

Checking we know how to use Trendcare reliably

Inter-rater reliability (IRR) testing is an essential part of using Trendcare to make sure we have high quality data.



What is IRR testing?

IRR testing is how the accuracy of Trendcare data is measured. For data to be considered reliable, we need to have an accuracy level of 90% or above."

Colin Milligan – TrendCare coordinator

Why is IRR testing important?

"As we move forward with the Care Capacity Demand Management (CCDM) programme we will be using TrendCare data to help us identify if our staffing levels and skill mix are correct. Our TrendCare data must be accurate to ensure the best possible information is utilised."

Emma Williams – CCDM site coordinator for CCDHB



How are you IRR tested?

"Before the end of April, an IRR tester from your clinical area will test you on 60 indicators from TrendCare. This will be matched against your predictions for each patient across the morning, evening and night shifts.

All staff in all areas using TrendCare are tested and need to achieve 90% or above to show they're using the tool reliably. If you need more help with TrendCare, talk to your Charge nurse manager as we are here to help you."

Lisa MacDonald – Charge nurse manager

