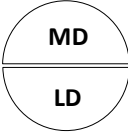


Hospital Activity

Over the past five years, admission and attendance rates decreased for all indicators in the most and least deprived areas and in NI as a whole, with the exception of the standardised day case admission rate in the most deprived areas which seen no change. While the most-least deprived inequality gap for the standardised emergency admission rate narrowed slightly, there were no changes observed for any other indicator. The largest inequality gaps continue to persist with emergency attendances and emergency care admissions where the rates in the most deprived areas are over one and a half times the rates in the least deprived areas.

Key:



Most Deprived Areas

Least Deprived Areas

↑ Increase

— No Notable Change

↓ Decrease

> < Narrowing of the Gap

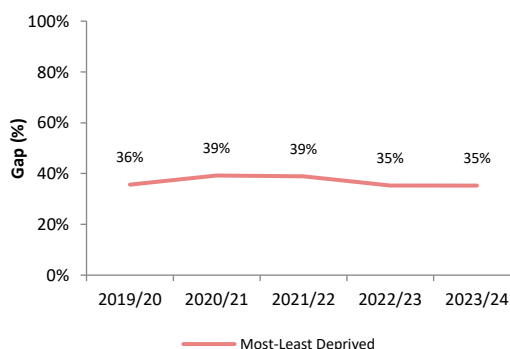
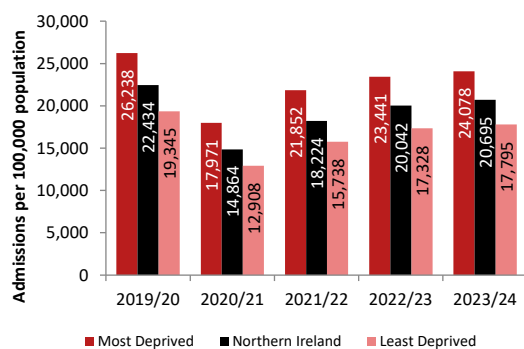
— No Notable Change in the Gap

< > Widening of the Gap

Northern Ireland: NI

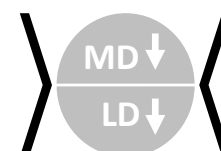
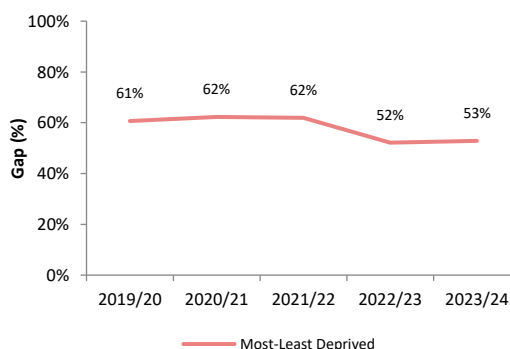
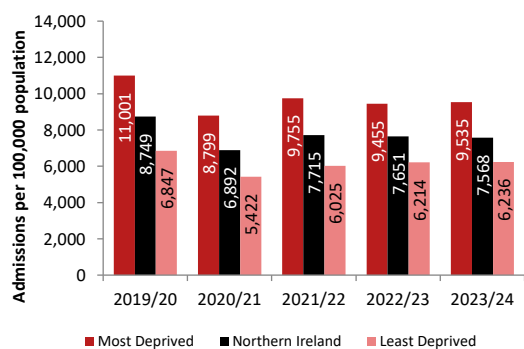
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NI ↓



Standardised Admission Rate – Emergency Admissions ^{1 2 3}

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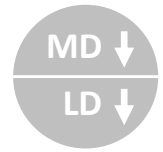
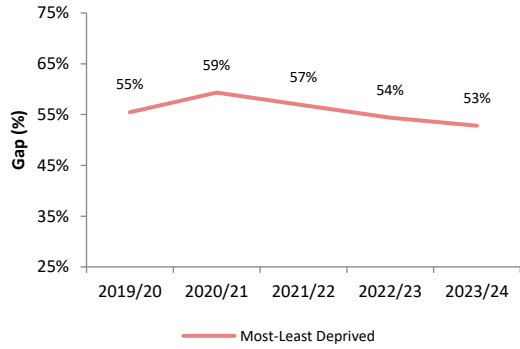
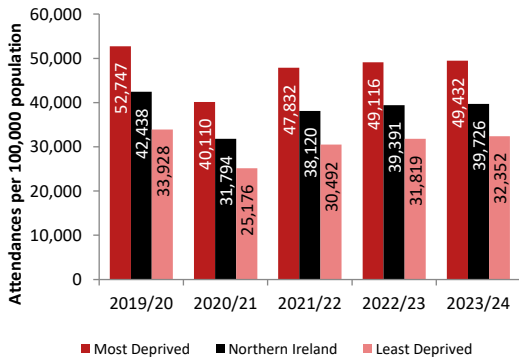
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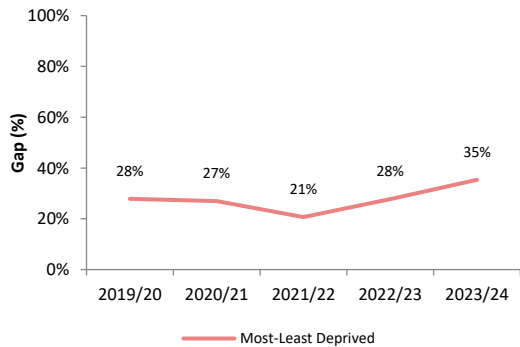
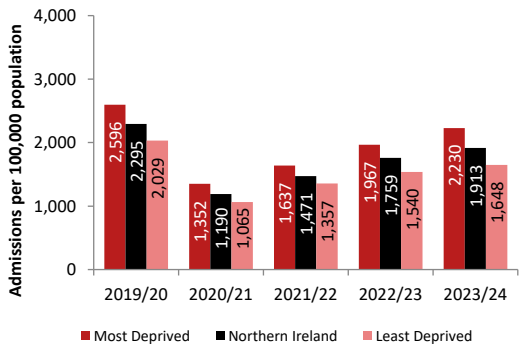
Standardised Attendance Rate – Emergency Care ⁵

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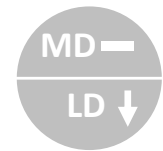
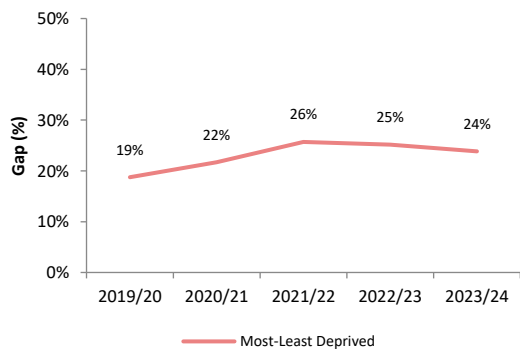
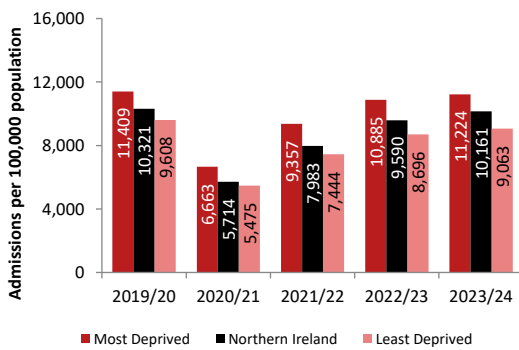
Standardised Admission Rate – Elective Inpatient Admissions ^{4 5 6}

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Standardised Admission Rate – Day Case Admissions ^{4 5 6}

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