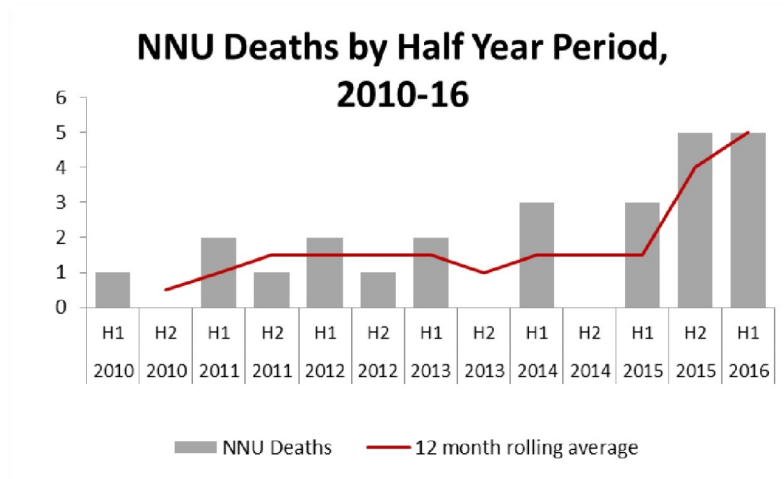


Step change in NNU deaths compared to long term average

If we look at deaths per half year period, we see a steady mortality rate until H2 2015. The 12 month rolling average shows a sudden increase at this point which continues into the first half of 2016.



Has the NNU been under more pressure?

To what extent does the increase in mortality levels reflect a general increase in activity in the NNU? We can get a sense of the pressure of work by looking at monthly admission numbers and Total Care Days per month.

Taking admission numbers first, the graph below shows that over the second half of 2015, the NNU experience higher than average admissions for five out of six months.

Higher admissions may have been a contributing factor but it should be noted that 2014 saw higher admission numbers, including a significant peak in December, without a similar increase in the number of mortalities.

