

Run chart — printable version

For wards plotting by hand. The spreadsheet version is in ERAS_Compliance_Audit_Form.xlsx.

Indicator being plotted	Ward / unit					Standard (target)					Started		
100%													
90%													
80%													
70%													
60%													
50%													
40%													
30%													
20%													
10%													
0%													
Month	B	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12

How to read it

Pattern	What it means	What to do
Shift — 6 or more consecutive points on one side of the median	Real change, not noise	Find out what changed, and protect it
Trend — 5 or more points moving in the same direction	Real change, not noise	Same — and annotate the chart with the cause
A single high or low point	Almost always noise	Do nothing. Do not celebrate or panic.
An increase from last month	Almost always noise	Do nothing yet. Wait for a pattern.

Annotate every intervention

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Draw the median line first, using your baseline plus the first few months, and do not move it every month. An unannotated run chart is half a story — and it invites everyone to attribute the improvement to whatever they personally did.