



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

5 November 2020

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 provide a standardized approach to identification of a sick patient and support consistent clinical decision-making and appropriate clinical response.

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.

In November 2019 NEWS2 an updated chart from the Royal College of Physicians was adapted for and implemented in the South West Acute Hospital and Altnagelvin Hospital. Further roll out of NEWS2 to all areas is currently being progressed.

Within the Trust, Wards were requested to complete NEWS audits 5 times a year - February, April, June, August and October. This was to coincide with the introduction of NEWS2, This also provides additional assurance that the patients' vital signs were accurately recorded and appropriate help sought if required.

There is also a process where wards are required to detail what actions they are implementing to improve and provide assurance to the Trust if their score is below standard when audited. An example of this is specific training and ongoing audit currently being undertaken with ward nursing staff in the PCOP mental health

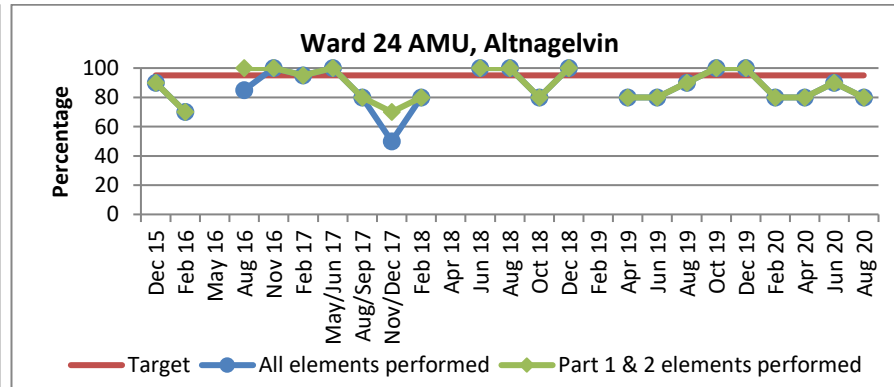
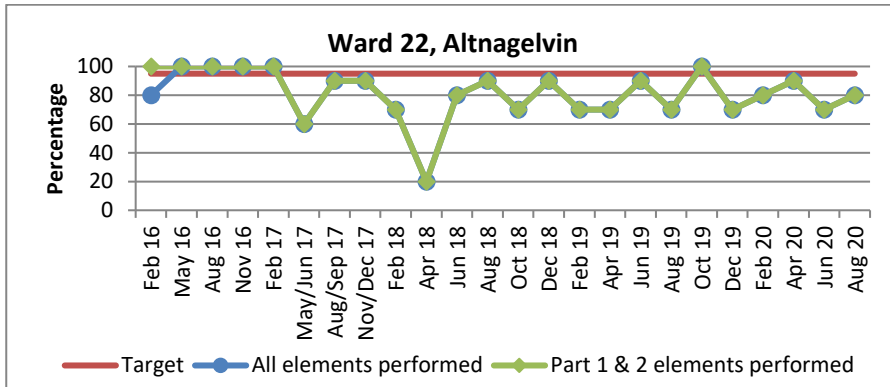
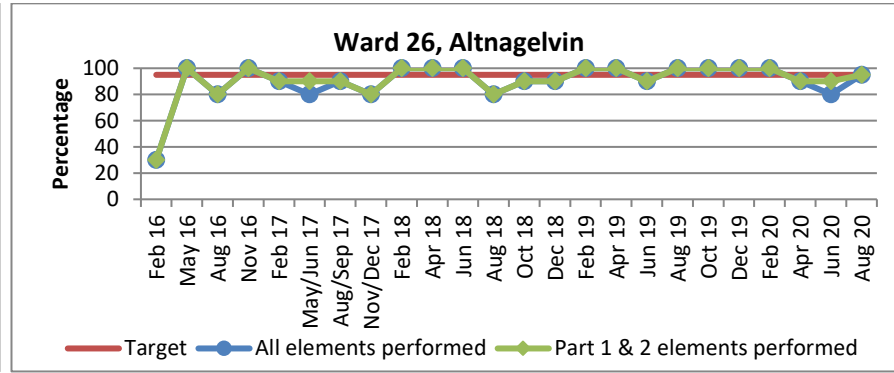
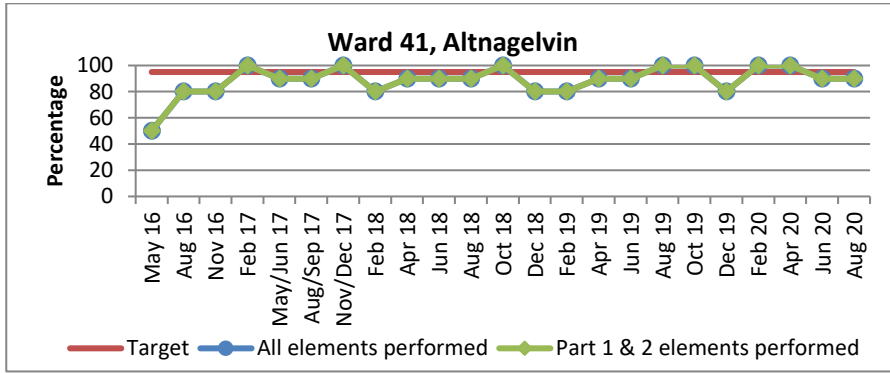
Industrial Action and COVID – 19 challenges led to a review of requirement for NEWS 2 continued audits. Within the WHSCT the decision was taken to continue audits to provide ongoing assurance during these challenges.

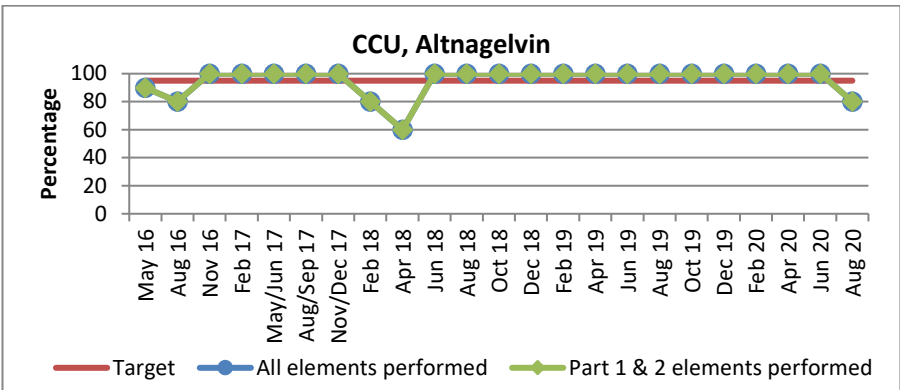
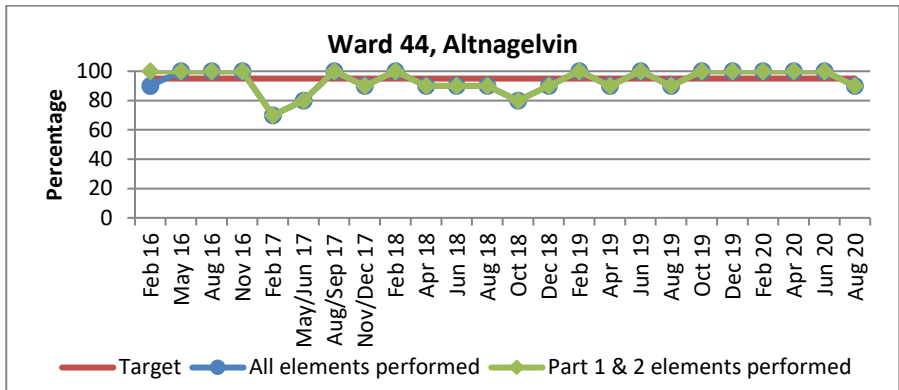
An audit of 10 patient charts is completed bi-monthly by each adult inpatient ward and compliance is recorded in the run charts below.

Bi-monthly Audits by Ward

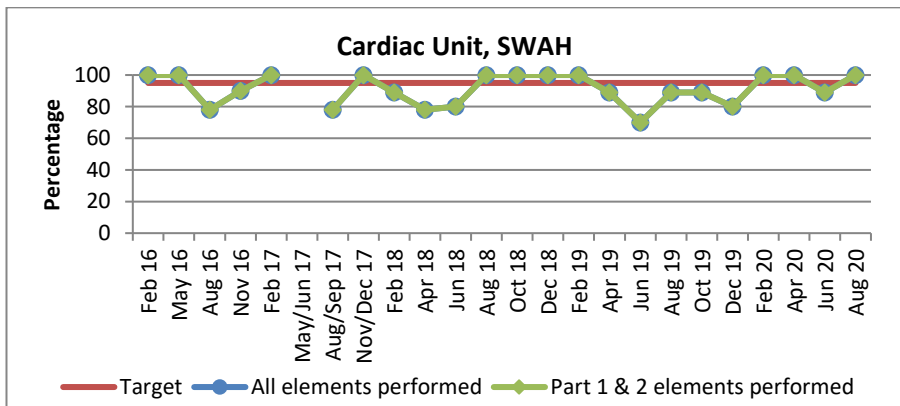
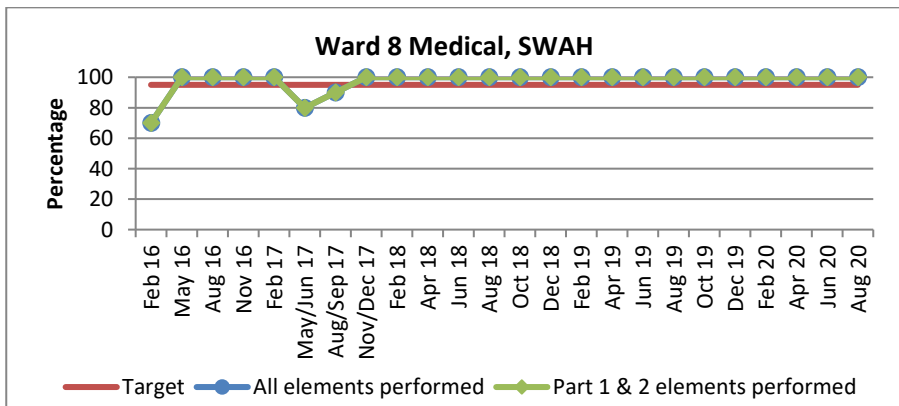
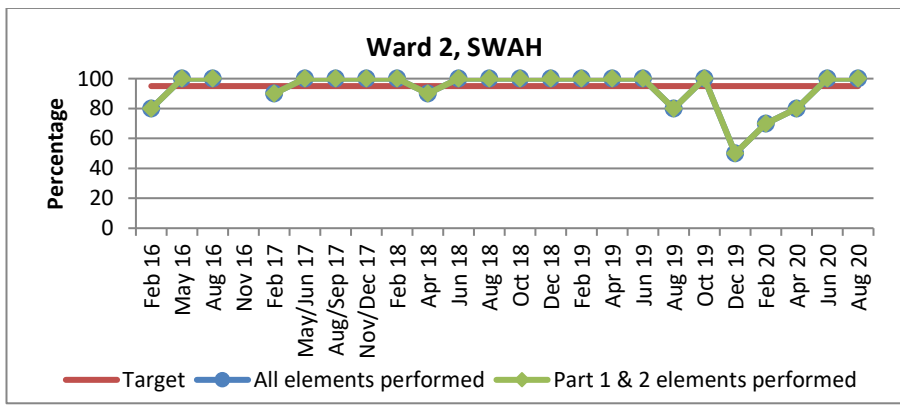
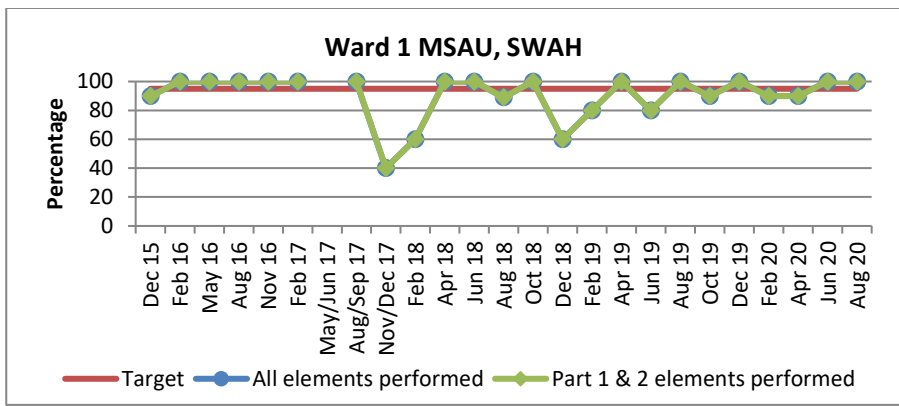
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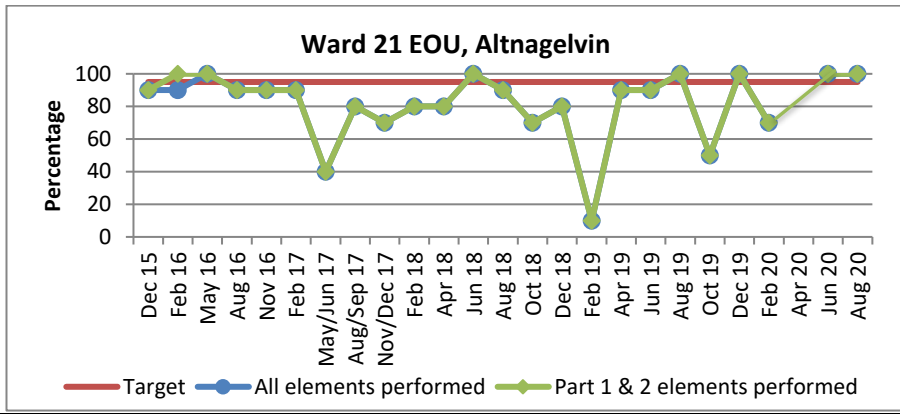
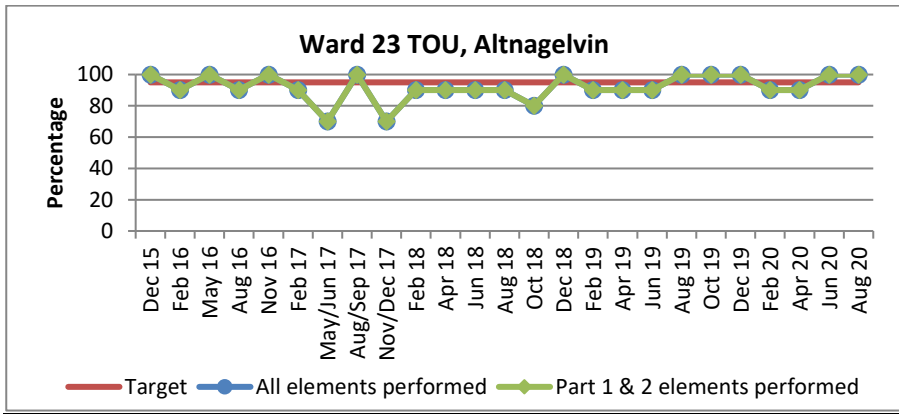
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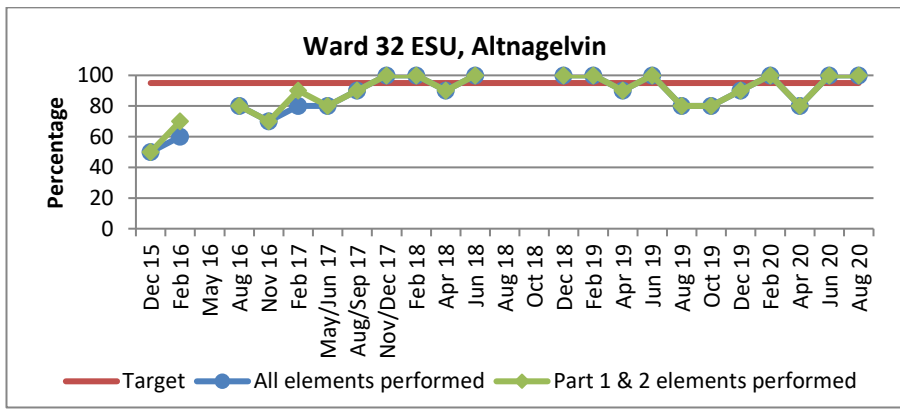
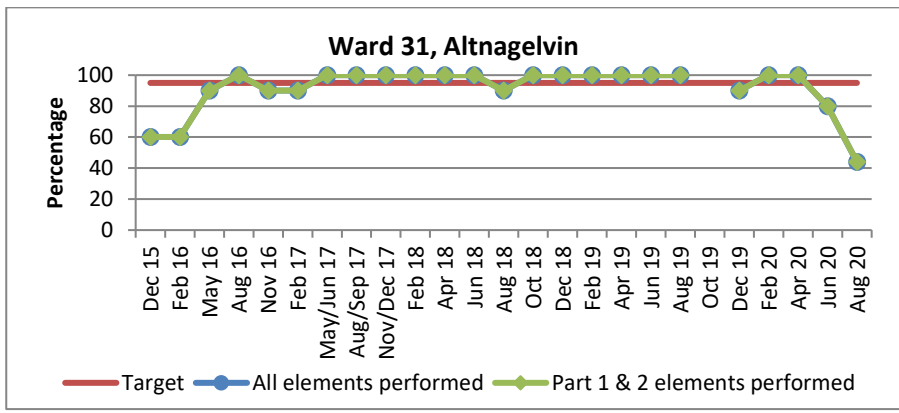
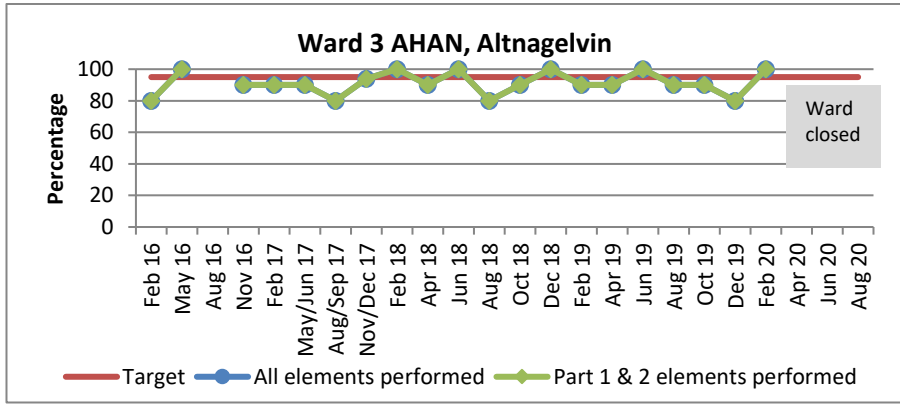
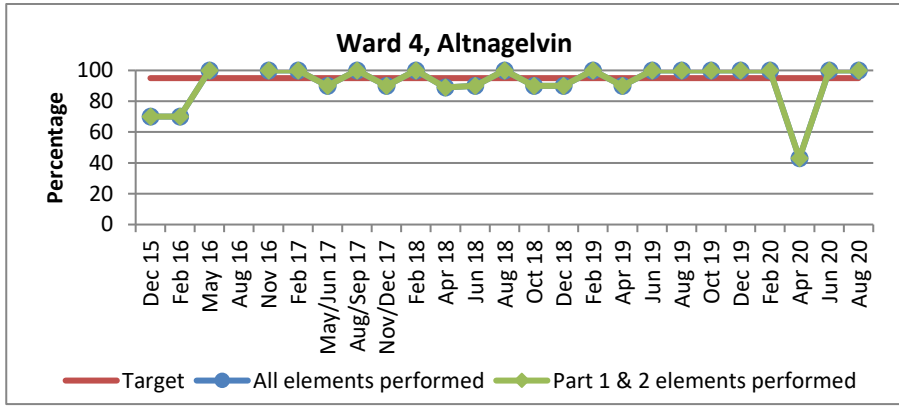
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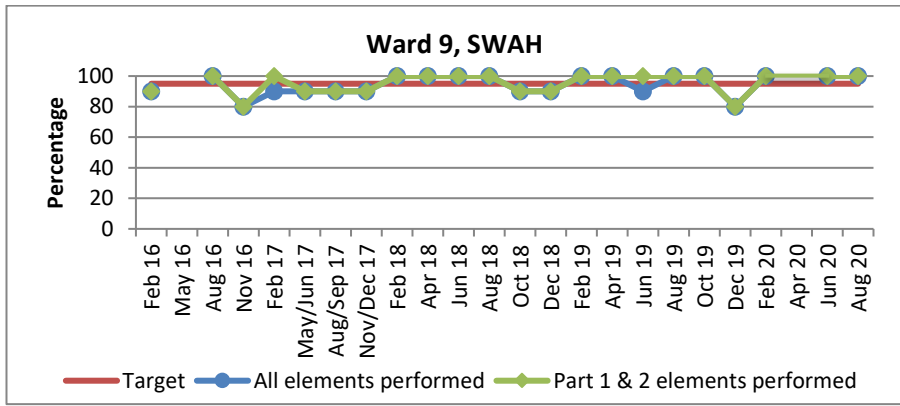
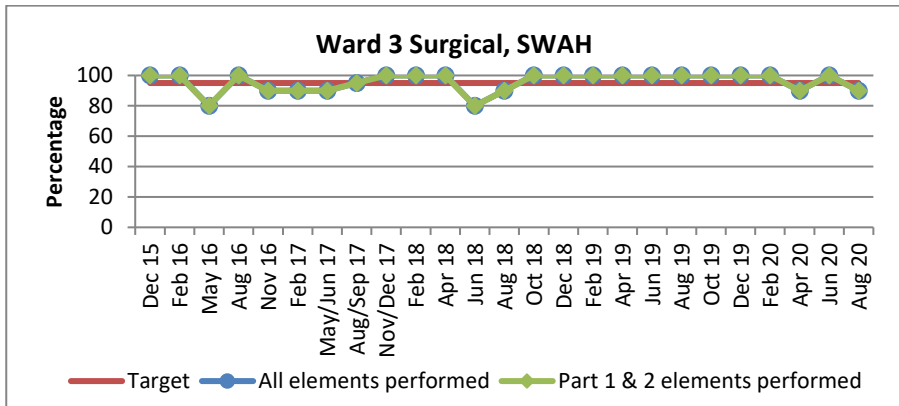




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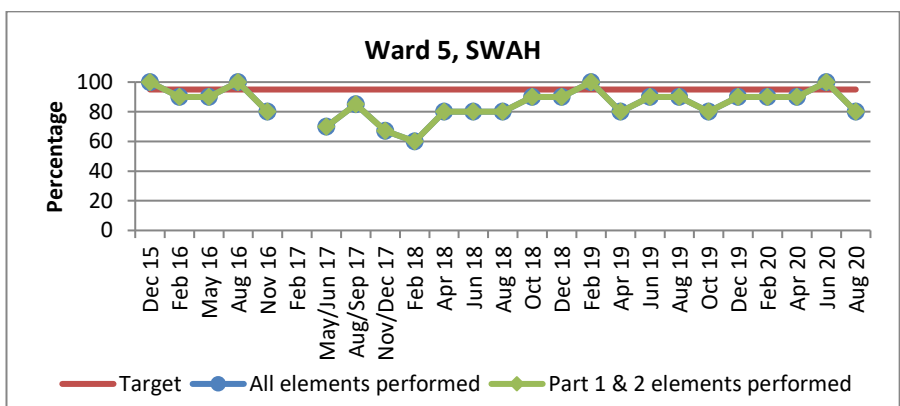
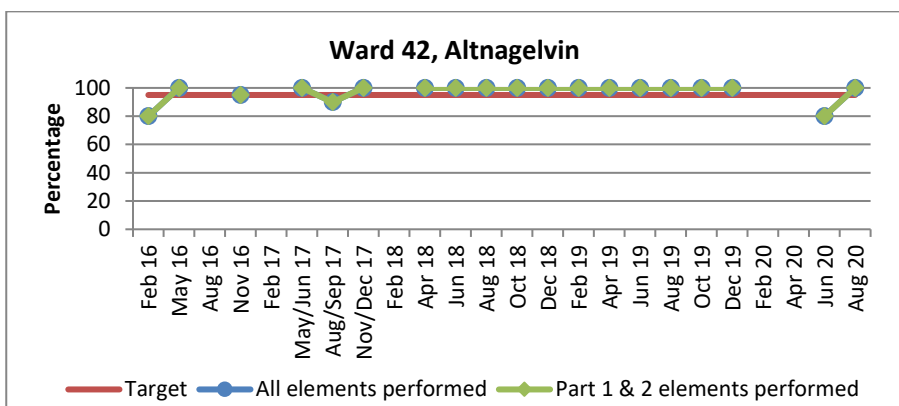
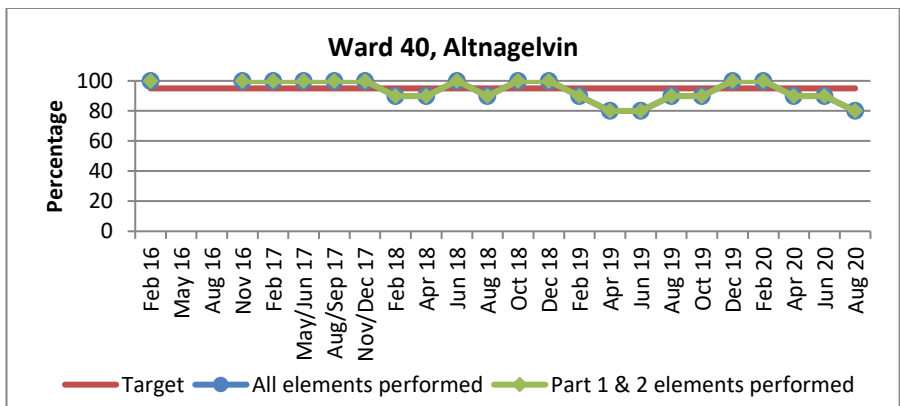
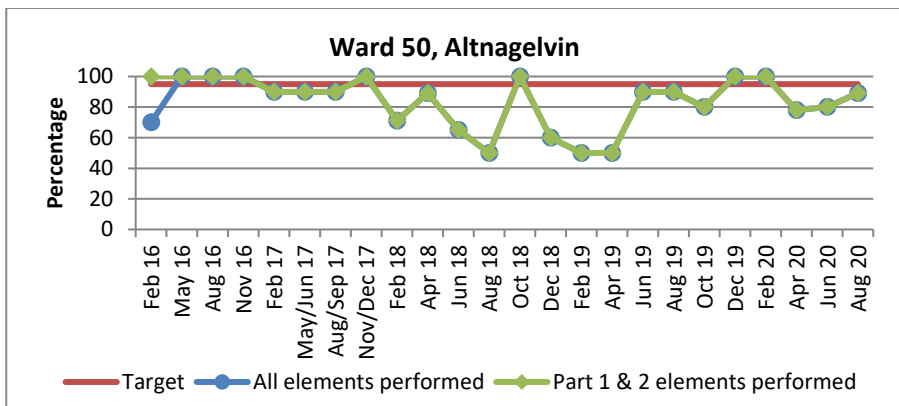
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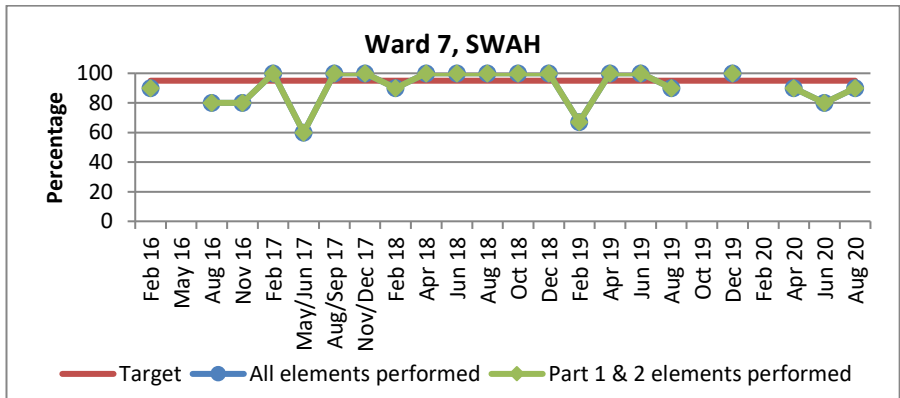
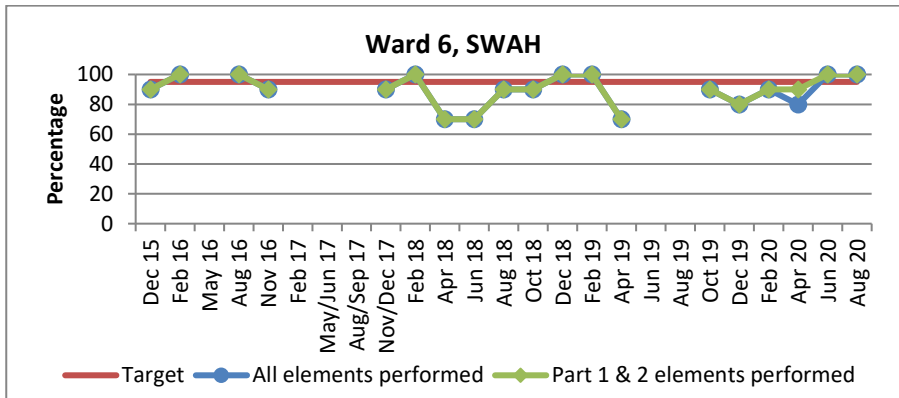




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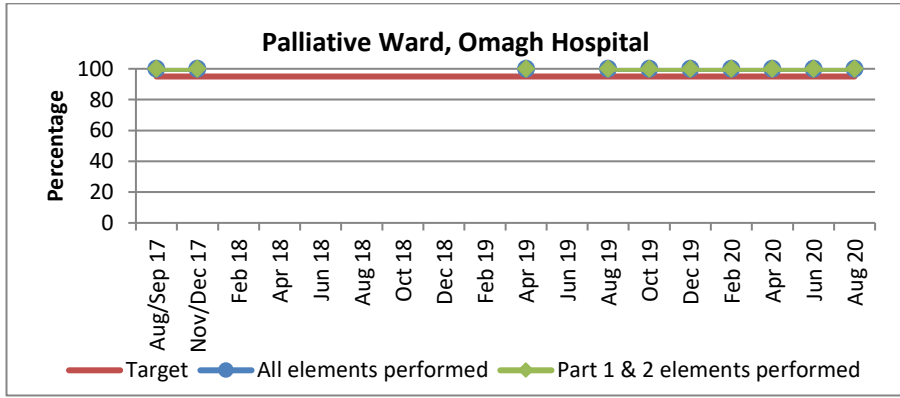
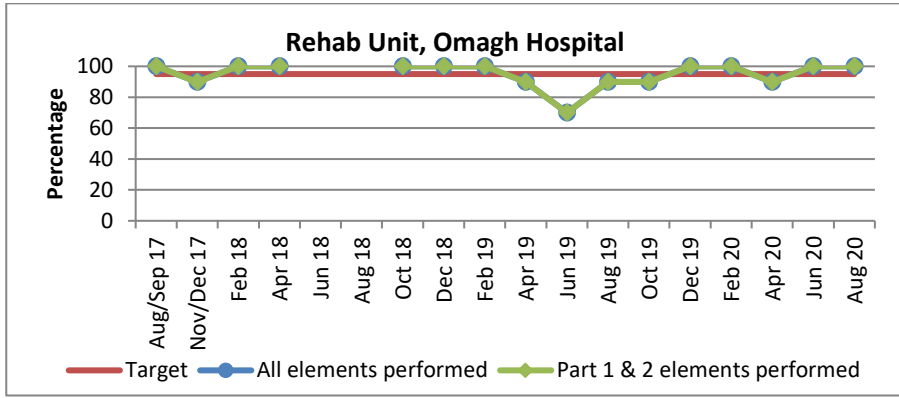
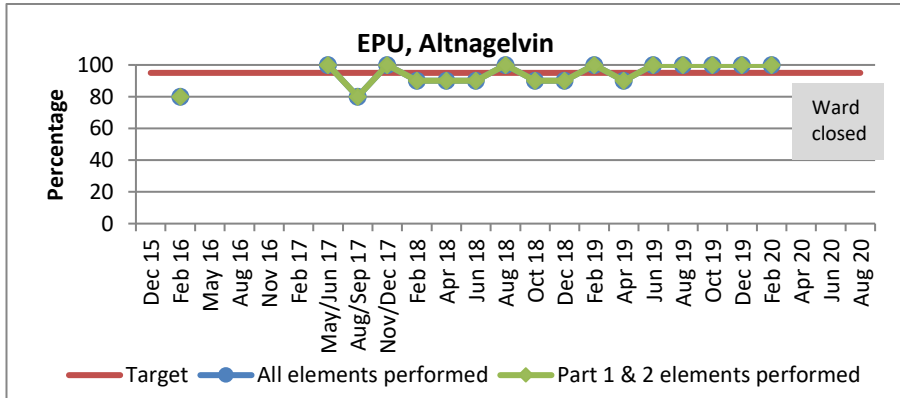
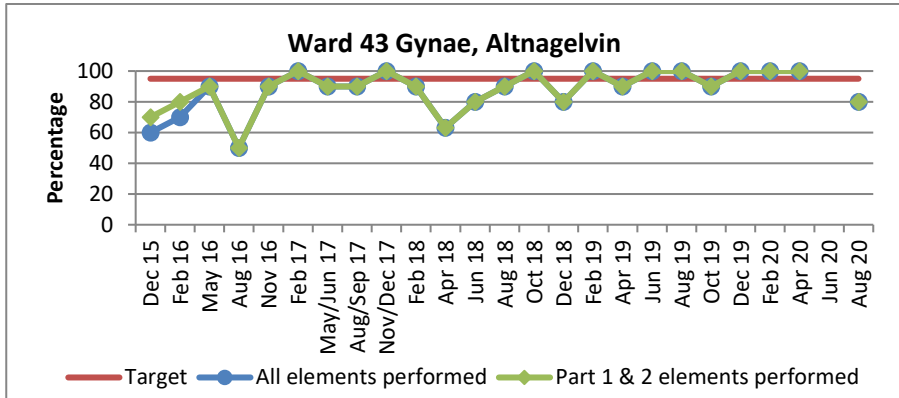
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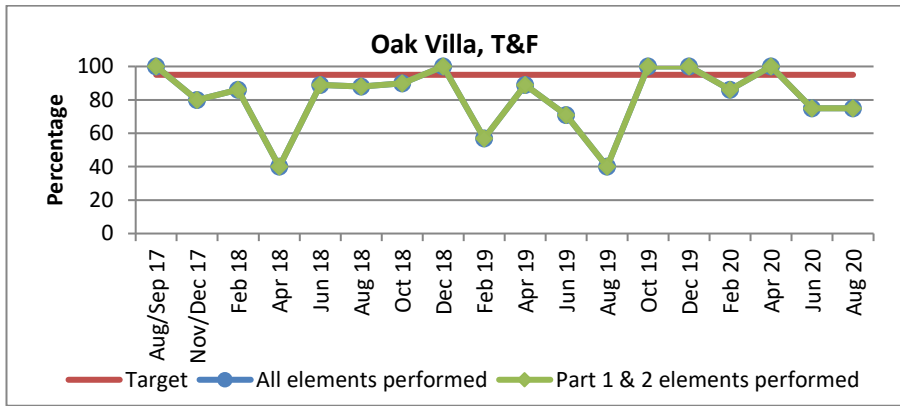
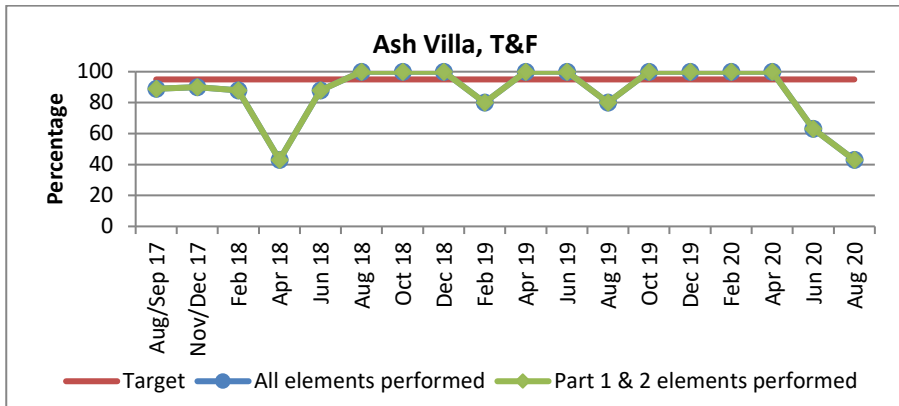




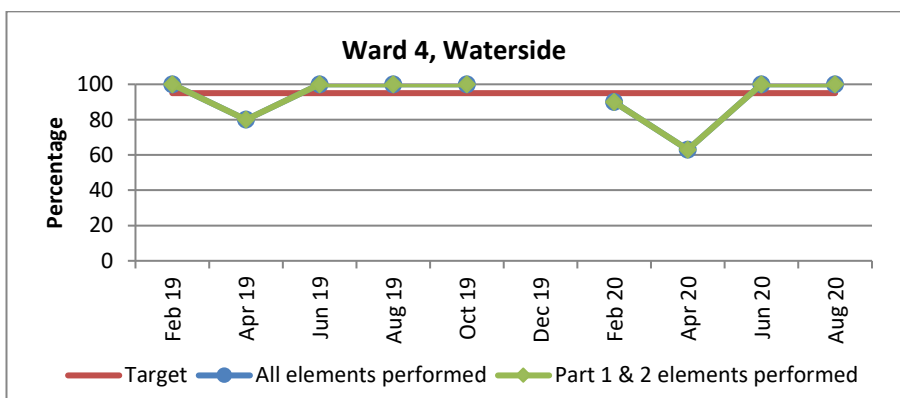
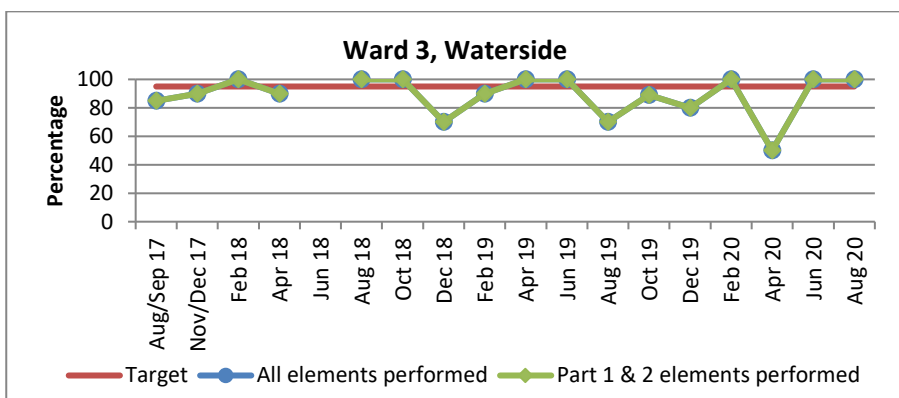
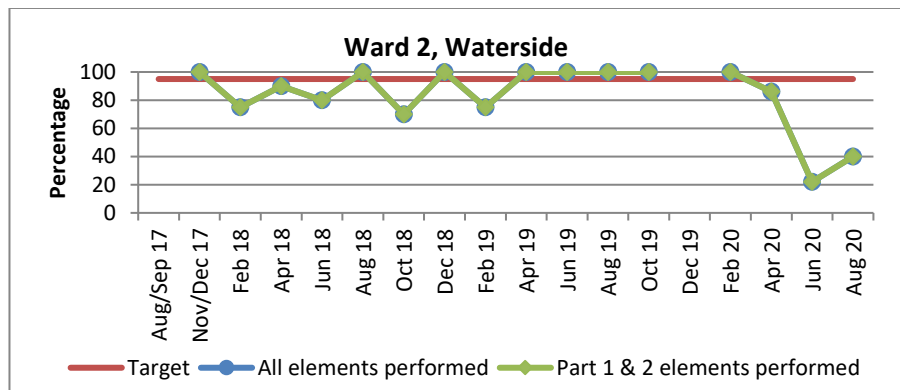
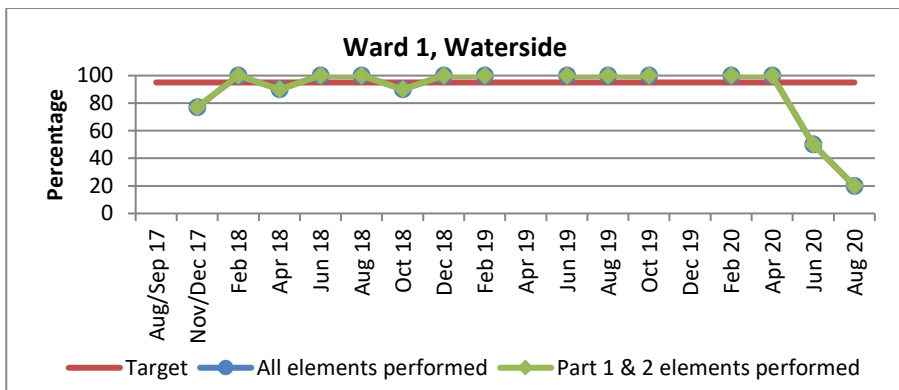
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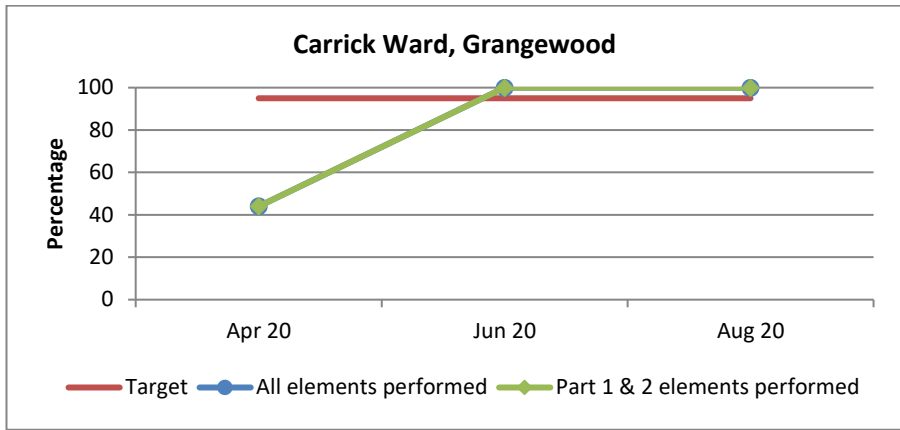
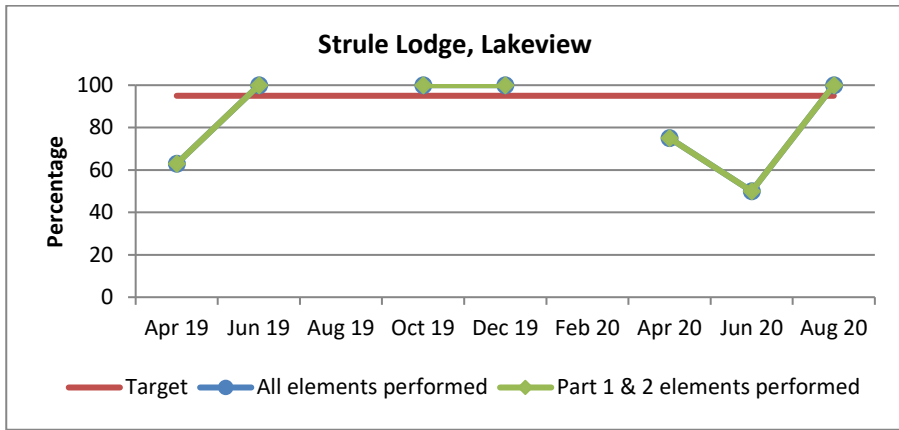
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