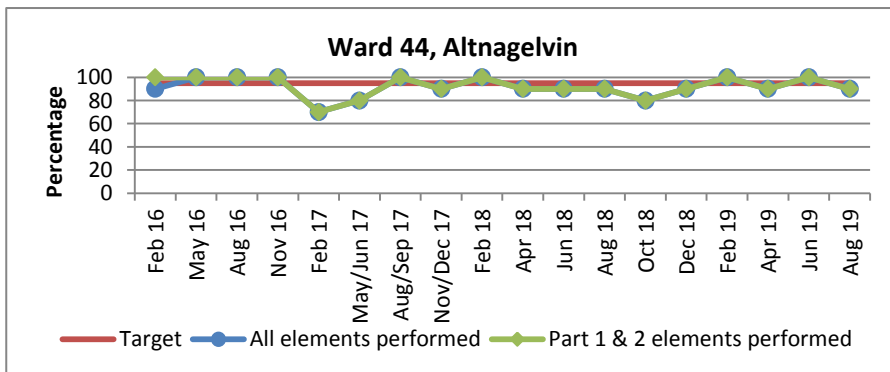
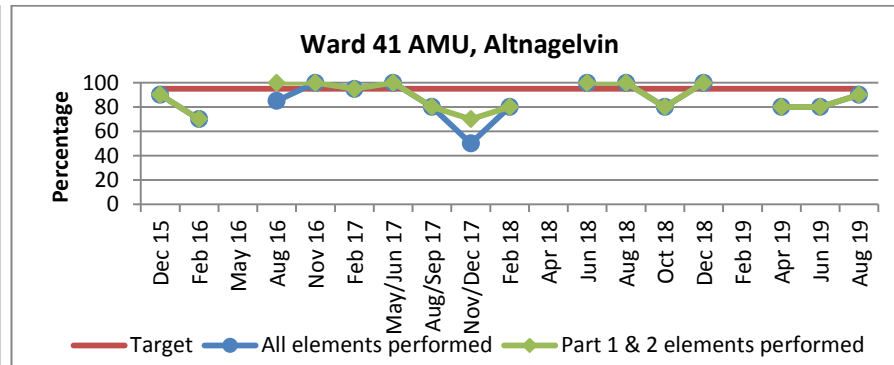
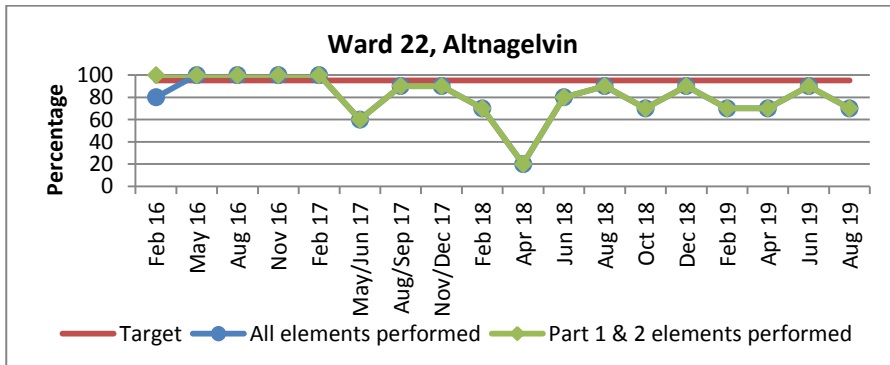
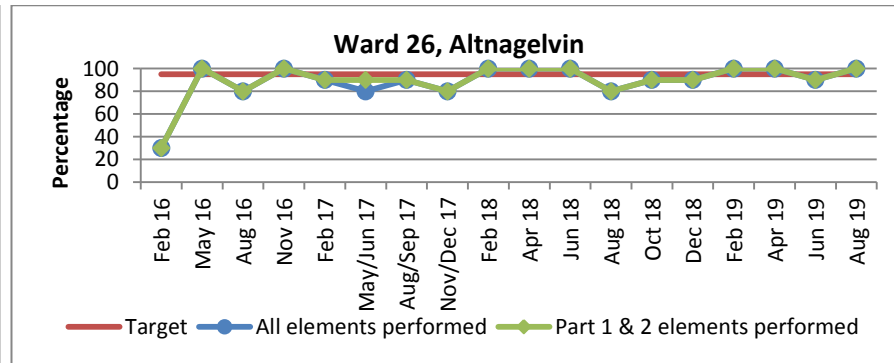
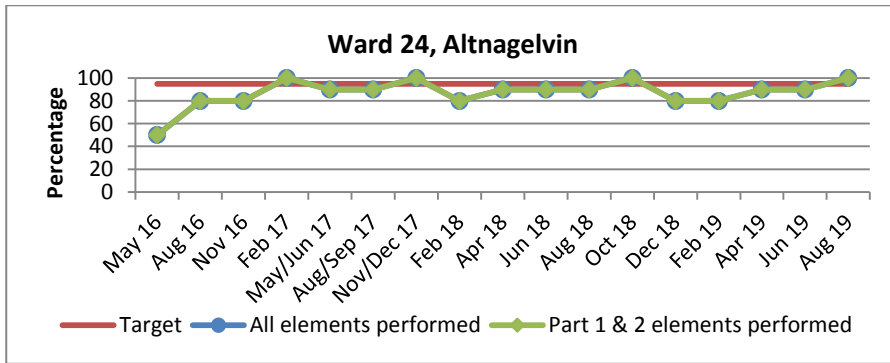
Monitoring of compliance with NEWS is undertaken quarterly with improvement plans and associated support implemented.

To further support, identification of deteriorating patients the Royal College of Physicians have updated NEWS to NEWS 2, which includes added parameters to record related to respiratory function and consciousness level. Within the WHSCT this chart will be rolled out for use by 31st March 2020 starting with implementation in the South West Acute and Altnagelvin hospitals in November 2019.

Quarterly Audits by Ward

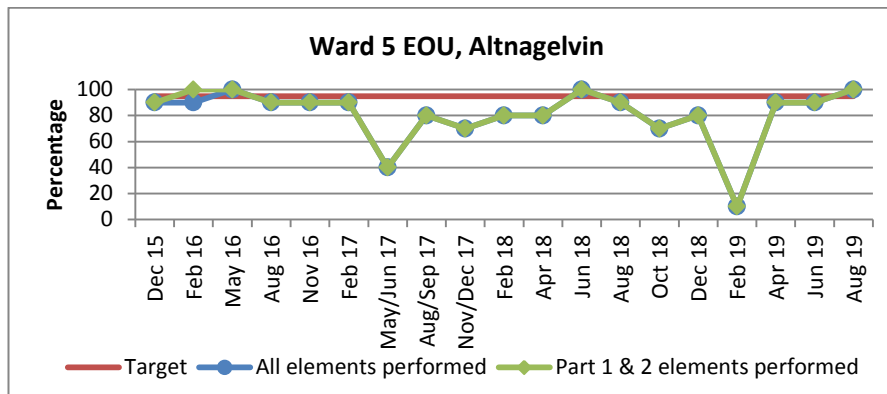
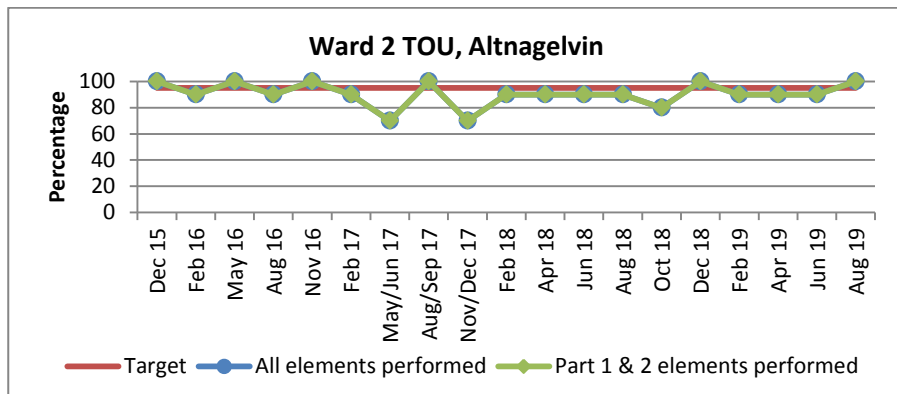
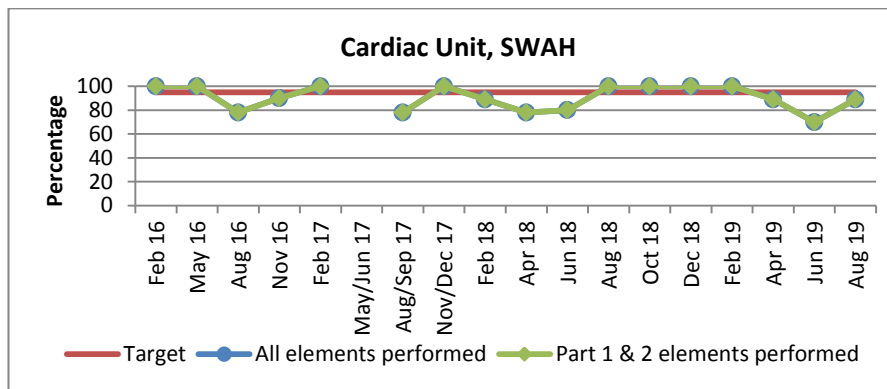
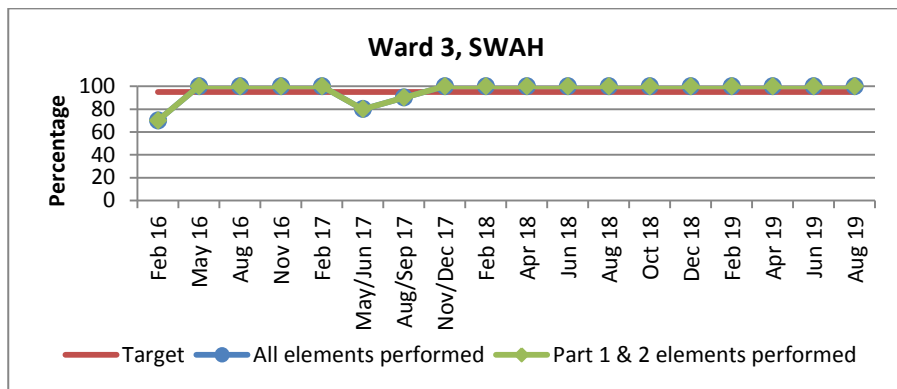
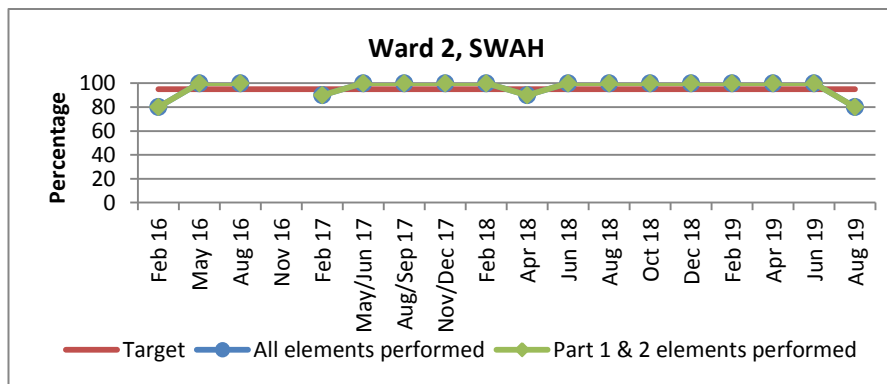
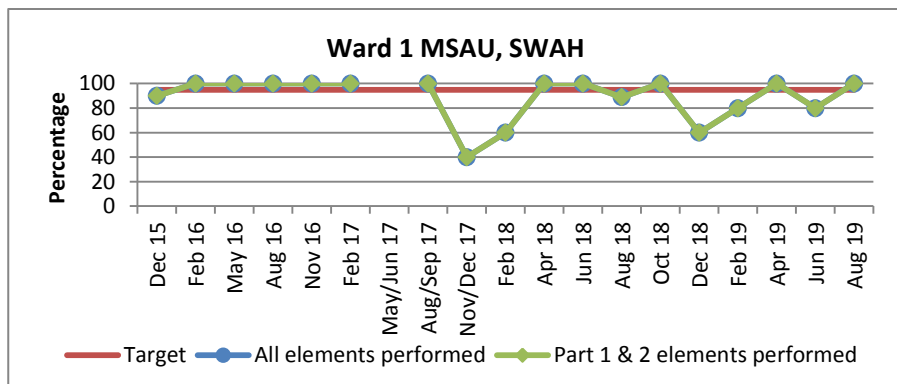
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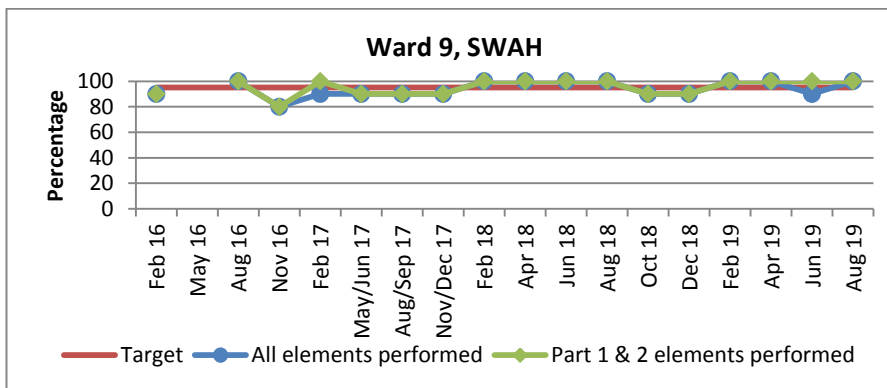
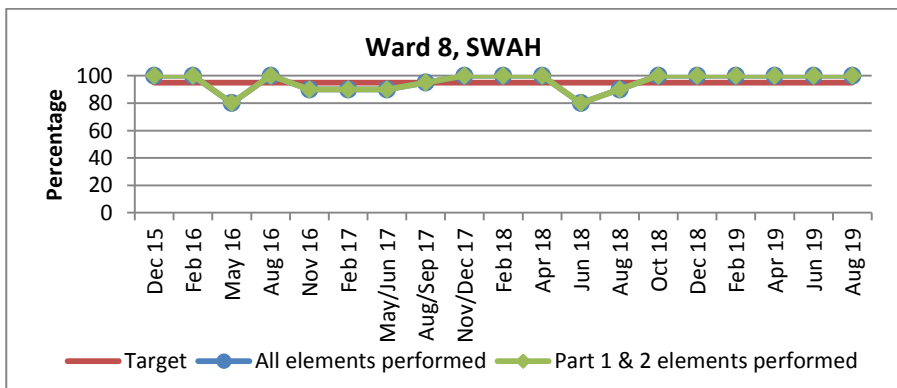
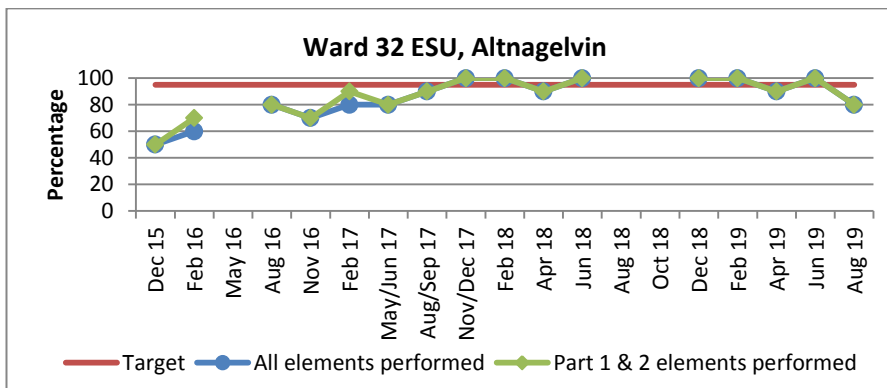
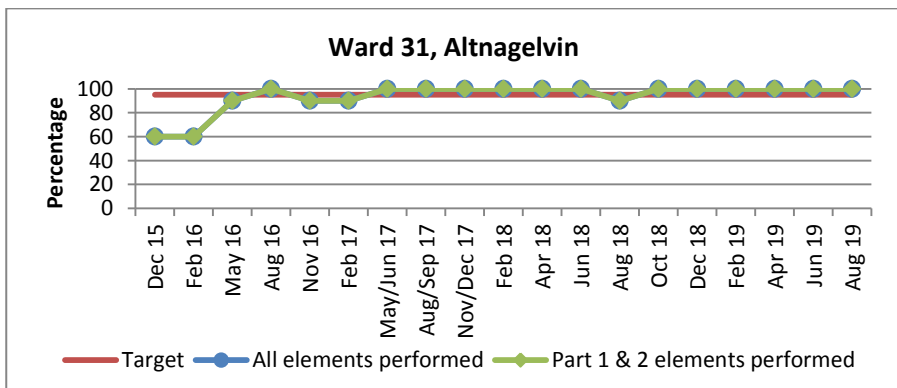
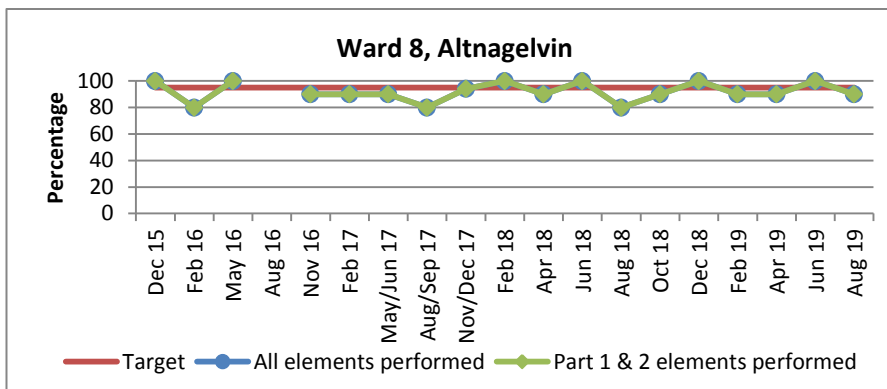
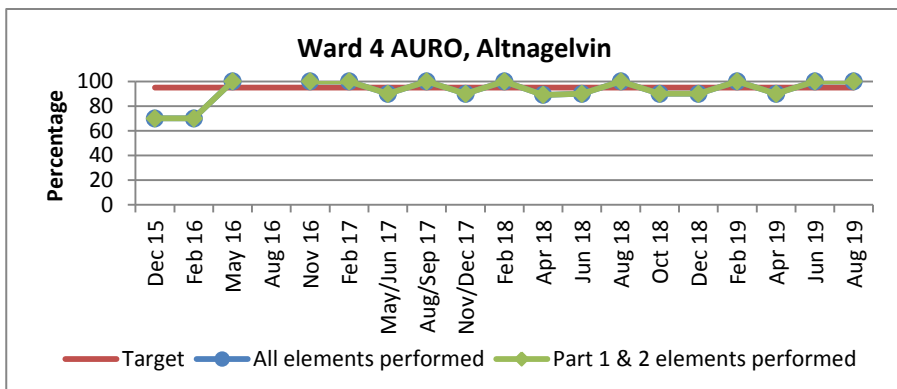
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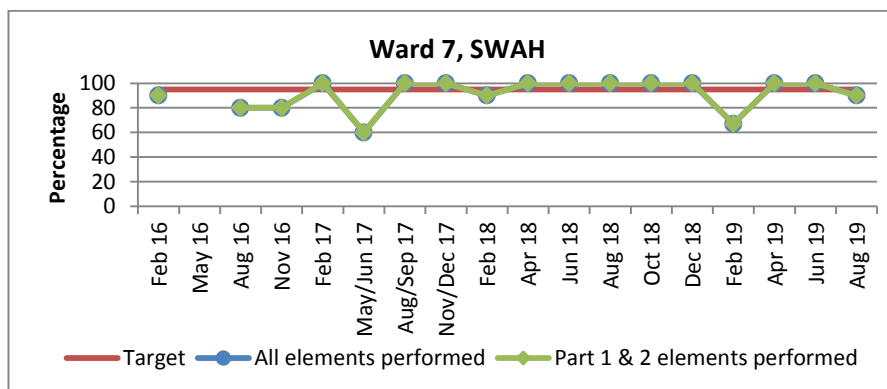
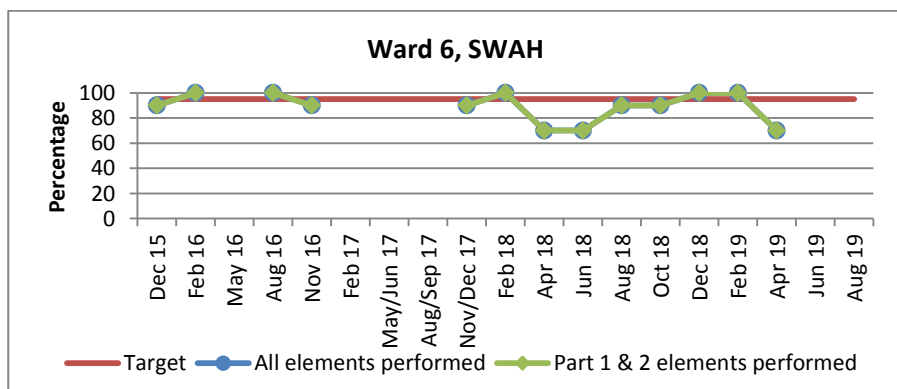
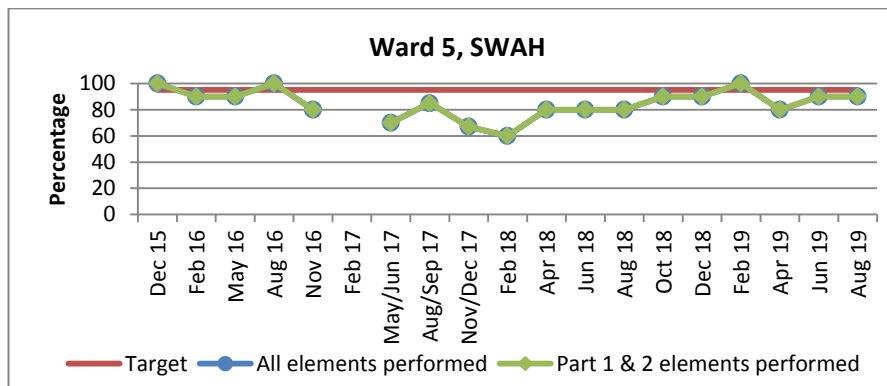
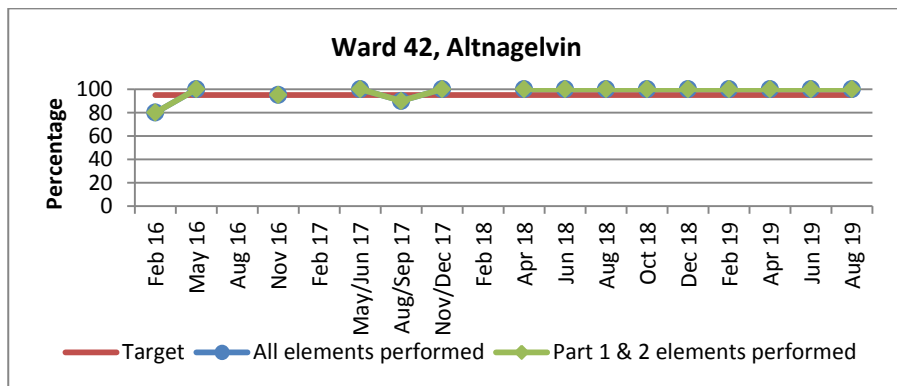
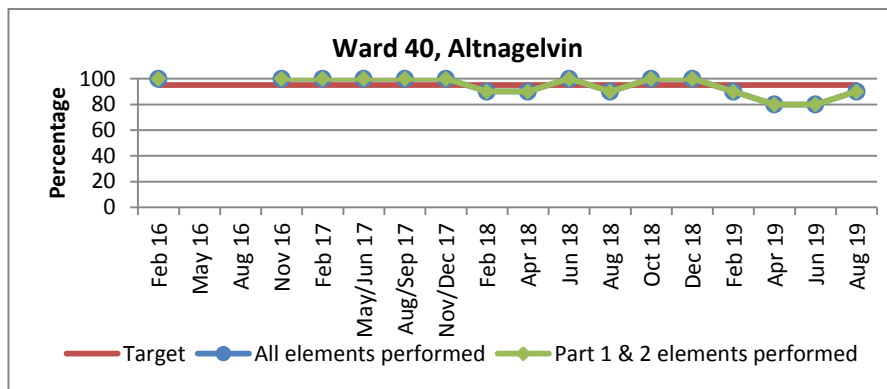
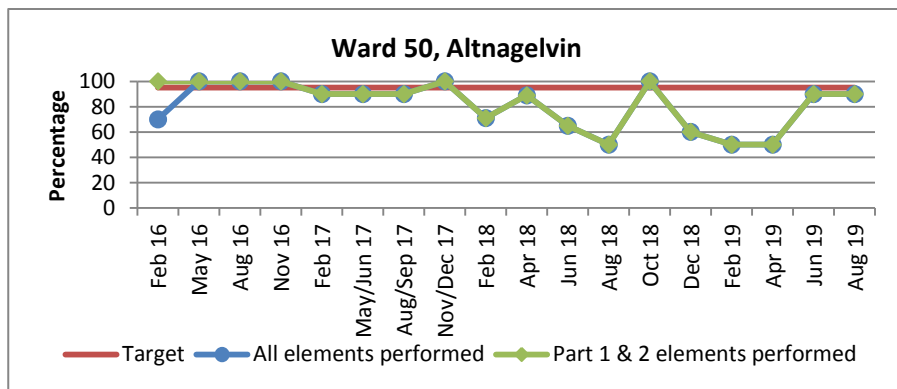
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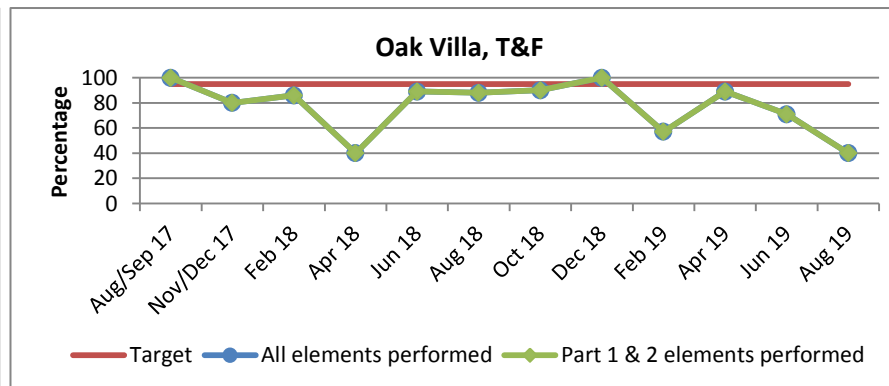
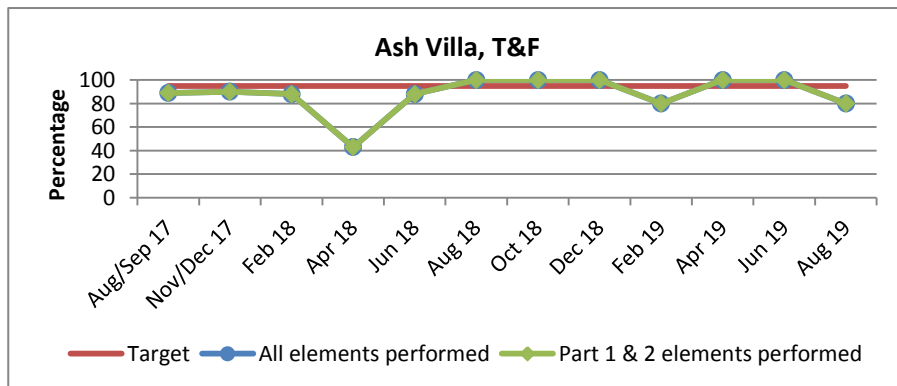
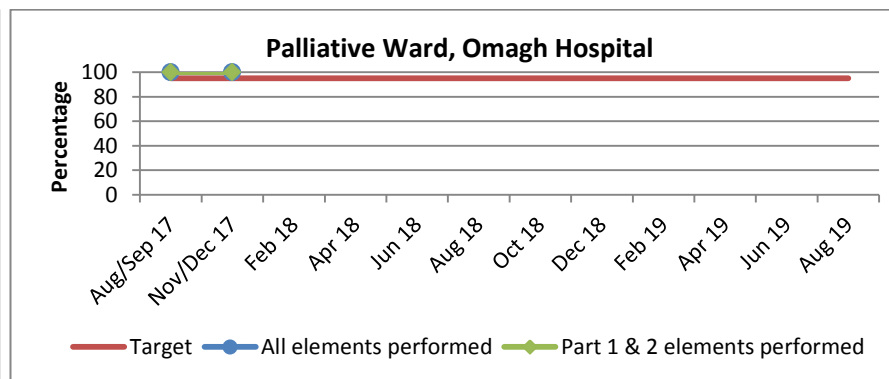
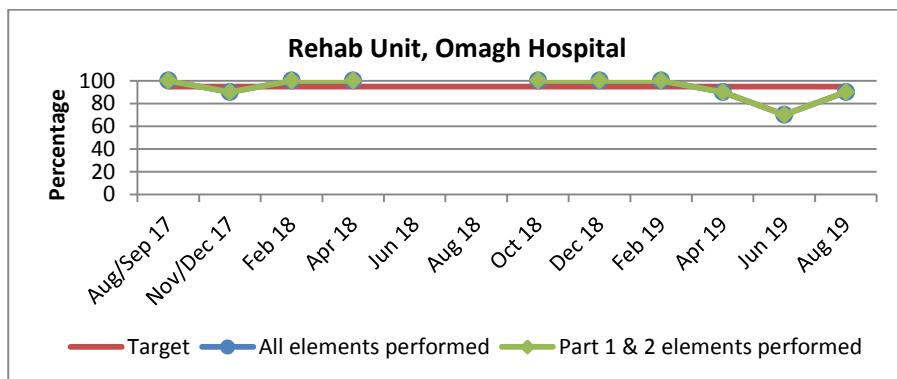
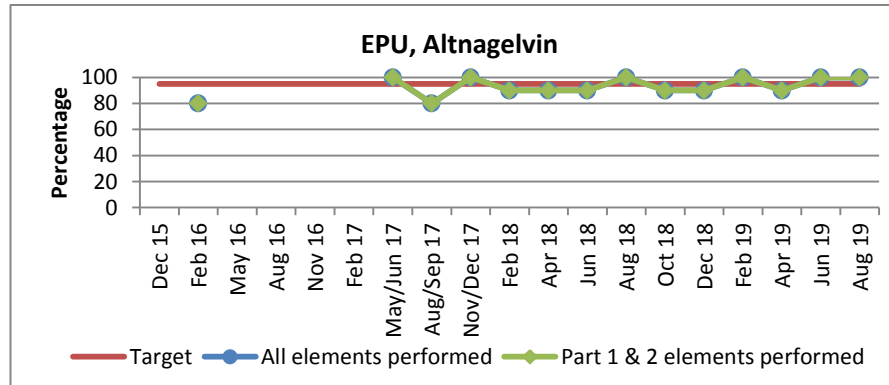
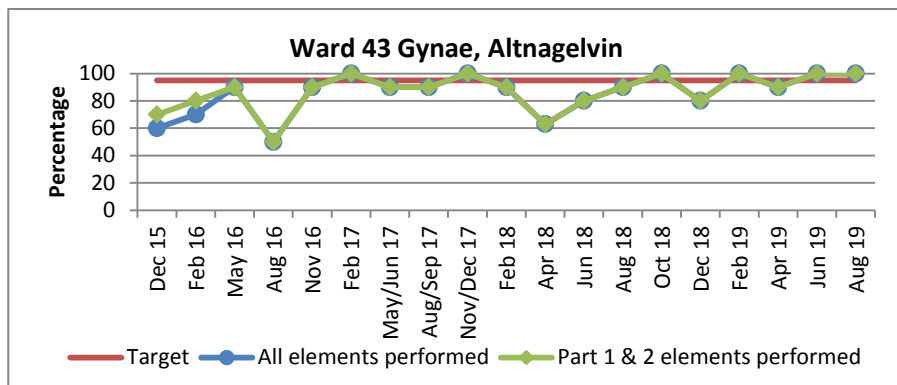
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