

# *S. aureus* bacteraemia surveillance

## Quarterly report

### Jul - Sep 2018

#### Key points

- Overall *S. aureus* (SA) rates for Northern Ireland (MRSA plus MSSA bacteraemias) decreased by approximately 9% during July-September 2018 compared to April-June 2018.
- MRSA rates increased by approximately 61% during July-September compared to April – June 2018.
- MRSA reports during 2017/18 decreased by 18% compared to 2016/17.
- MSSA rates decreased by approximately 0.3% during July-September compared to April – June 2018.
- MSSA reports during 2017/18 increased by 7% compared to 2016/17.

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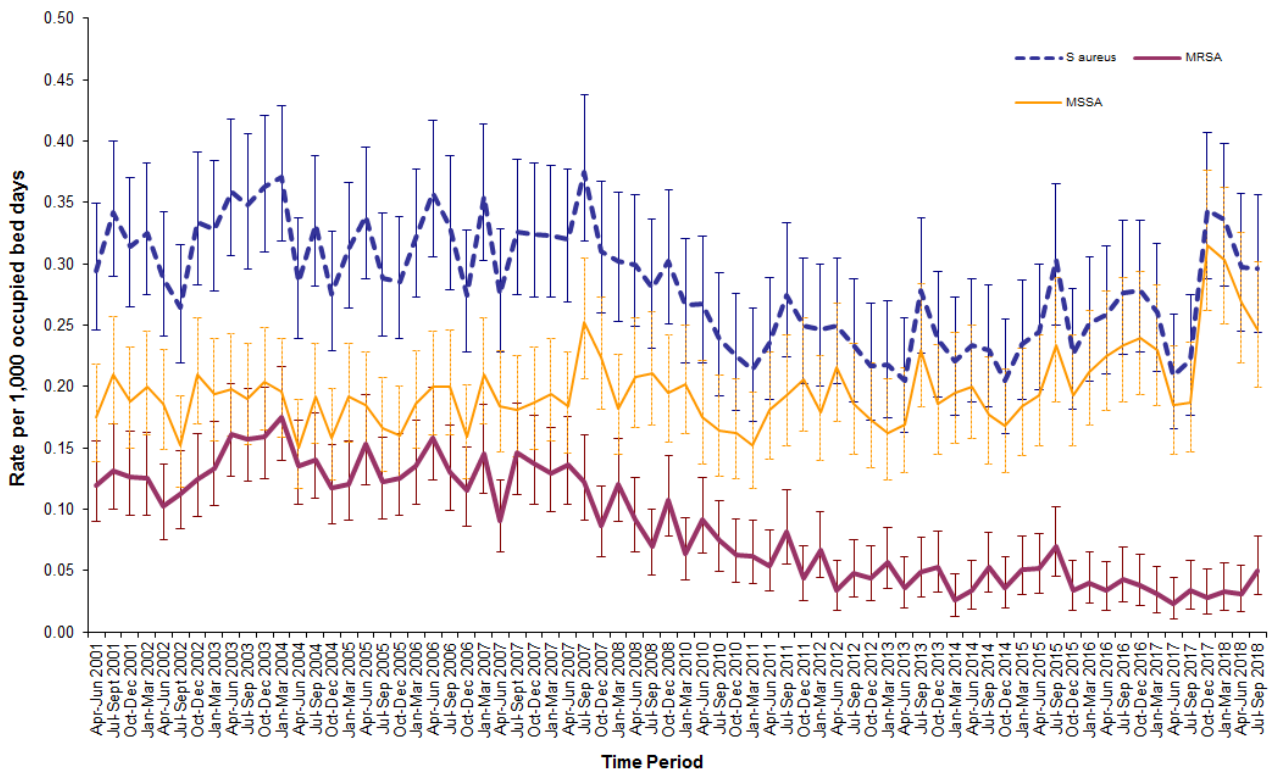


Figure 1: MSSA, MRSA and *S. aureus* rates in Northern Ireland by quarter, with 95% confidence intervals, April 2001 – September 2018 (see Appendix 3)

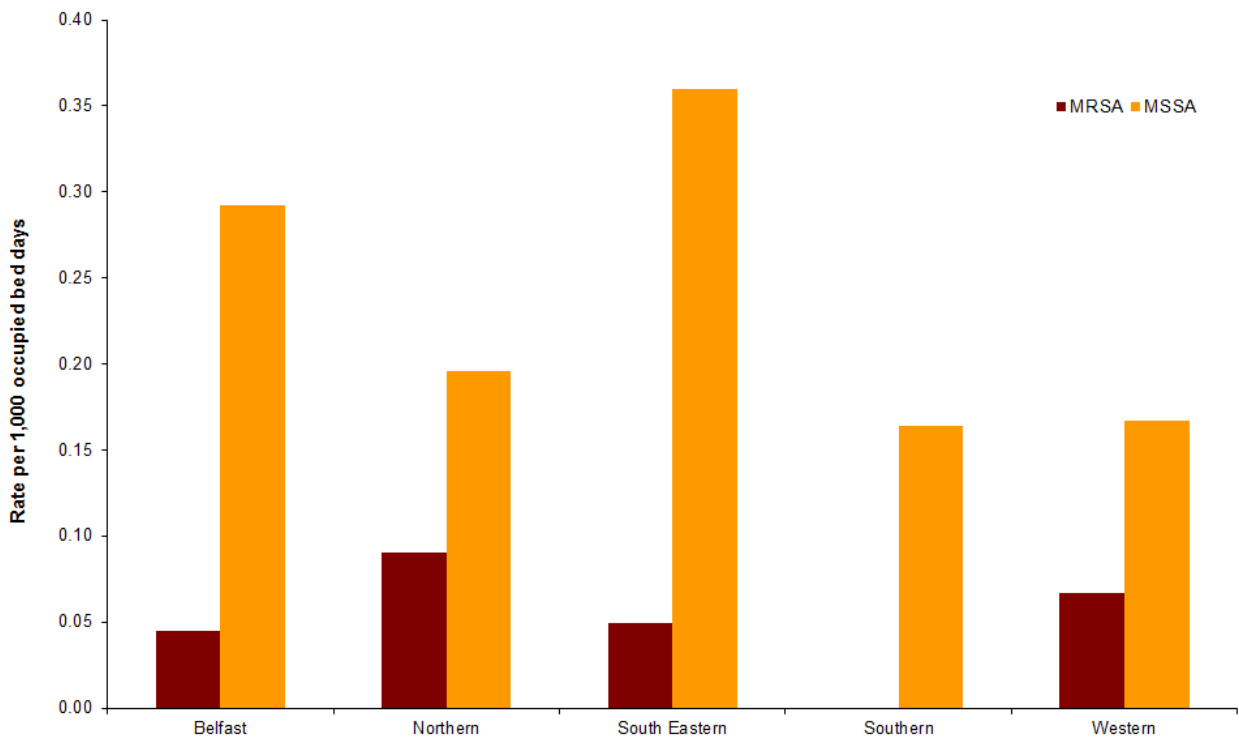


Figure 2: MRSA and MSSA rates per 1,000 occupied bed days, by HSCT, July-September 2018.

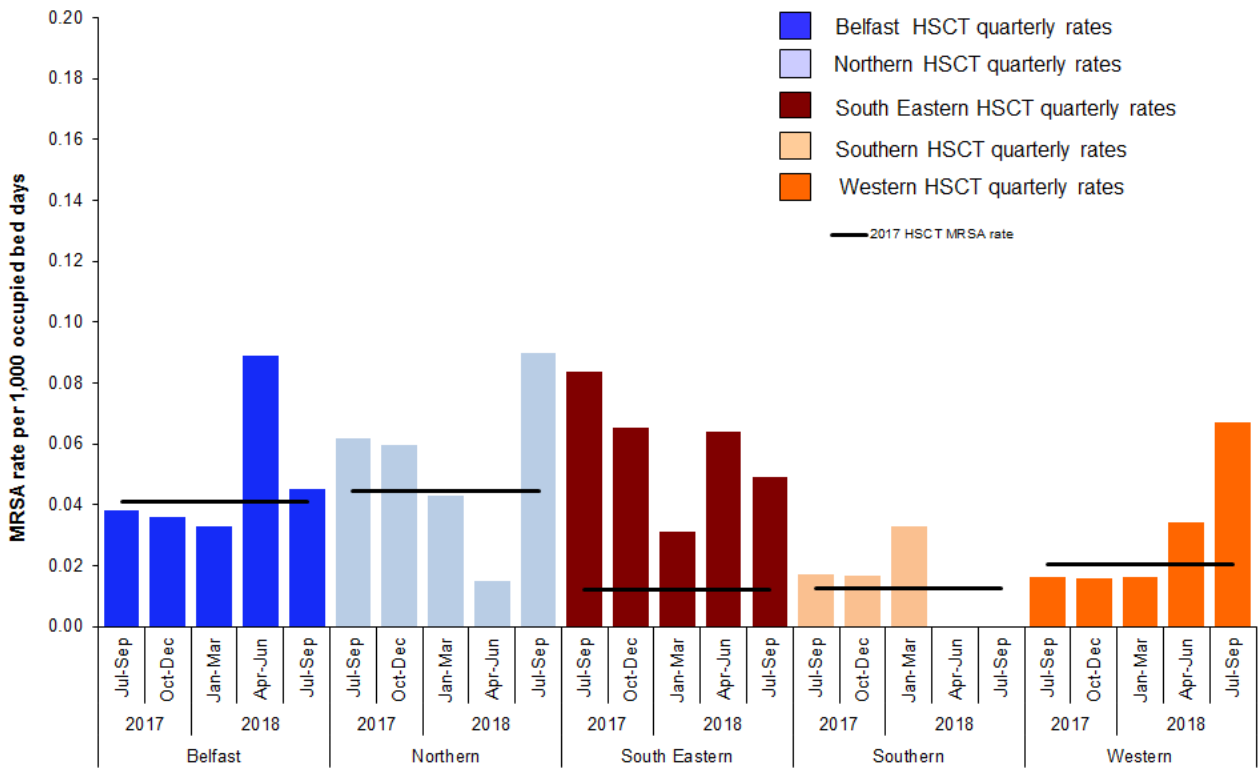


Figure 3: MRSA quarterly rate July-September 2018, by HSCT, with 2017 HSCT MRSA rate

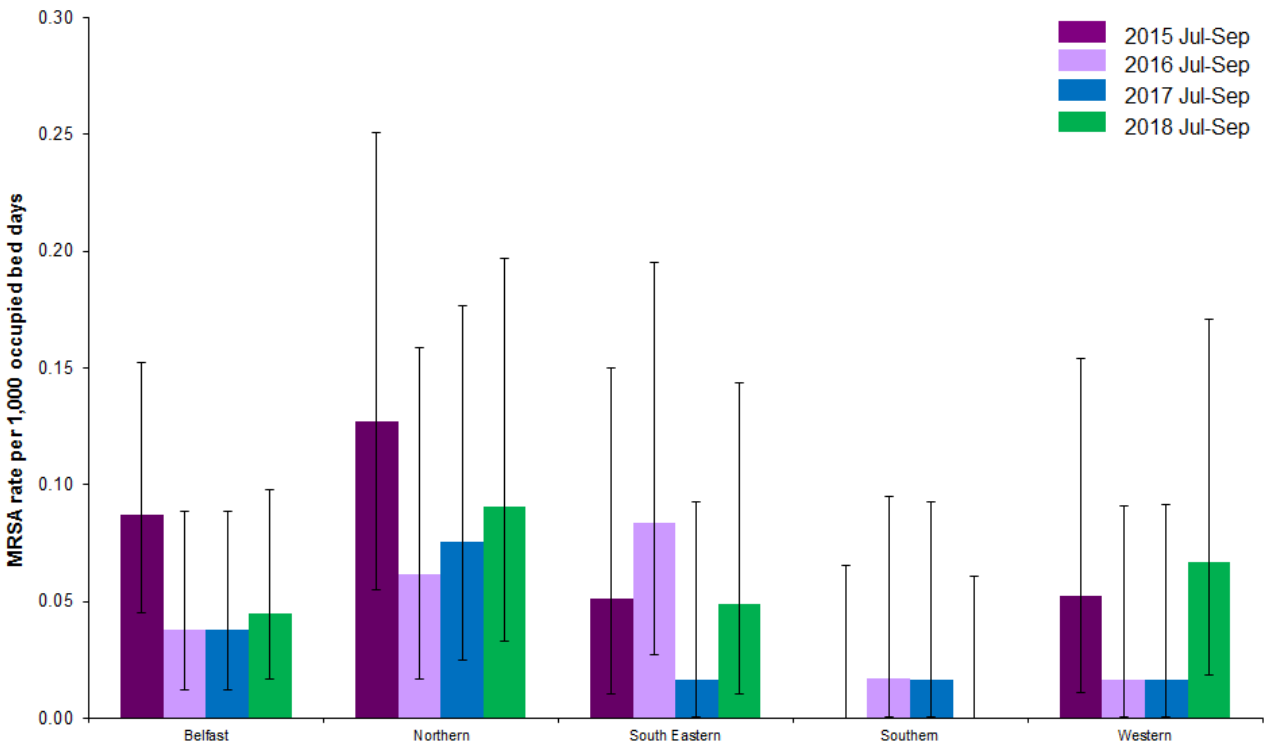


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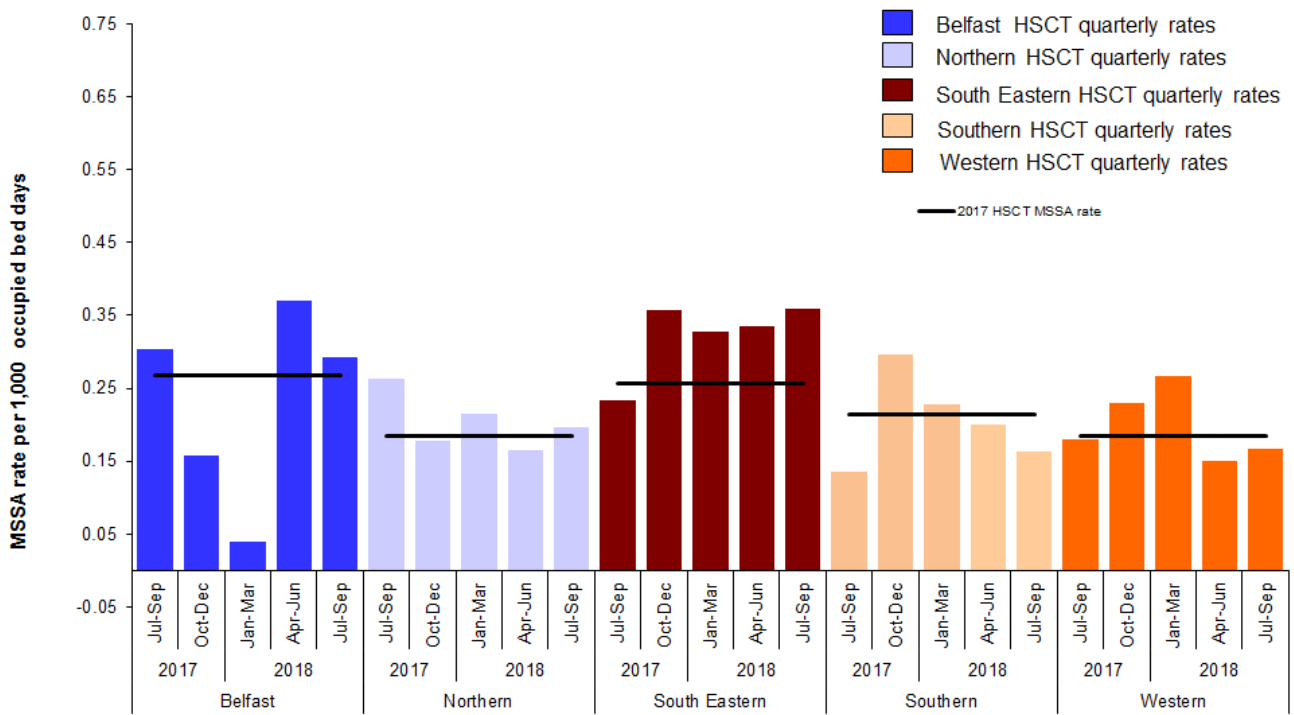


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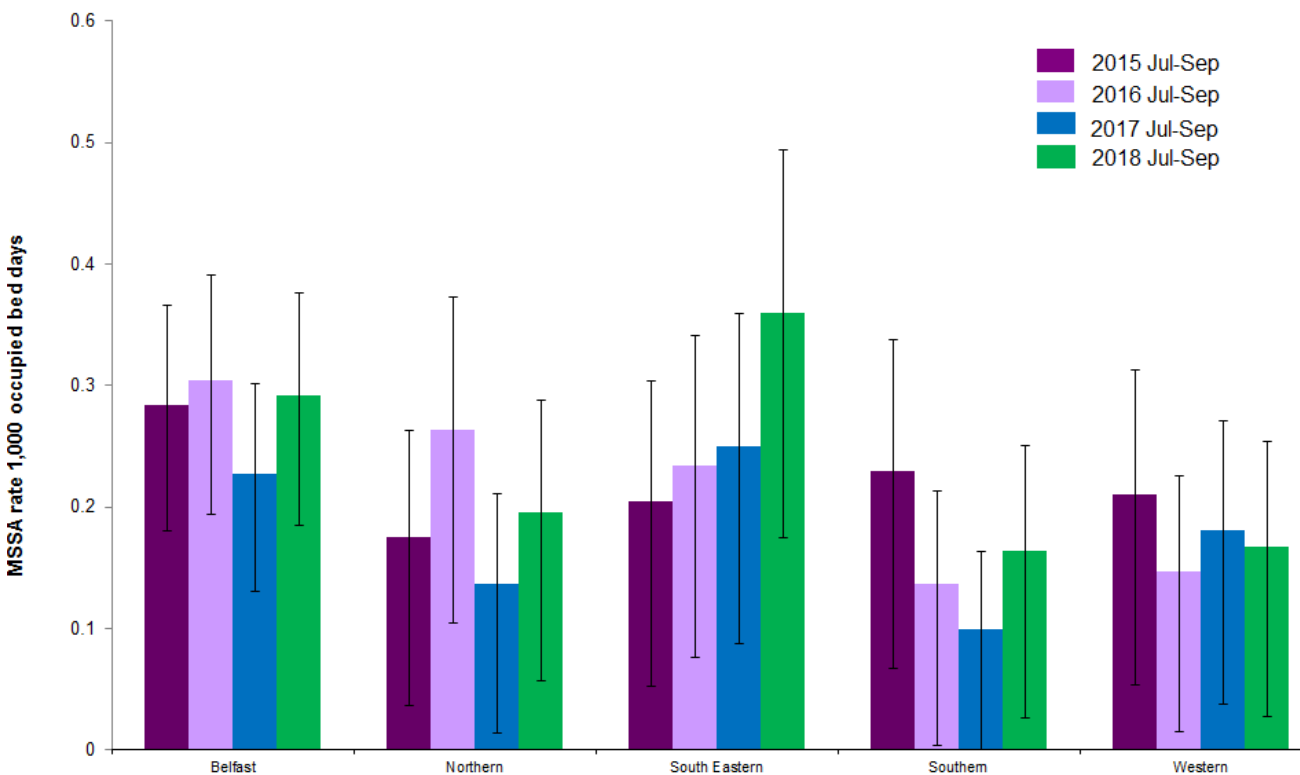


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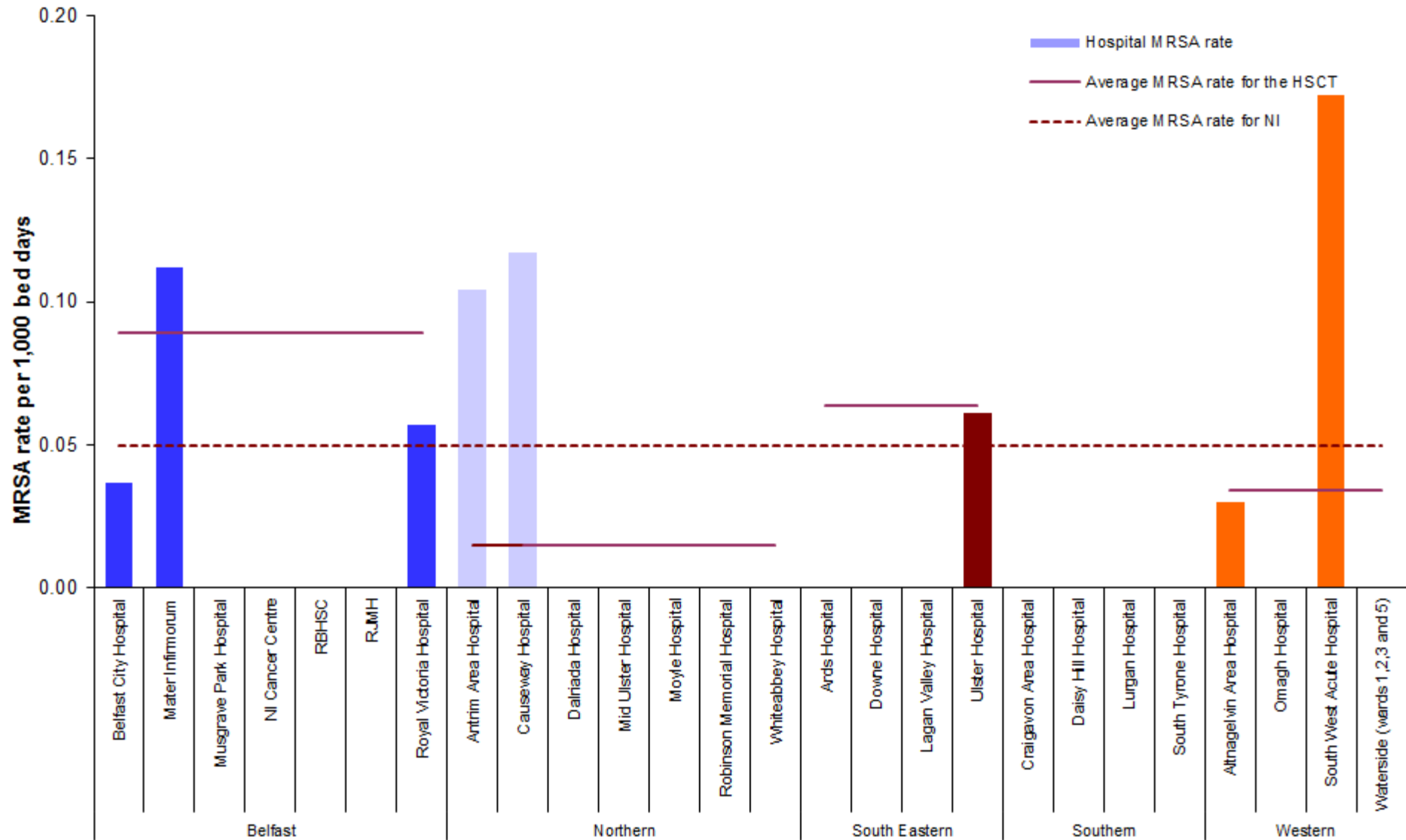


Figure 7: Rates of MRSA, July-September 2018 by individual hospitals, (gaps represent zero episodes), compared to July-September 2018 average rates for Northern Ireland and HSCTs

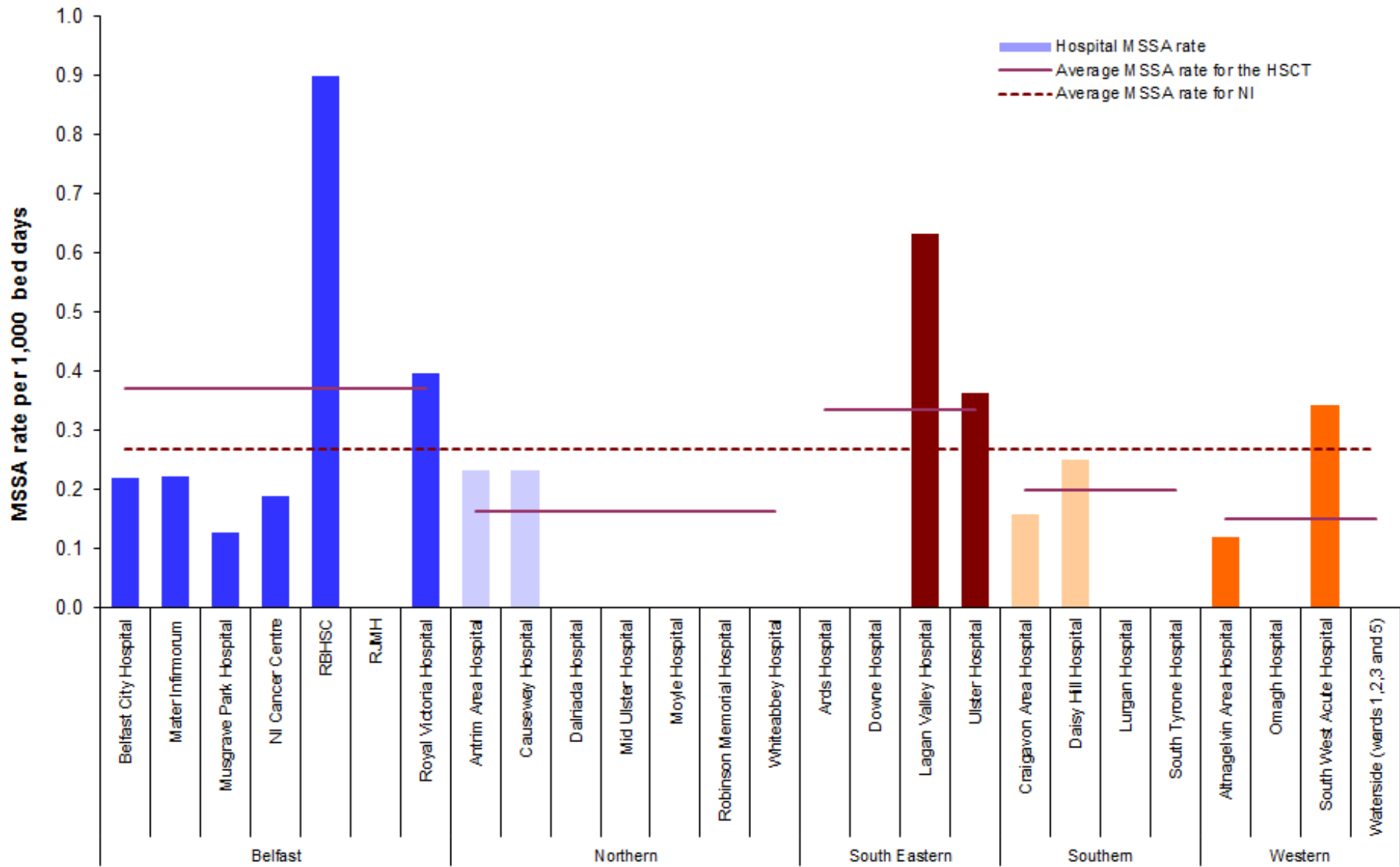
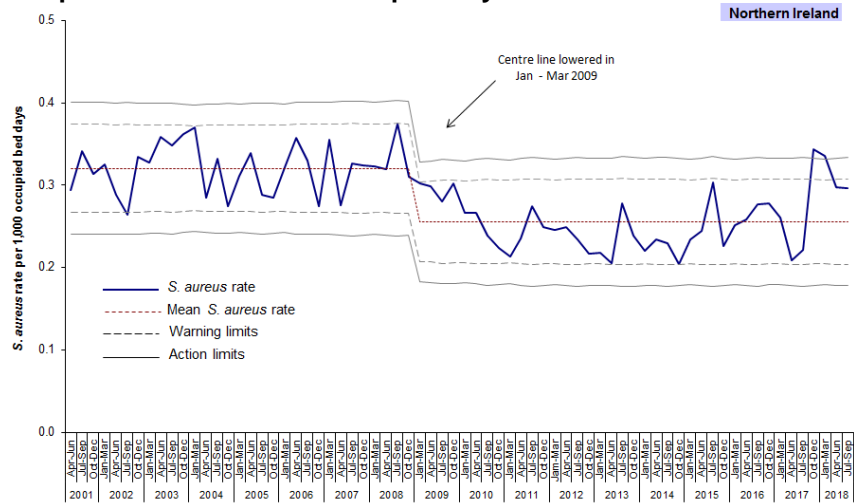
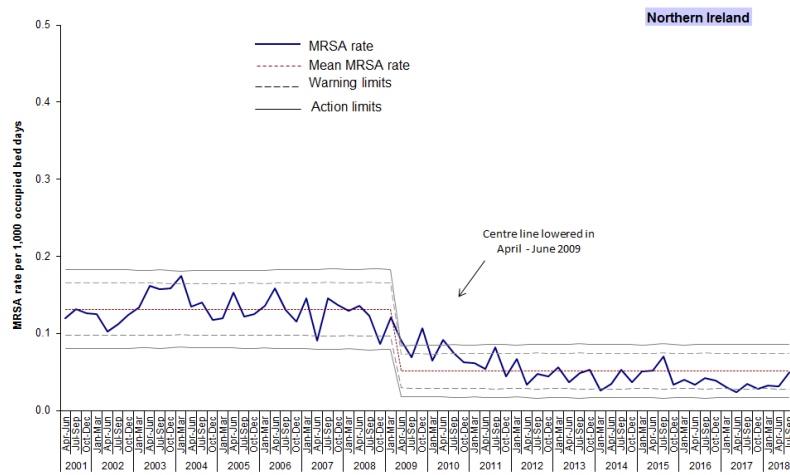


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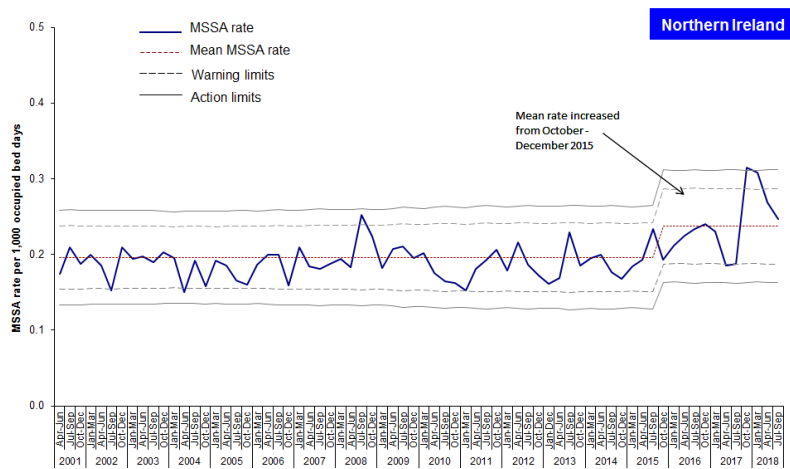
**Figure 9a: Statistical process control chart for quarterly *S. aureus* rates in Northern Ireland**



**Figure 9b: Statistical process control chart for quarterly MRSA rates in Northern Ireland**



**Figure 9c: Statistical process control chart for quarterly MSSA rates in Northern Ireland**



## Appendix 1

**Table 1: Quarterly number and rate of MRSA patient episodes, by hospital, October 2017 - September 2018.**

Hospital	Oct - Dec 2017	Jan - Mar 2018	Apr - Jun 2018	Jul-Sep 2018
	Rate	Rate	Rate	Rate
Belfast City Hospital	0.038	0.110	0.000	0.037
Mater Infirmorum	0.000	0.053	0.000	0.112
Musgrave Park Hospital	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
NICCO (formerly at Belvoir Park)	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
RBHSC	0.000	0.000	0.142	0.000
RJMH	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Royal Victoria Hospital	0.057	0.018	0.075	0.057
<b>Belfast HSCT</b>	<b>0.030</b>	<b>0.036</b>	<b>0.037</b>	<b>0.045</b>
Antrim Area Hospital	0.075	0.070	0.000	0.104
Causeway Hospital	0.058	0.000	0.059	0.117
Dalriada Hospital	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Mid Ulster Hospital	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Moyle Hospital	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Robinson Memorial Hospital	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Whiteabbey Hospital	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
<b>Northern HSCT</b>	<b>0.059</b>	<b>0.043</b>	<b>0.015</b>	<b>0.090</b>
Ards Hospital	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Downe Hospital	0.000	0.000	0.267	0.000
Lagan Valley Hospital	0.000	0.131	0.000	0.000
Ulster Hospital	0.040	0.020	0.060	0.061
<b>South Eastern HSCT</b>	<b>0.032</b>	<b>0.031</b>	<b>0.064</b>	<b>0.049</b>
Craigavon Area Hospital	0.000	0.053	0.000	0.000
Daisy Hill Hospital	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Lurgan Hospital	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
South Tyrone Hospital	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
<b>Southern HSCT</b>	<b>0.000</b>	<b>0.033</b>	<b>0.000</b>	<b>0.000</b>
Altnagelvin Area Hospital	0.000	0.000	0.031	0.030
South West Acute Hospital	0.056	0.053	0.000	0.172
Tyrone County / Omagh Hospital	0.000	0.000	0.056	0.000
Waterside Hospital (Wards 1-3, 5)	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
<b>Western HSCT</b>	<b>0.016</b>	<b>0.016</b>	<b>0.034</b>	<b>0.067</b>
<b>Northern Ireland total</b>	<b>0.028</b>	<b>0.033</b>	<b>0.031</b>	<b>0.050</b>

**Table 2: Quarterly MRSA patient episodes, by Trust, October 2017 - September 2018**

Trust	Oct - Dec 2017	Jan - Mar 2018	Apr - Jun 2018	Jul-Sep 2018
	Episodes	Episodes	Episodes	Episodes
Belfast Health & Social Care Trust	4	5	5	6
Northern Health & Social Care Trust	4	3	1	6
South Eastern Health & Social Care Trust	2	2	4	3
Southern Health & Social Care Trust	0	2	0	0
Western Health & Social Care Trust	1	1	2	4
<b>NI TOTAL</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>19</b>



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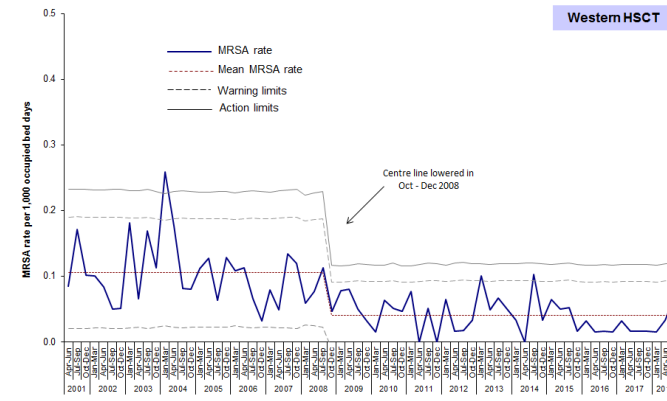
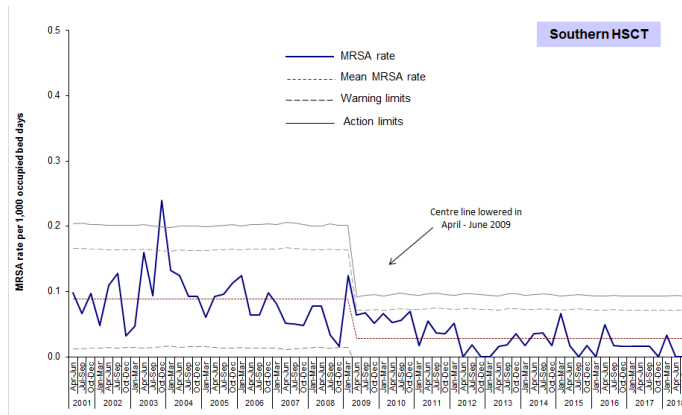
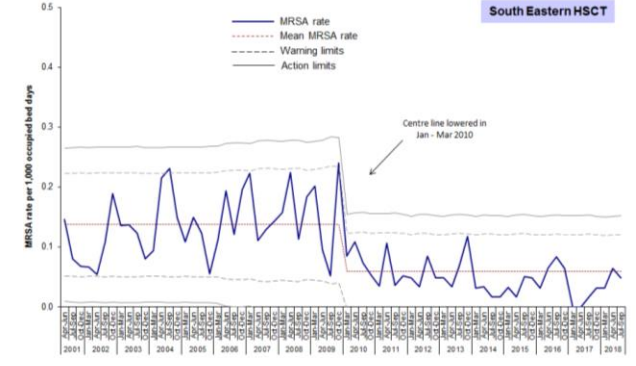
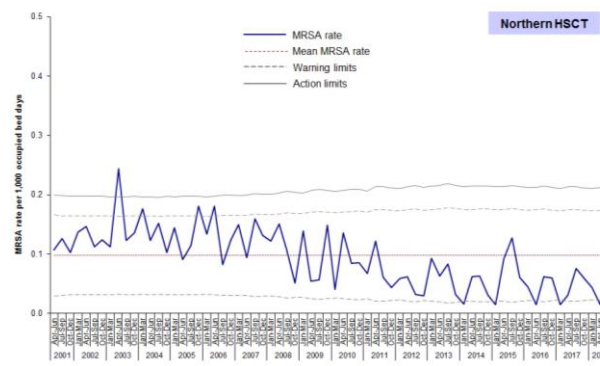
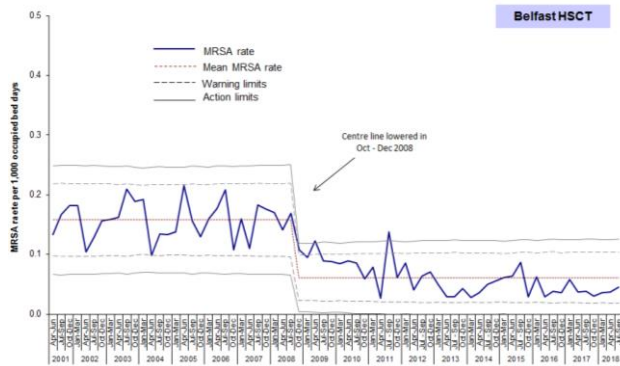
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Hospital	Oct - Dec 2017	Jan - Mar 2018	Apr - Jun 2018	Jul-Sep 2018
	Rate	Rate	Rate	Rate
Belfast City Hospital	0.381	0.400	0.111	0.221
Mater Infirmorum	0.313	0.480	0.380	0.224
Musgrave Park Hospital	0.000	0.060	0.063	0.128
NICCO (formerly at Belvoir Park)	0.592	0.380	0.000	0.189
RBHSC	0.412	0.550	0.708	0.900
RJMH	0.000	0.120	0.128	0.000
Royal Victoria Hospital	0.532	0.490	0.621	0.398
<b>Belfast HSCT</b>	<b>0.374</b>	<b>0.400</b>	<b>0.371</b>	<b>0.292</b>
Antrim Area Hospital	0.300	0.270	0.206	0.234
Causeway Hospital	0.406	0.230	0.176	0.234
Dalriada Hospital	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Mid Ulster Hospital	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Moyle Hospital	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Robinson Memorial Hospital	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Whiteabbey Hospital	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
<b>Northern HSCT</b>	<b>0.279</b>	<b>0.216</b>	<b>0.165</b>	<b>0.196</b>
Ards Hospital	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Downe Hospital	0.531	1.010	0.267	0.000
Lagan Valley Hospital	0.268	0.260	0.287	0.632
Ulster Hospital	0.421	0.300	0.359	0.364
<b>South Eastern HSCT</b>	<b>0.397</b>	<b>0.328</b>	<b>0.336</b>	<b>0.360</b>
Craigavon Area Hospital	0.266	0.270	0.215	0.160
Daisy Hill Hospital	0.243	0.250	0.261	0.250
Lurgan Hospital	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
South Tyrone Hospital	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
<b>Southern HSCT</b>	<b>0.227</b>	<b>0.229</b>	<b>0.200</b>	<b>0.164</b>
Altnagelvin Area Hospital	0.320	0.278	0.153	0.120
South West Acute Hospital	0.113	0.267	0.112	0.344
Tyrone County / Omagh Hospital	0.357	0.000	0.668	0.000
Waterside Hospital (Wards 1-3, 5)	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
<b>Western HSCT</b>	<b>0.230</b>	<b>0.235</b>	<b>0.151</b>	<b>0.167</b>
<b>Northern Ireland total</b>	<b>0.315</b>	<b>0.303</b>	<b>0.269</b>	<b>0.246</b>

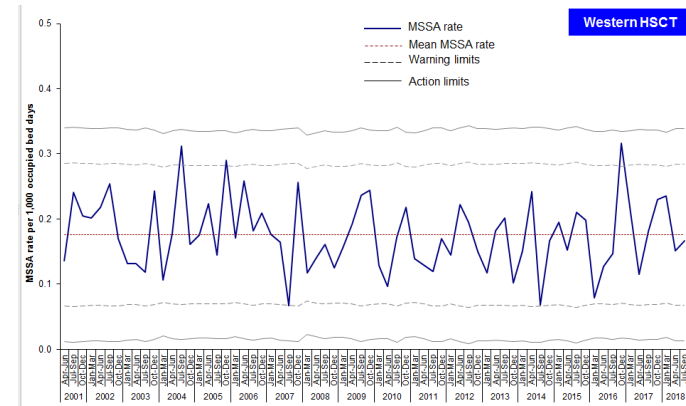
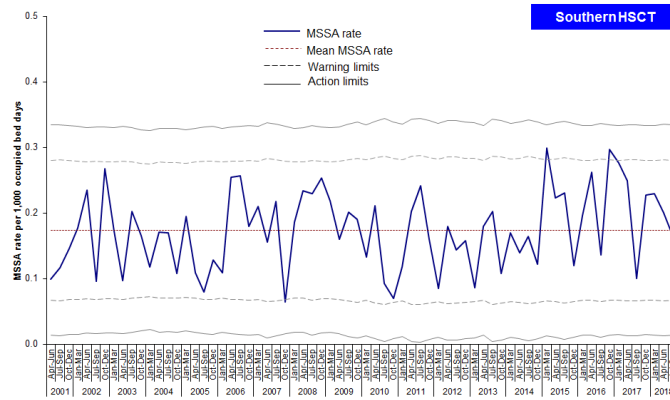
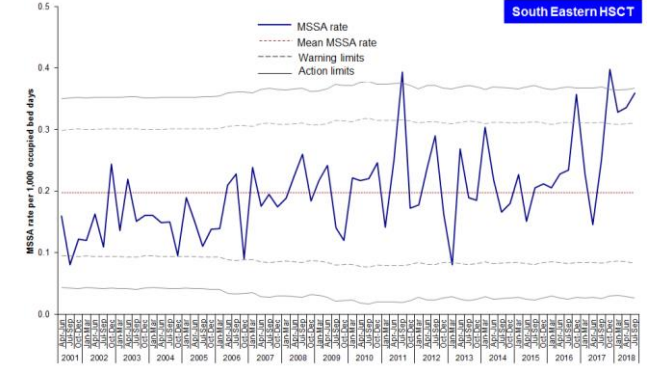
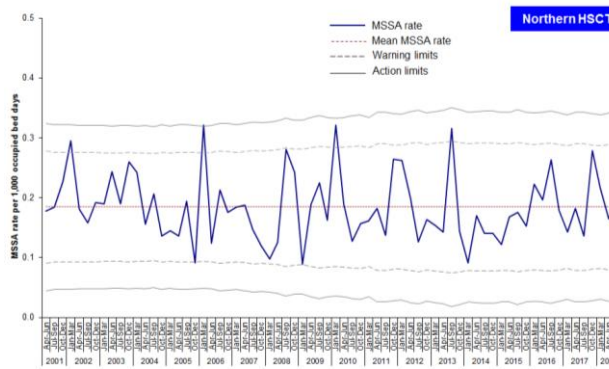
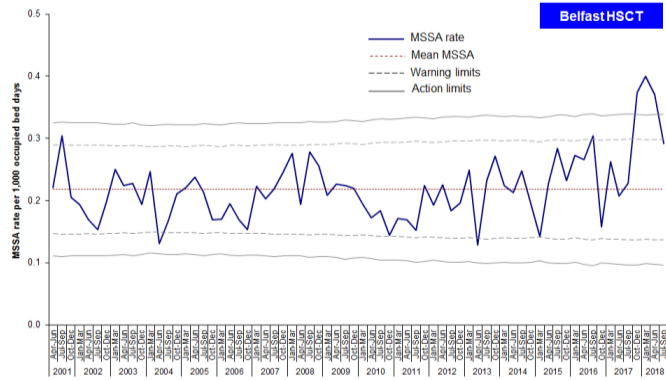
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Trust	Oct - Dec 2017	Jan - Mar 2018	Apr - Jun 2018	Jul-Sep 2018
	Episodes	Episodes	Episodes	Episodes
Belfast Health & Social Care Trust	50	55	50	39
Northern Health & Social Care Trust	19	15	11	13
South Eastern Health & Social Care Trust	25	21	21	22
Southern Health & Social Care Trust	14	14	12	10
Western Health & Social Care Trust	14	15	9	10
<b>NI TOTAL</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>94</b>

## Appendix 2: Trends in MRSA rates, by HSCT and quarter, April 2001 – September 2018



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### Appendix 3

**Table 5: MSSA, MRSA and total *S. aureus* patient episode rates, and the percentage of *S. aureus* reported as MRSA, in Northern Ireland, Jul 2008 – Sep 2018.**

Quarter	MSSA rate	MRSA rate	All <i>S. aureus</i> rate	% MRSA
Jul-Sep 2008	0.252	0.122	0.375	32.5
Oct-Dec 2008	0.223	0.087	0.310	28.1
Jan-Mar 2009	0.182	0.120	0.302	39.7
Apr-Jun 2009	0.207	0.092	0.299	30.8
Jul-Sep 2009	0.206	0.069	0.275	25.1
Oct-Dec 2009	0.195	0.107	0.302	35.4
Jan-Mar 2010	0.202	0.064	0.266	24.1
Apr-Jun 2010	0.175	0.091	0.267	34.1
Jul-Sep 2010	0.164	0.074	0.239	31.0
Oct-Dec 2010	0.160	0.062	0.222	27.9
Jan-Mar 2011	0.152	0.061	0.214	28.5
Apr-Jun 2011	0.181	0.054	0.235	23.0
Jul-Sep 2011	0.193	0.082	0.275	29.8
Oct-Dec 2011	0.206	0.044	0.250	17.6
Jan-Mar 2012	0.179	0.067	0.246	27.3
Apr-Jun 2012	0.216	0.034	0.250	13.6
Jul-Sep 2012	0.186	0.048	0.234	20.5
Oct-Dec 2012	0.173	0.044	0.216	20.4
Jan-Mar 2013	0.162	0.056	0.218	25.7
Apr-Jun 2013	0.169	0.036	0.205	17.6
Jul-Sep 2013	0.230	0.049	0.278	17.6
Oct-Dec 2013	0.188	0.053	0.241	22.0
Jan-Mar 2014	0.195	0.026	0.221	11.8
Apr-Jun 2014	0.200	0.034	0.234	14.5
Jul-Sep 2014	0.177	0.053	0.229	23.1
Oct-Dec 2014	0.168	0.036	0.204	17.6
Jan-Mar 2015	0.184	0.050	0.234	21.4
Apr-Jun 2015	0.193	0.052	0.245	21.2
Jul-Sep 2015	0.234	0.070	0.304	23.0
Oct-Dec 2015	0.193	0.034	0.226	15.0
Jan-Mar 2016	0.211	0.040	0.252	15.9
Apr-Jun 2016	0.225	0.034	0.259	13.1
Jul-Sep 2016	0.234	0.043	0.277	15.5
Oct-Dec 2016	0.240	0.038	0.278	13.7
Jan-Mar 2017	0.230	0.031	0.260	11.9
Apr-Jun 2017	0.185	0.023	0.208	11.1
Jul-Sep 2017	0.187	0.034	0.222	15.3
Oct-Dec 2017	0.315	0.028	0.343	8.2
Jan-Mar 2018	0.303	0.033	0.339	9.7
Apr-Jun 2018	0.269	0.050	0.300	16.6
Jul-Sep 2018	0.246	0.050	0.296	16.9

## Appendix 4

**Table 6: MRSA patient episodes for each financial year, by HSCT**

HSCT	Financial Year											
	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18
Belfast	115	109	86	62	48	46	32	18	28	34	22	19
Northern	47	42	35	22	27	19	14	12	11	21	10	14
South Eastern	49	34	46	28	15	14	13	15	7	9	13	5
Southern	19	14	16	15	11	10	1	5	9	2	6	4
Western	18	22	20	11	15	7	10	12	12	9	5	4
Northern Ireland	248	221	203	138	116	96	70	62	67	75	56	46

**Table 7: MSSA patient episodes for each financial year, by HSCT**

HSCT	Financial Year											
	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18
Belfast	130	161	157	138	103	109	115	121	112	142	134	163
Northern	60	46	57	66	46	57	42	43	37	47	52	55
South Eastern	51	46	56	43	46	57	54	57	50	47	64	70
Southern	56	38	59	40	28	38	32	38	42	45	59	49
Western	51	37	37	49	39	34	40	38	40	38	50	47
Northern Ireland	348	328	366	336	262	295	283	297	281	319	359	384