

# Putting the Forecast Model to the Test

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## Purpose of the Tool

Improve tomorrow's inpatient forecasts by understanding how well the model has performed in the past. The **Historical Analysis** tool allows users to review the historical accuracy of inpatient occupancy forecasts at various levels – day of week, forecast days, division, and ward.

This data-driven reflection helps to:

- \* **Evaluate** model performance and error patterns.
- \* **Understand** where forecasts have been more or less accurate.
- \* **Guide refinements and trust** in the predictive modelling in SystemView.

It's a powerful way to turn retrospective insights into better planning decisions today.

## Key Features & Functionality

- ◆ **Forecast Accuracy at a Glance:** See how close forecasts were to actual occupancy and quickly spot where the model performs well—or needs improvement.
- ◆ **Time-Based Analysis:** Explore how accuracy varies by **day of the week** and how far in advance the forecast was made using the **Forecast Days** filter – helping you spot patterns and plan with more confidence.
- ◆ **Division and Ward Insights:** Use the filters to drill down by division or ward to see where forecasts have been more or less accurate and identify areas that may need closer attention.
- ◆ **Forecast vs Actual Comparison:** Compare forecasts to actual occupancy from one to four weeks ago to spot differences and support better planning.

## Why It Matters

### *Look Back to Plan Ahead*

Historical Analysis helps hospital teams reflect on how accurate their occupancy forecasts have been – highlighting what's working and what needs adjustment.

With a clear view of past performance, teams can build trust in the model, improve future predictions, and make more confident decisions about beds, staffing, and patient flow.

Support smarter planning with **evidence, not assumptions.**