

QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PLAN (QIP) TARGETS QUARTERLY TRUST BOARD REPORT

Venous Thromboembolism (VTE)

6 June 2024

PROGRESS TO DATE

VTE is a significant 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.

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 2023/24. Compliance reported to the PHA for 2023/24 is as follows: -

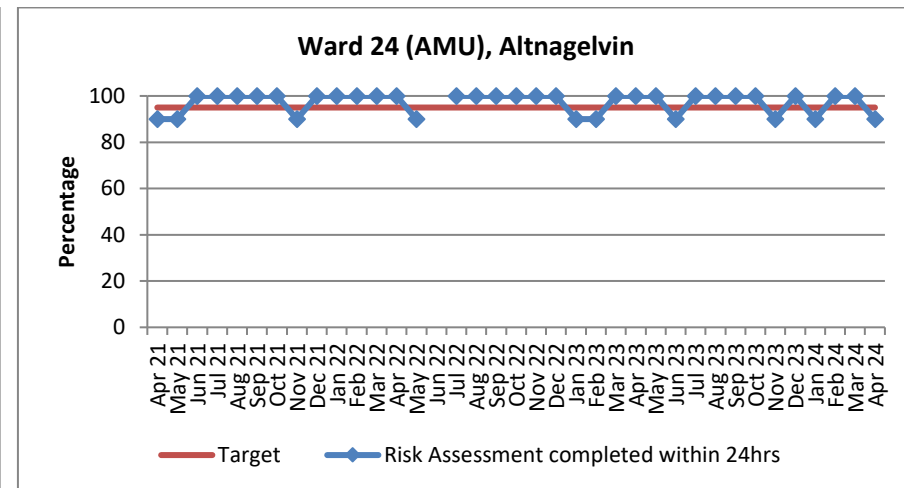
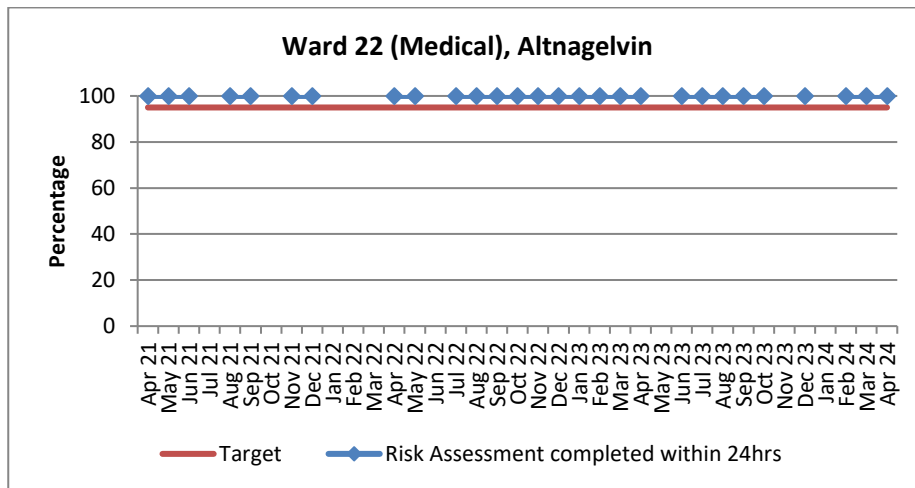
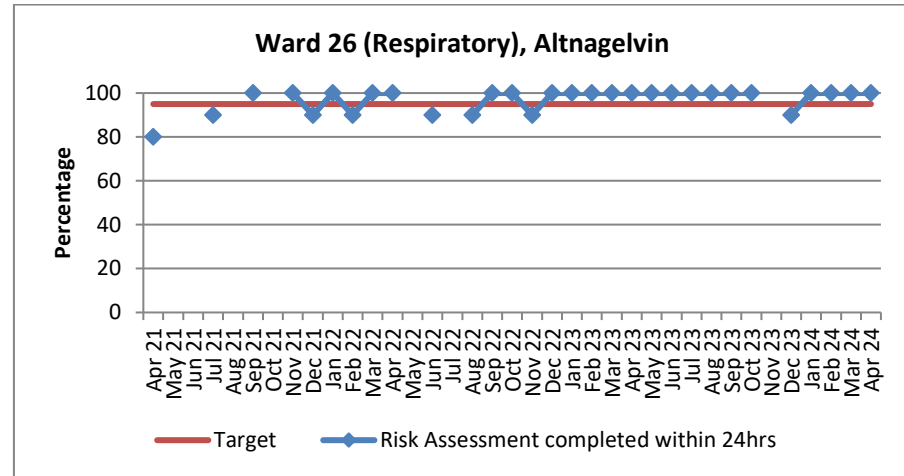
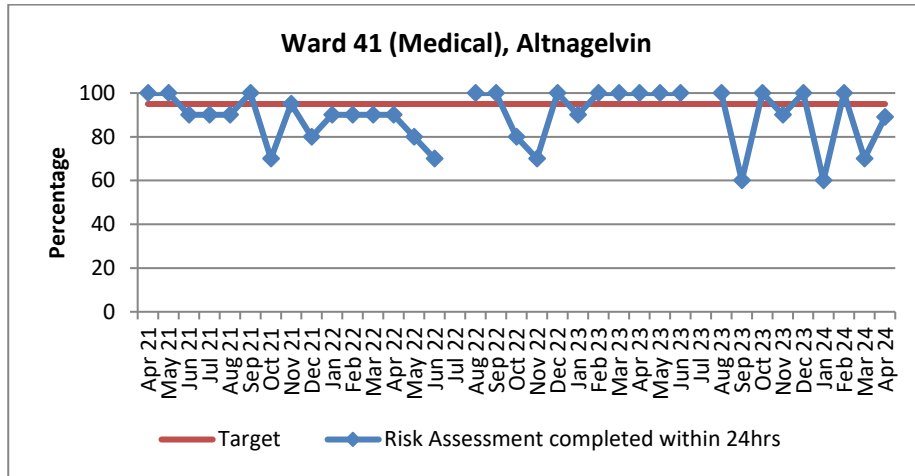
Year	Quarter	No. of records audited which achieve compliance with completed VTE risk assessment	Number of records audited	Percentage Compliance
2023/24	Apr-23	266	273	97.4%
	May-23	286	299	95.7%
	Jun-23	273	285	95.8%
	Jul-23	226	243	93.0%
	Aug-23	274	291	94.2%
	Sep-23	259	273	94.9%
	Oct-23	279	290	96.2%
	Nov-23	294	306	96.1%
	Dec-23	272	287	94.8%
	Jan-24	279	290	96.2%
	Feb-24	304	318	95.6%
	Mar-24	259	275	94.2%
	YTD		3,271	3,430

Compliance with completion of monthly VTE audits had been less than or equal to 50% of all adult inpatient wards up to March 2022. This position significantly improved during 2022/23 with the number of monthly audits submitted increasing from 65.6% of all adult inpatient wards in April 2022 to 93.2% in April 2023. This position continued to improve throughout 2023/24 with the number of audits submitted ranging between 88.6% and 97.8%. However, there remain some minor issues with a dip in submission of audits noted for a small number of wards particularly over the summer months. A VTE Audit Escalation Process is in place to manage this which involves escalation to Assistant Director Level in the first instance and onward escalation to Director and Medical Director Level for any continued instances of non-compliance. 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 Clinical Quality & Safety Directorate Reports which are shared quarterly with Directorate Governance Groups continue to highlight percentage compliance with the VTE audit bundle by ward and division as well as any areas where improvement is required with the regular submission of monthly VTE audits.

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

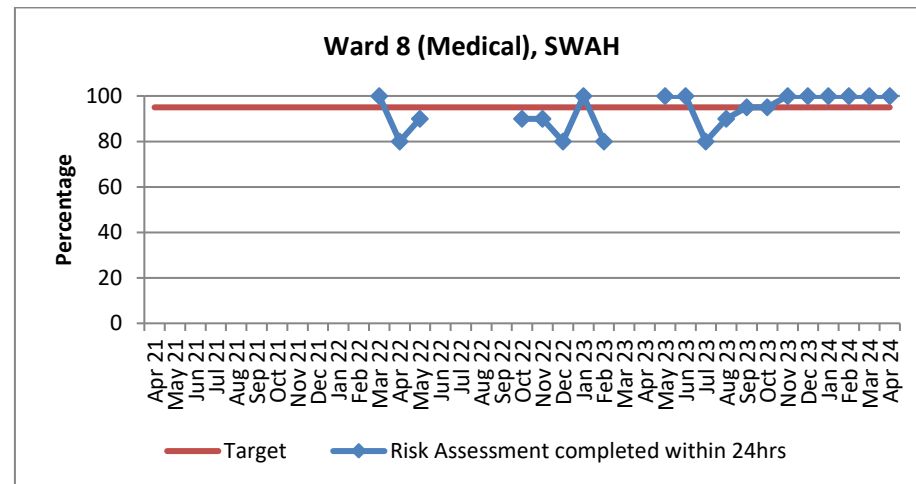
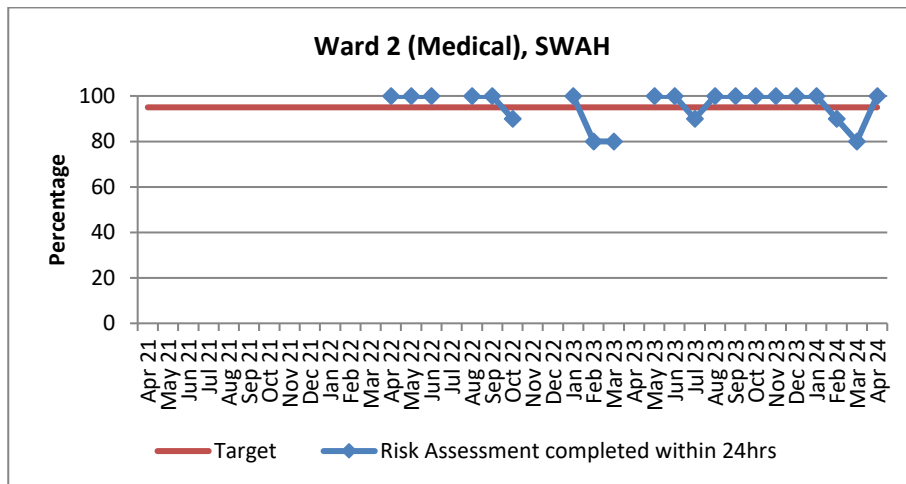
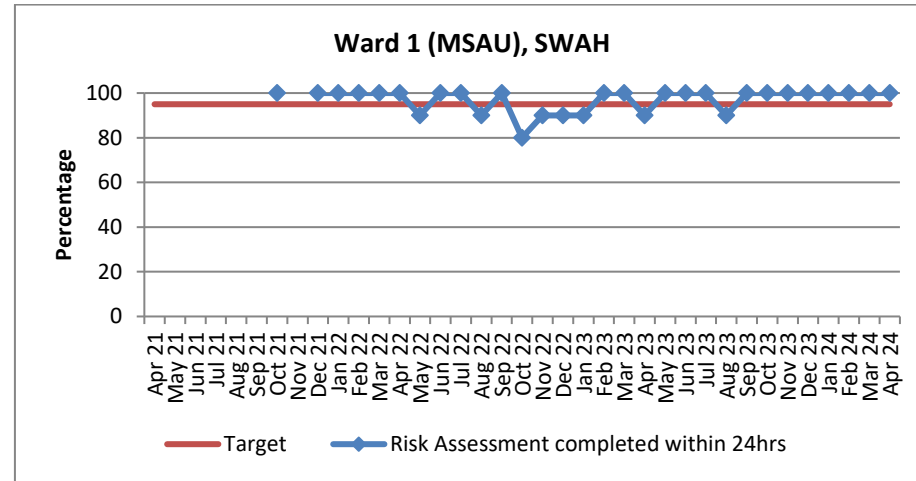
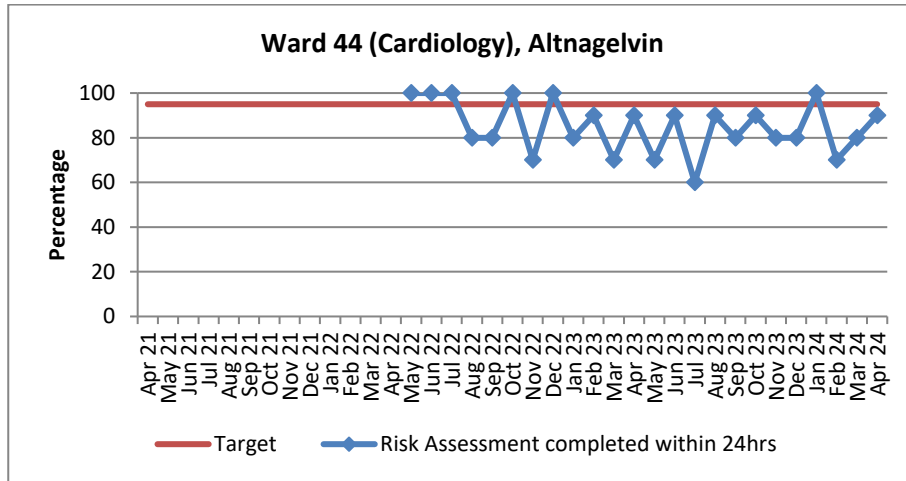
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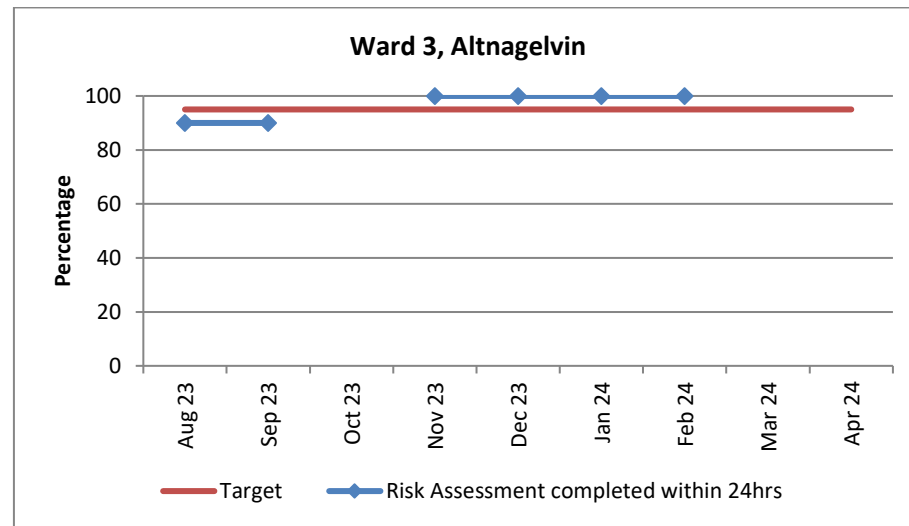
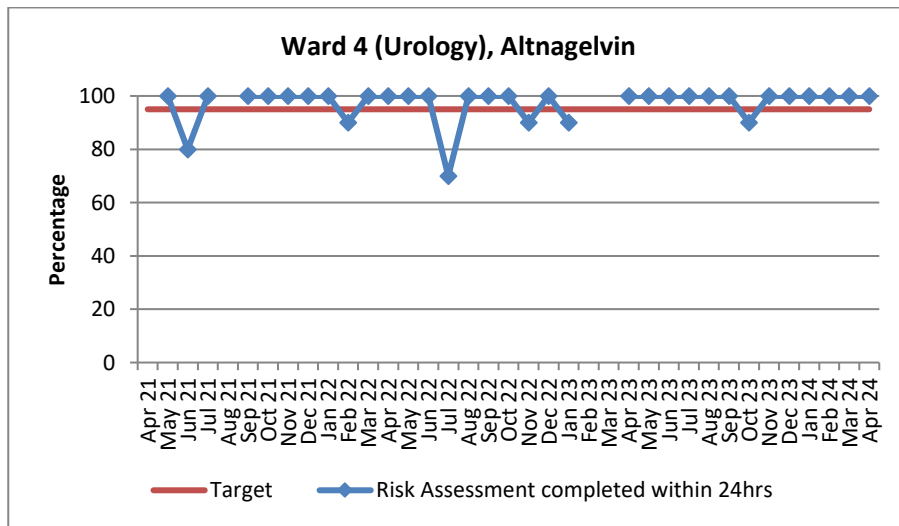
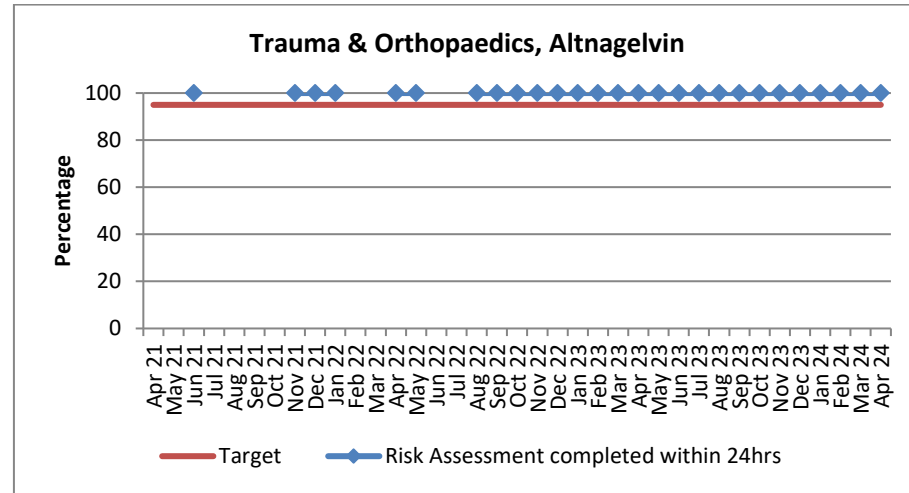
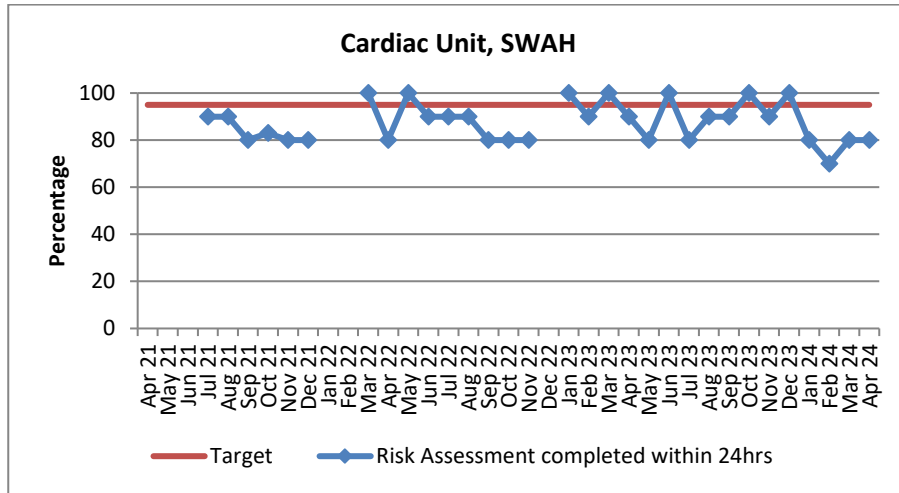
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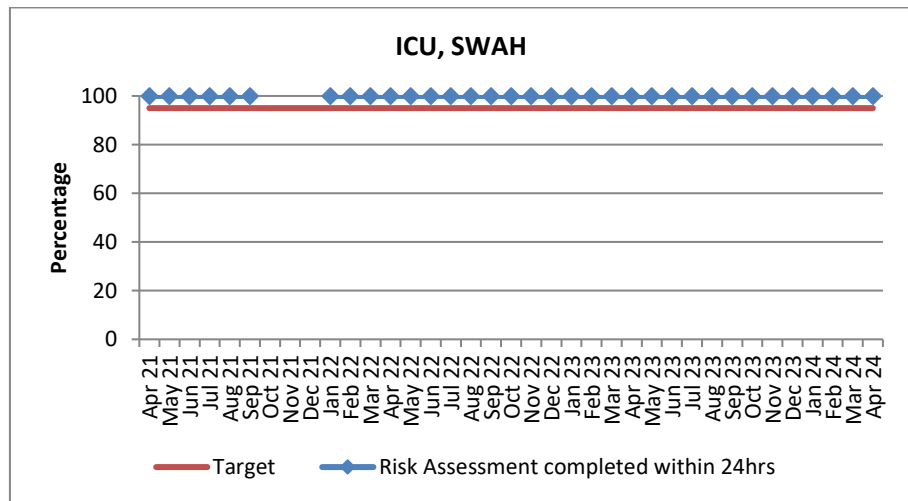
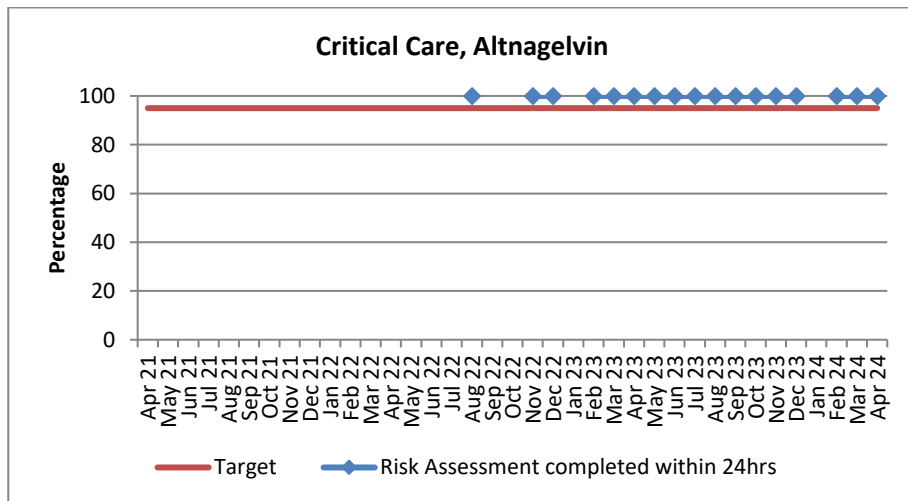
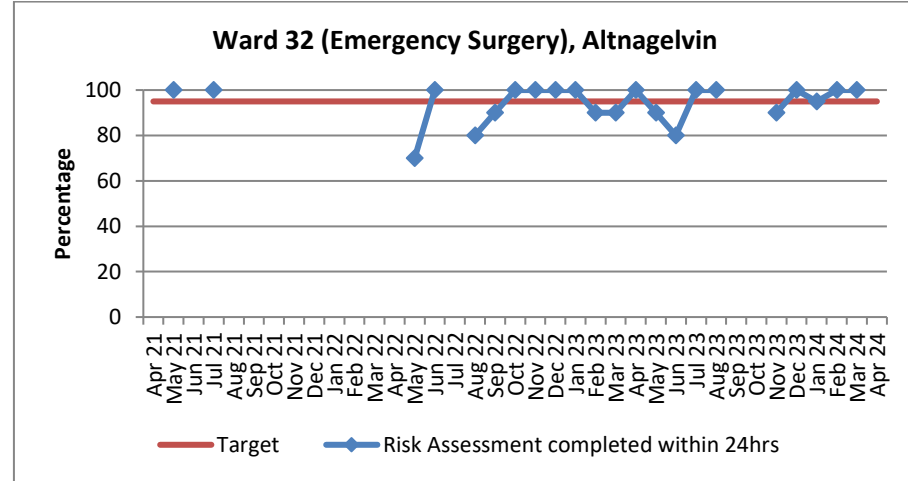
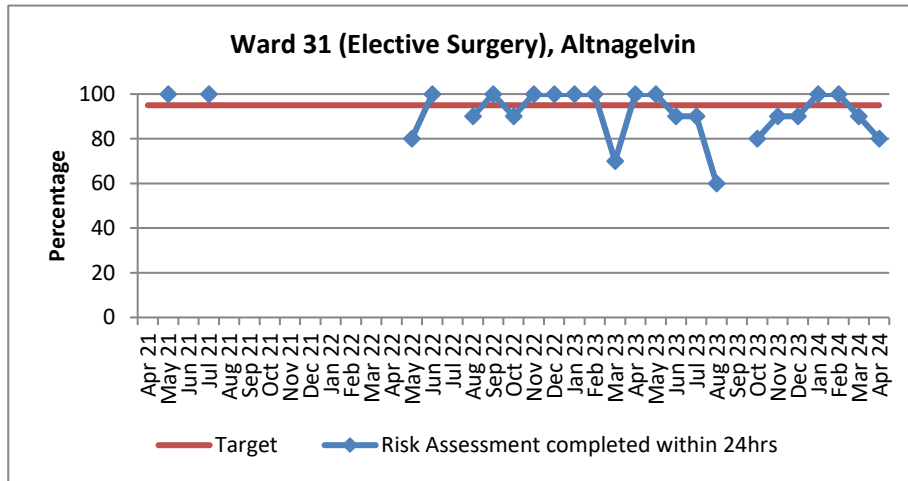
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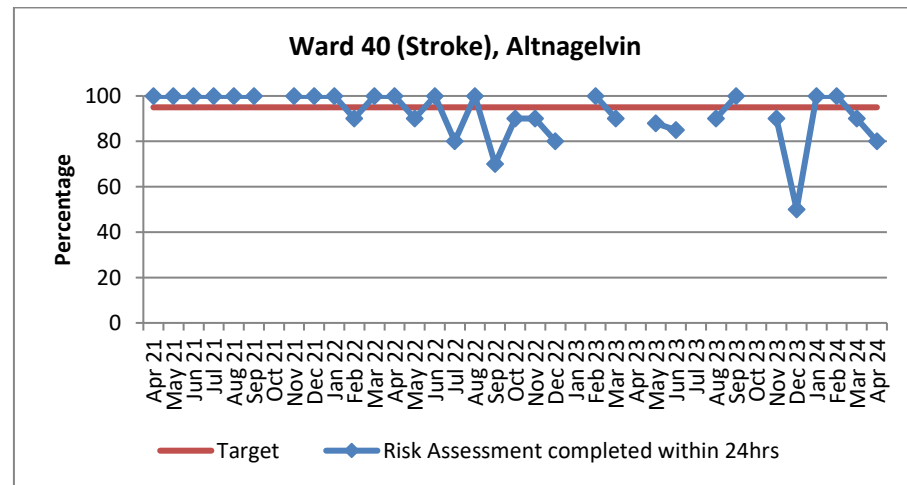
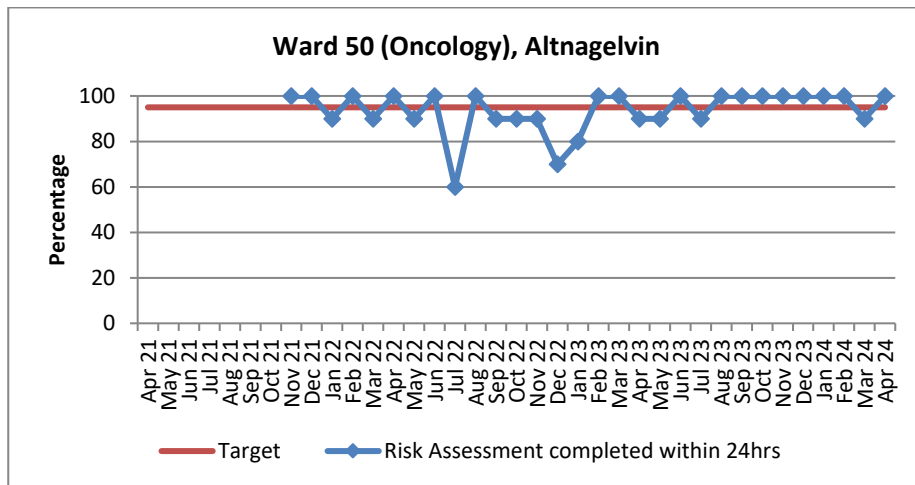
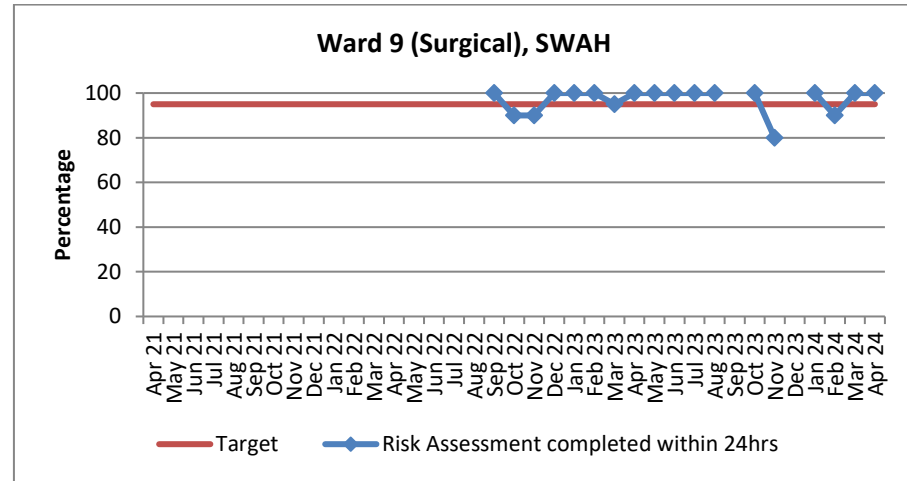
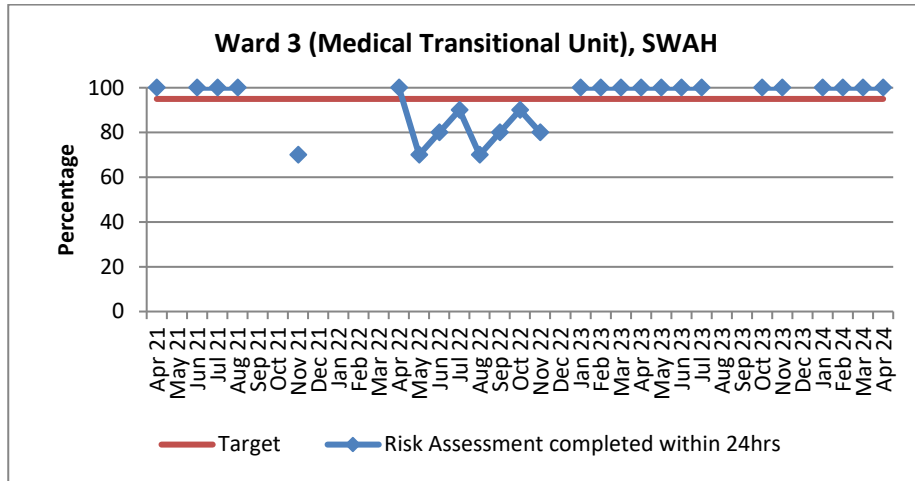
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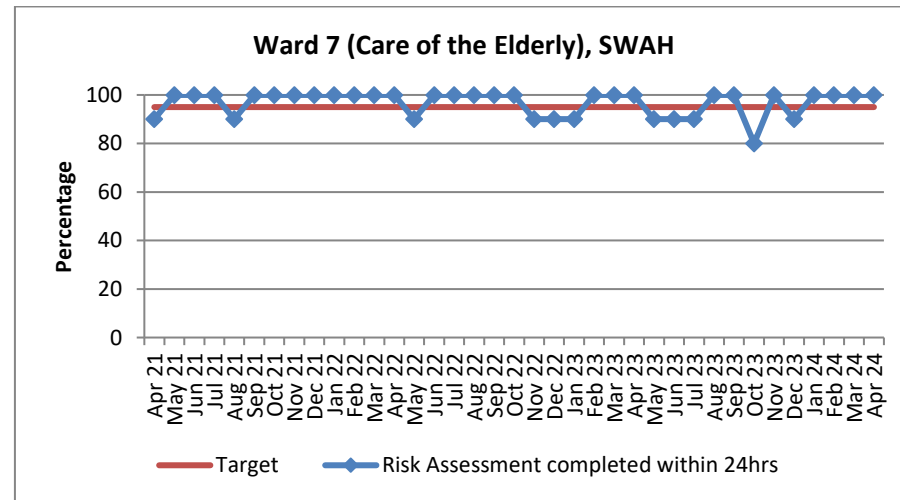
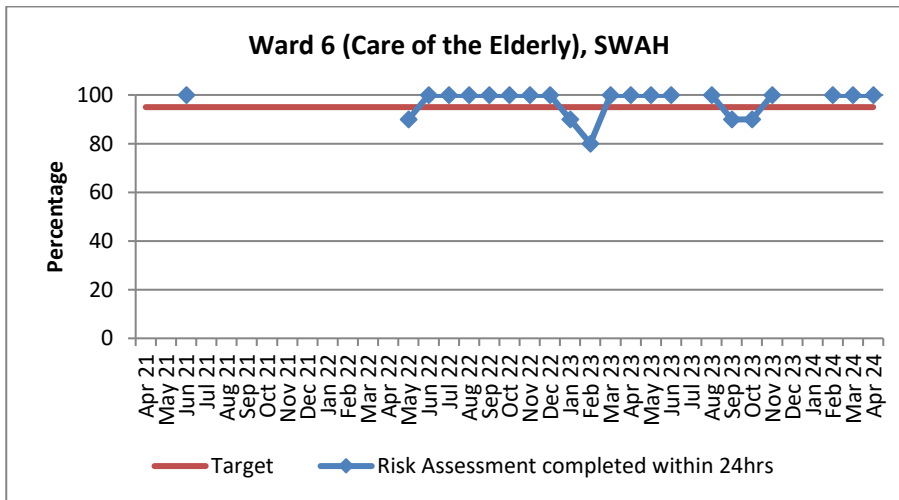
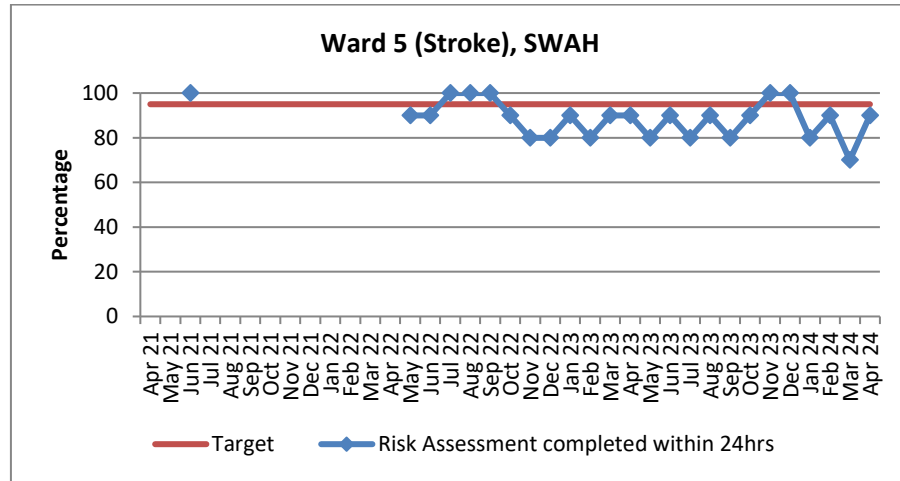
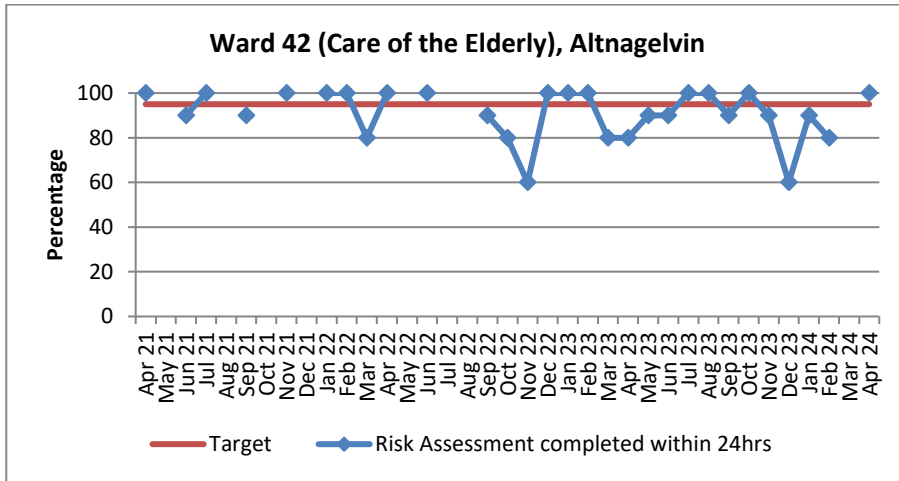
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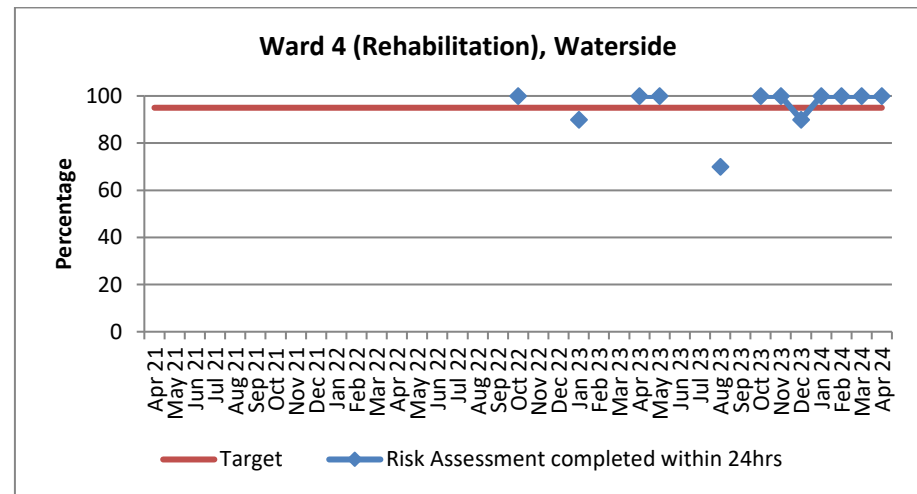
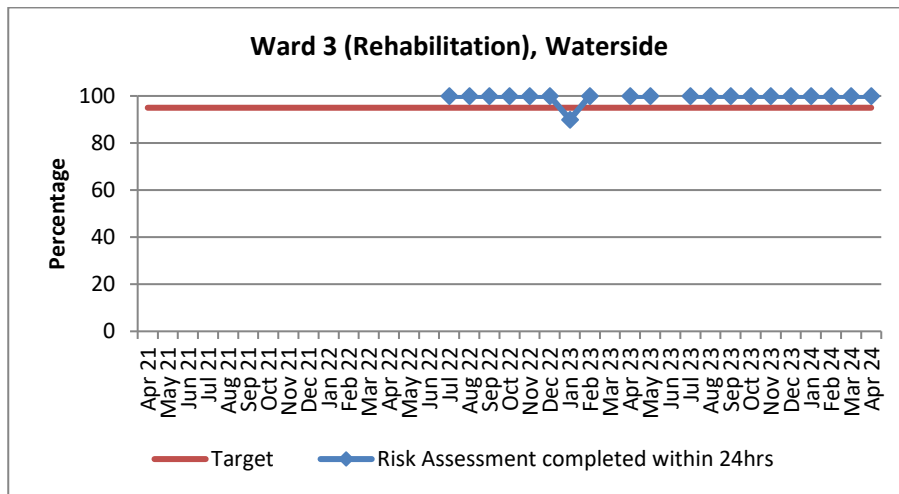
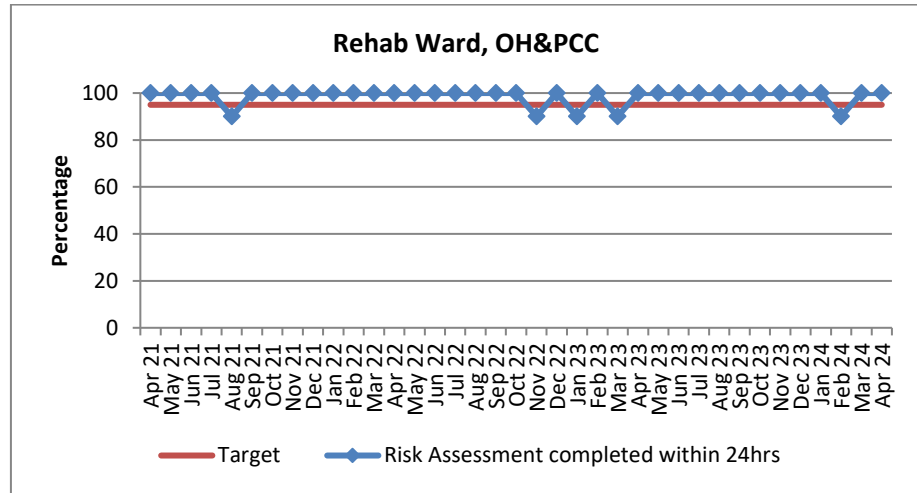
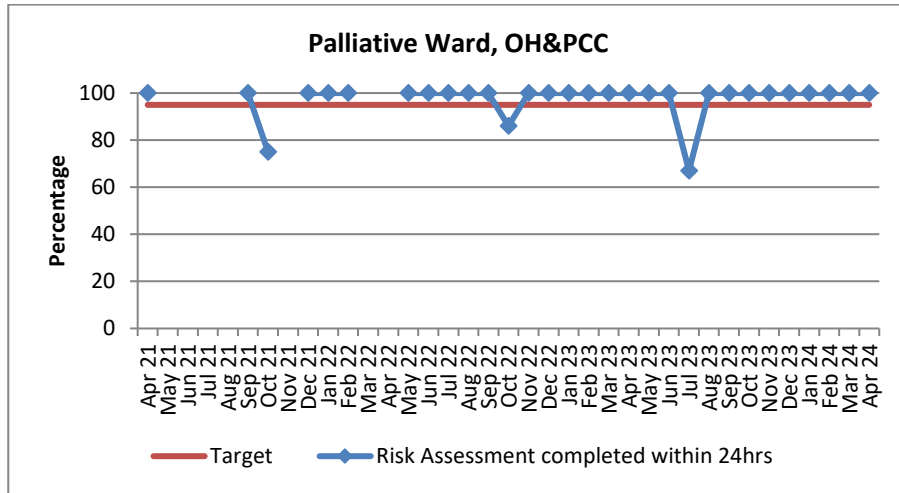
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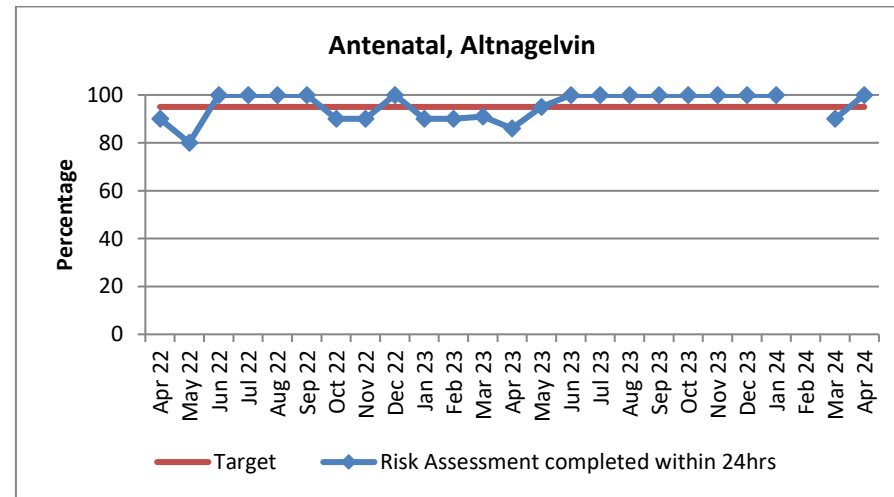
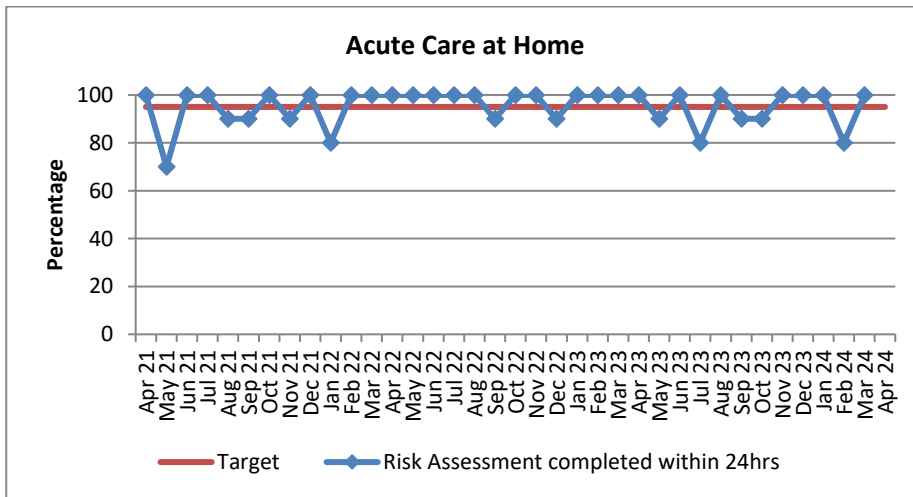
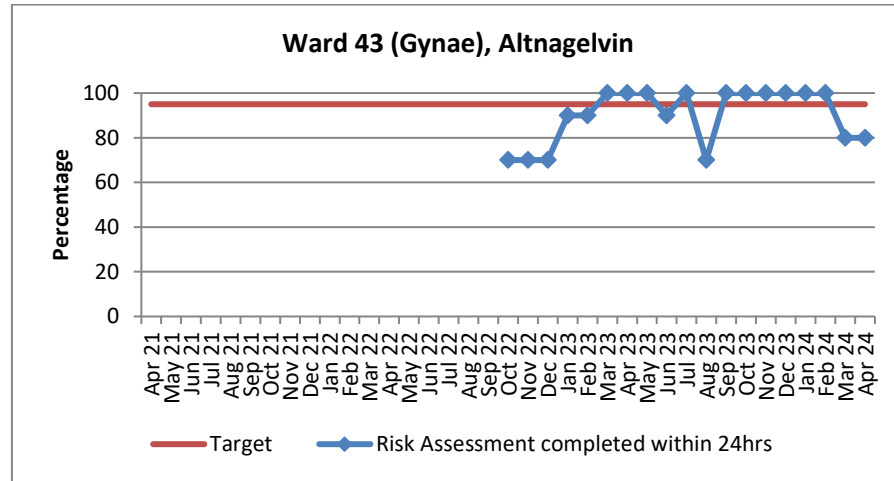
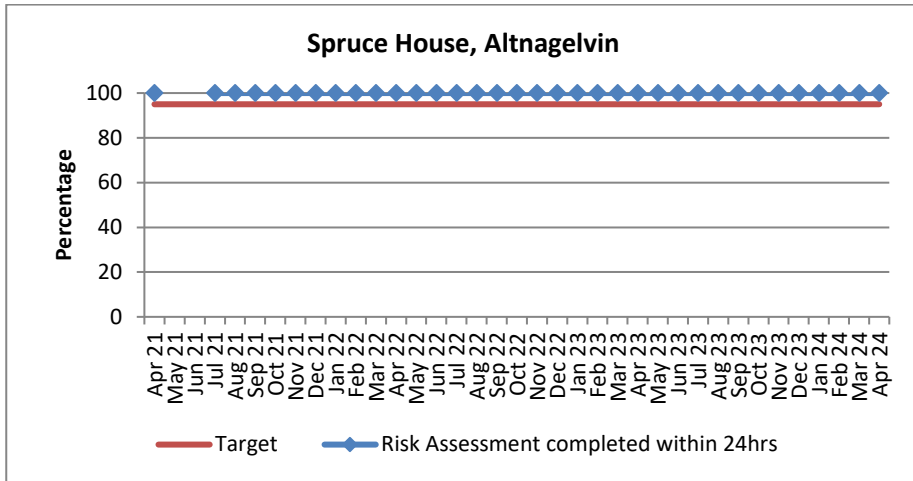
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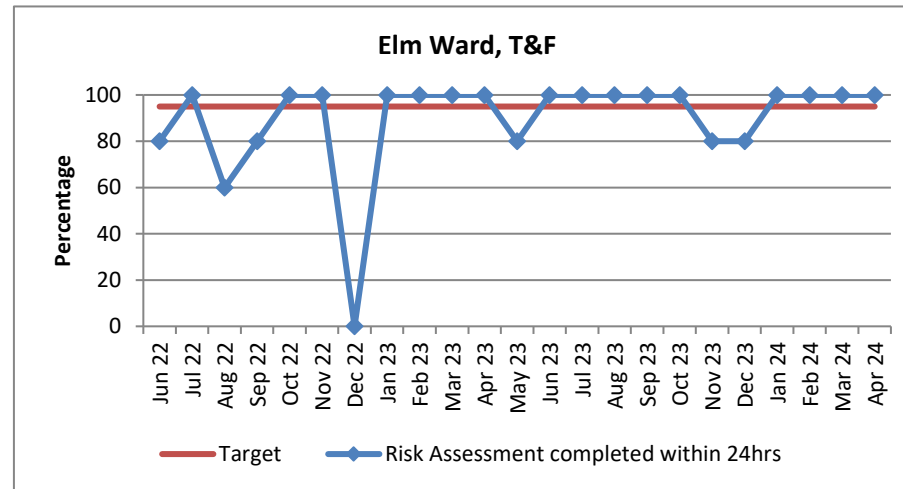
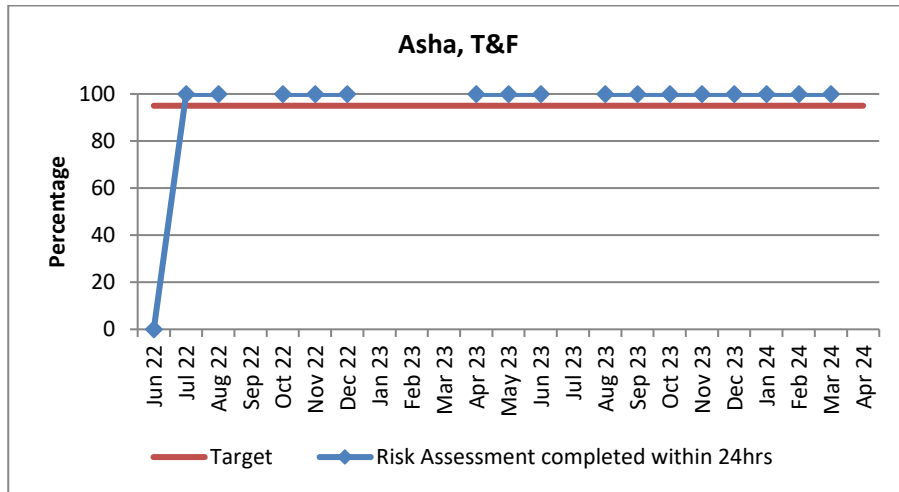
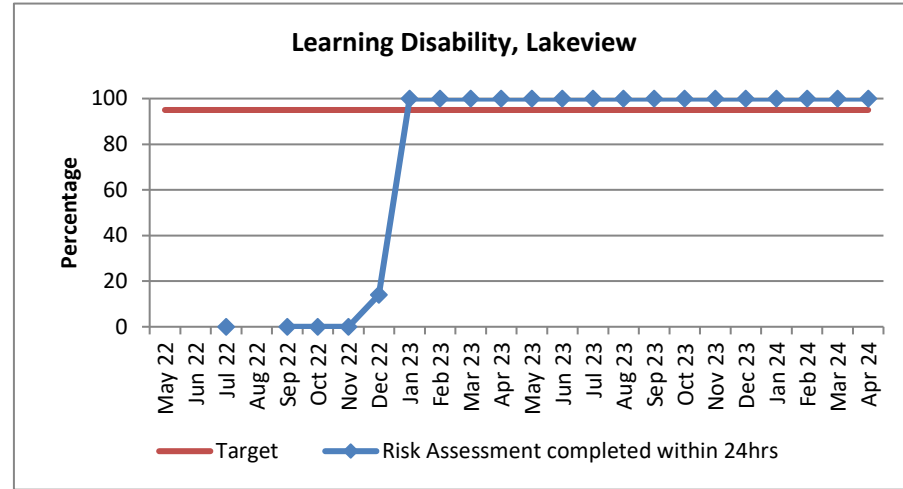
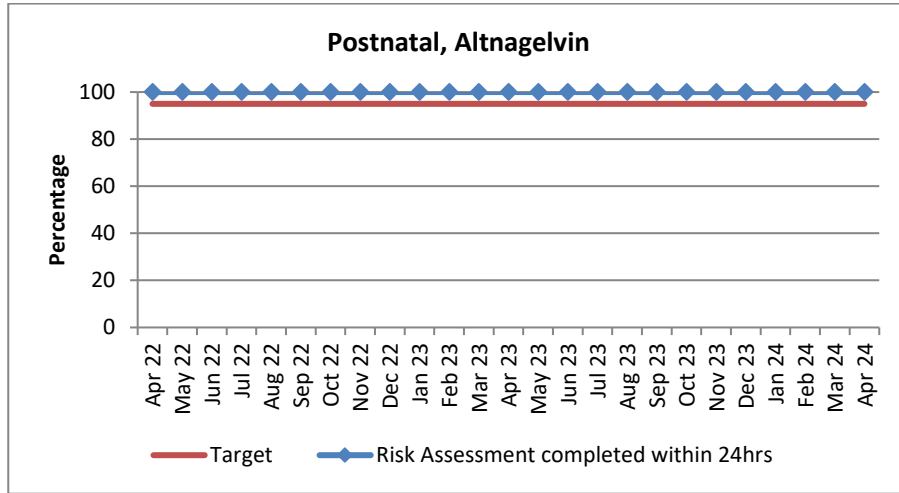
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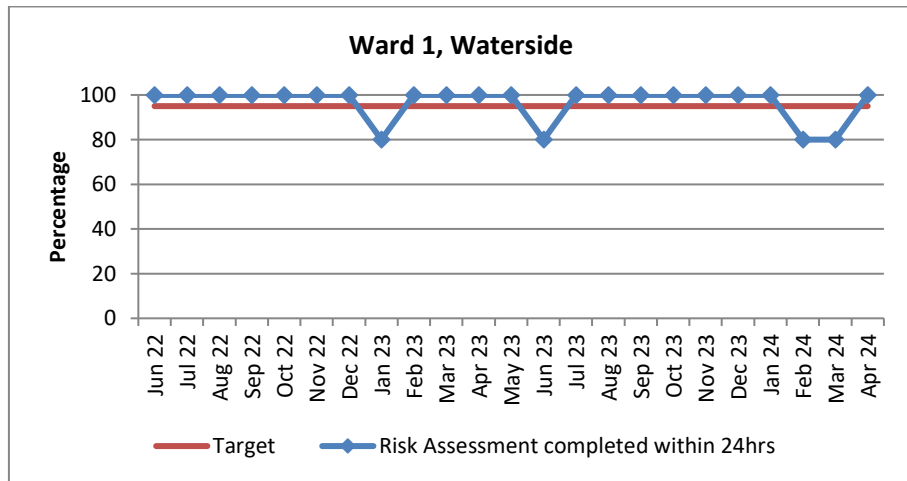
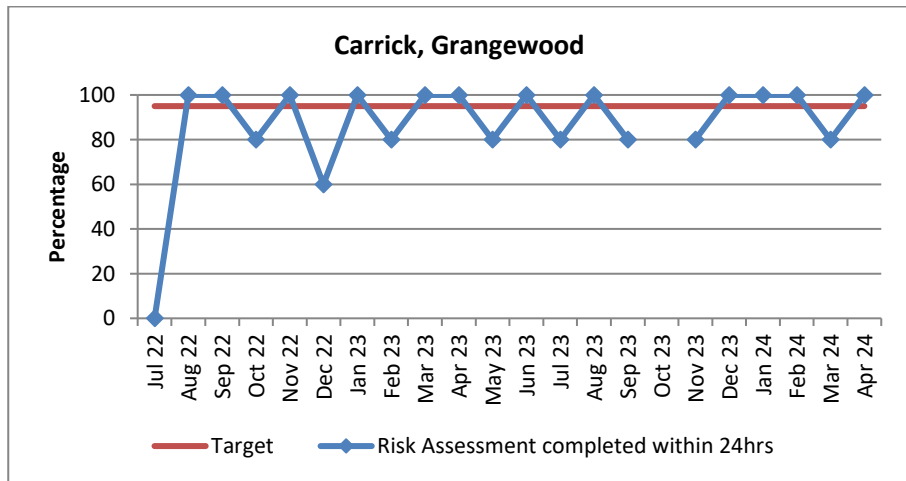
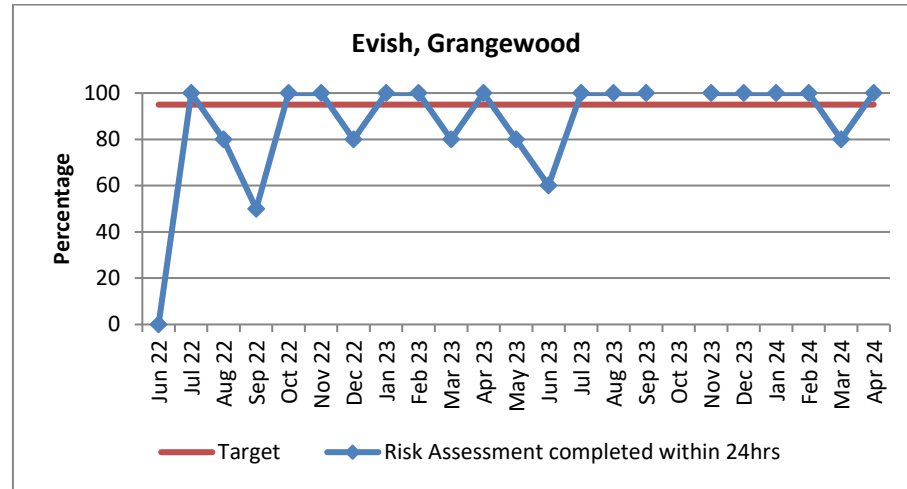
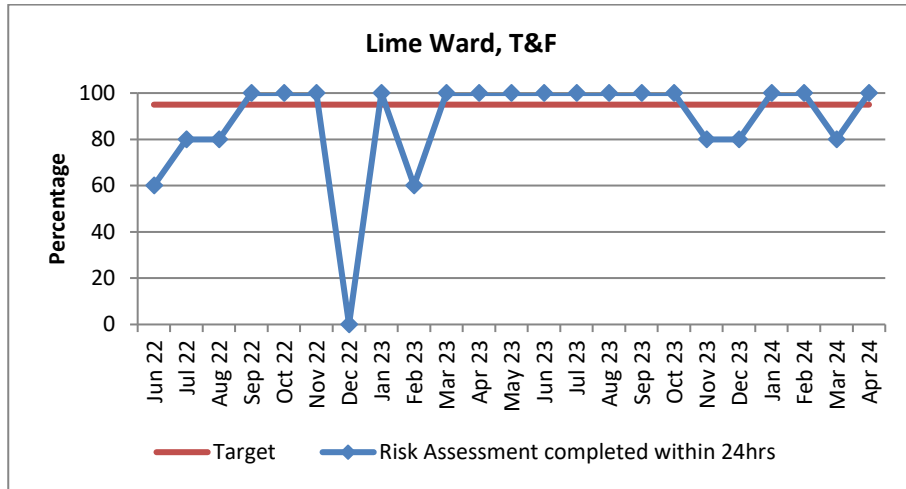
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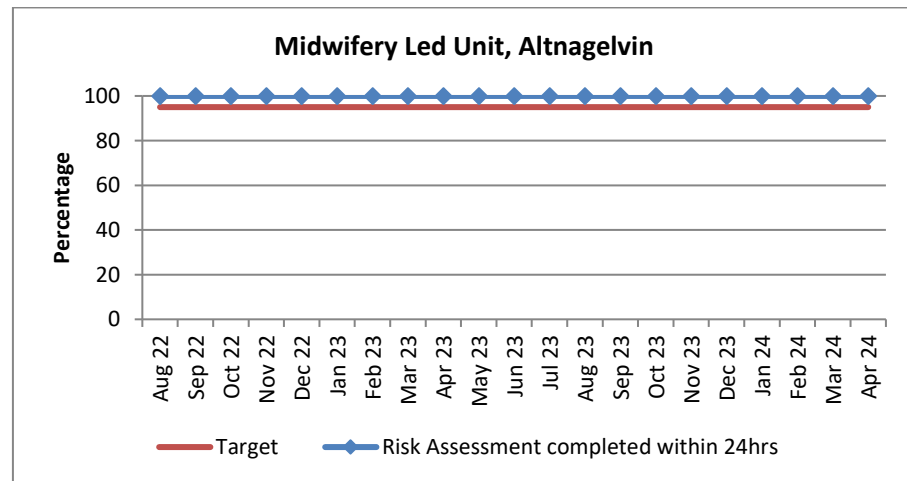
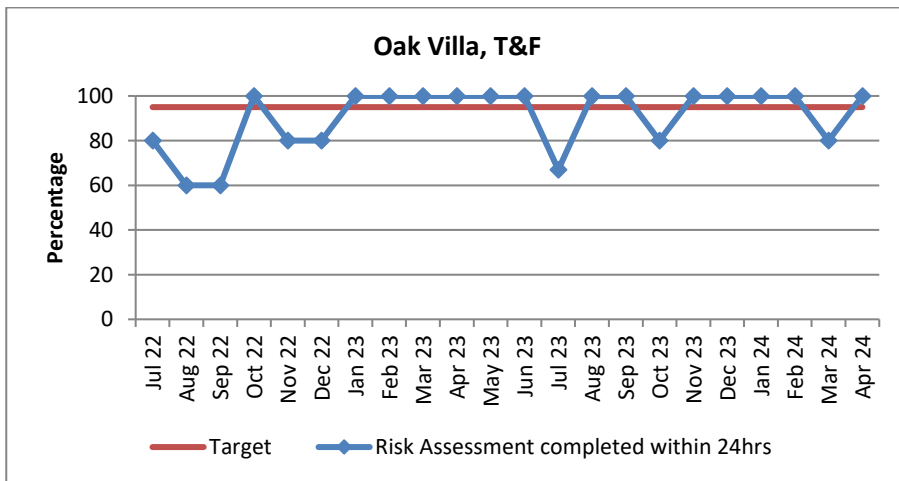
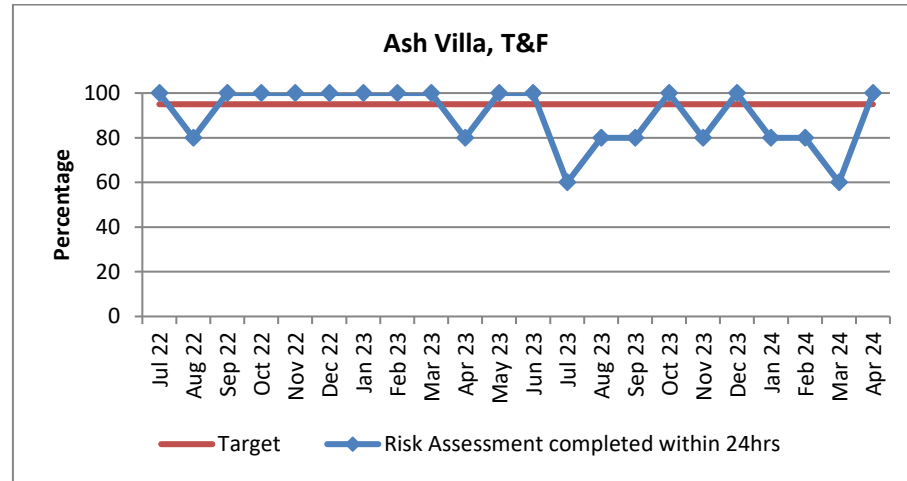
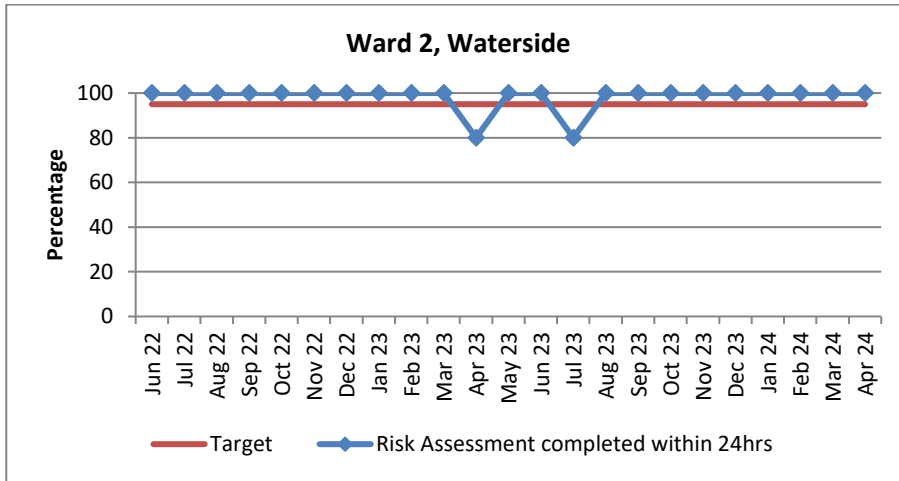
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