

Vital Signs

Project aim

To improve timely recording of vital sign observations leading to early detection and escalation of the deteriorating patient

Timeline for delivery

From: January 2019

To: March 2020

Measures

% of observations on patient with an Early Warning Score ≥ 5 within 30 minutes of due time

Reduction in avoidable deteriorating patient harm incidents

Tests for change

- weekly and monthly reports on compliance
- Standardised process for recording of vital signs
- Adequate and effective equipment for recording vital signs
- Standardised escalation process



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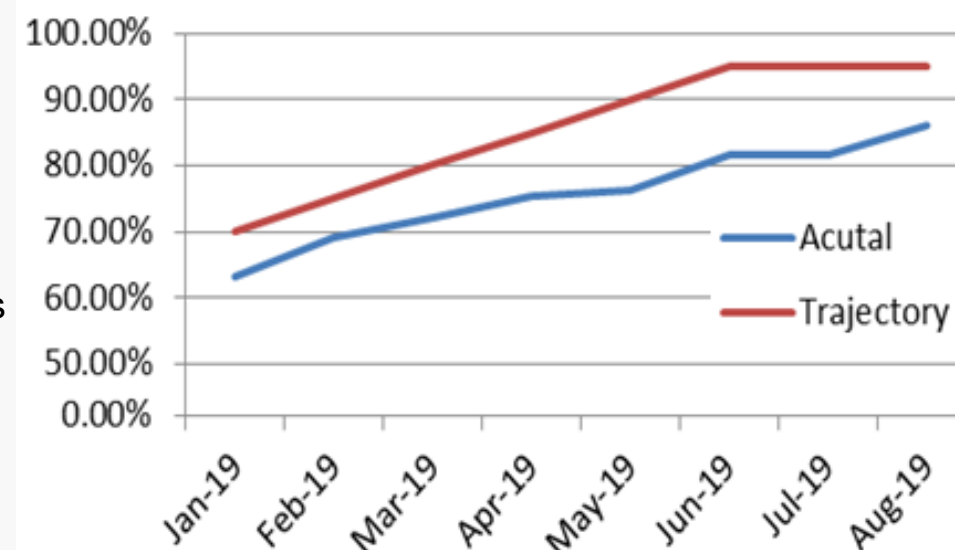
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Results

Compliance with timeliness of observations of patients with NEWS ≥ 5



Learning and next steps

Continued compliance but not all areas are yet reaching trajectory of 95%. Priority now to ensure deteriorating policy is updated with standardised escalation process

