
Recent trends in the number of pathology samples indicating cancer in Northern Ireland

August 2022 update

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SUMMARY

Recent trends in the number of pathology samples indicating cancer: August 2022

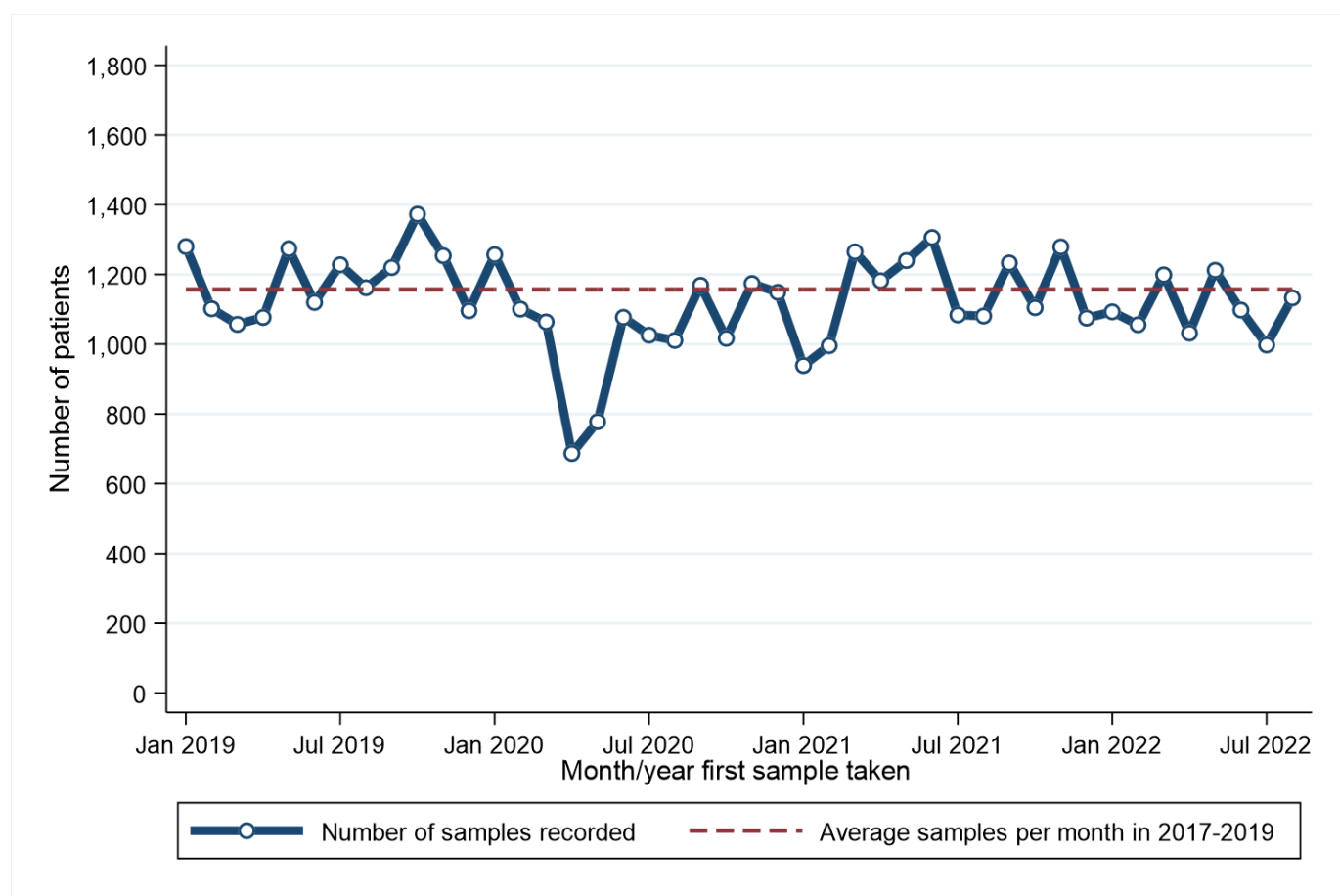
This summary provides an overview of recent trends in the number of pathology samples indicating cancer (excluding non-melanoma skin cancer, NMSC) taken from January 2020 to August 2022 in Northern Ireland.

These trends are contrasted with the annual average number of pathology samples indicating cancer (ex NMSC) during 2017-2019 in order to provide an indication of the potential impact of the Covid-19 restrictions on diagnostic cancer services.

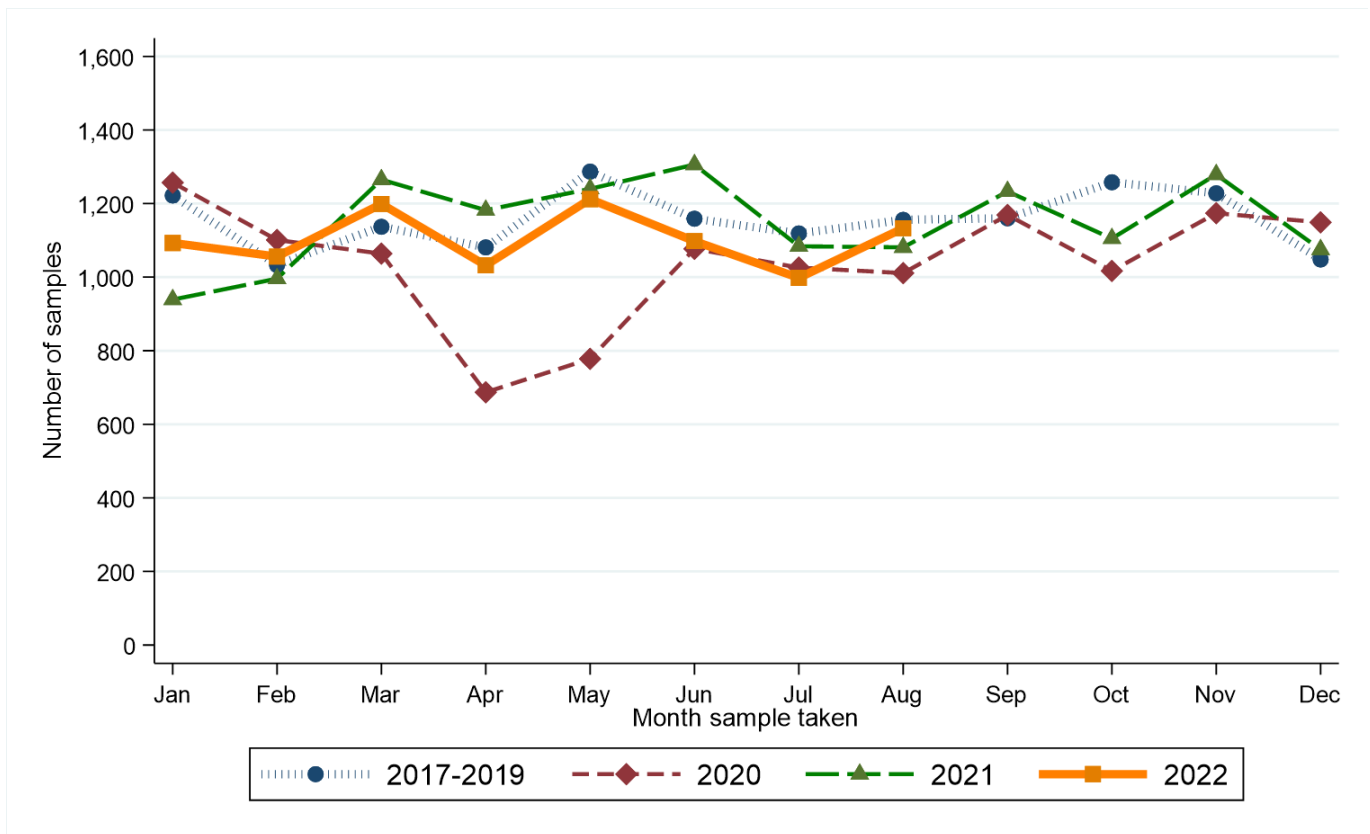
Data are sourced from the four NHS pathology laboratories in NI (Belfast, Altnagelvin, Antrim, Craigavon), which are usually provided to NICR on a monthly basis. **Altnagelvin laboratory is excluded from some analysis as a change in recording systems led to an undercount in the number of reported samples in Jan-Apr 2021.**

CHANGE IN NUMBER OF SAMPLES SINCE MARCH 2020 (Excludes Altnagelvin)

From March 2020 to August 2022 the number of pathological samples indicating cancer (ex NMSC) was 5.6% lower than the average number for the same time period in 2017-2019.



From March 2020 to August 2022 there was a 5.6% decrease in the number of samples among males and a 5.7% decrease among females compared to the same time period in 2017-2019. A decrease of 6.6% occurred in the number of samples among those aged 0-69 years, while there was a decrease of 4.3% in the number of samples among those aged 70 and older.

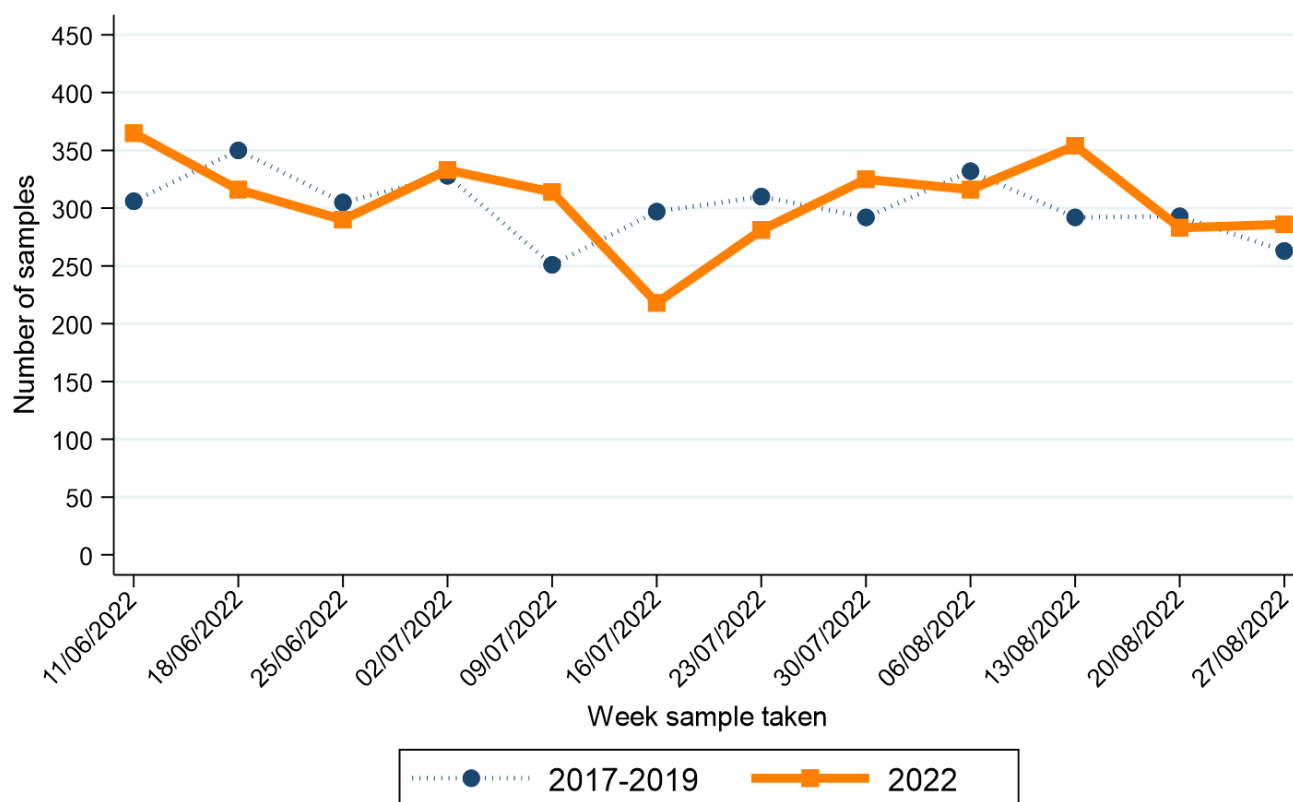


Compared to the annual average in 2017-2019, from March 2020 to August 2022 the number of pathology samples indicating lung cancer decreased by 25.4%. Increases were recorded for haematological cancer, while decreases of more than 10% were recorded for gynaecological cancer, head and neck cancer and non-melanoma skin cancer.

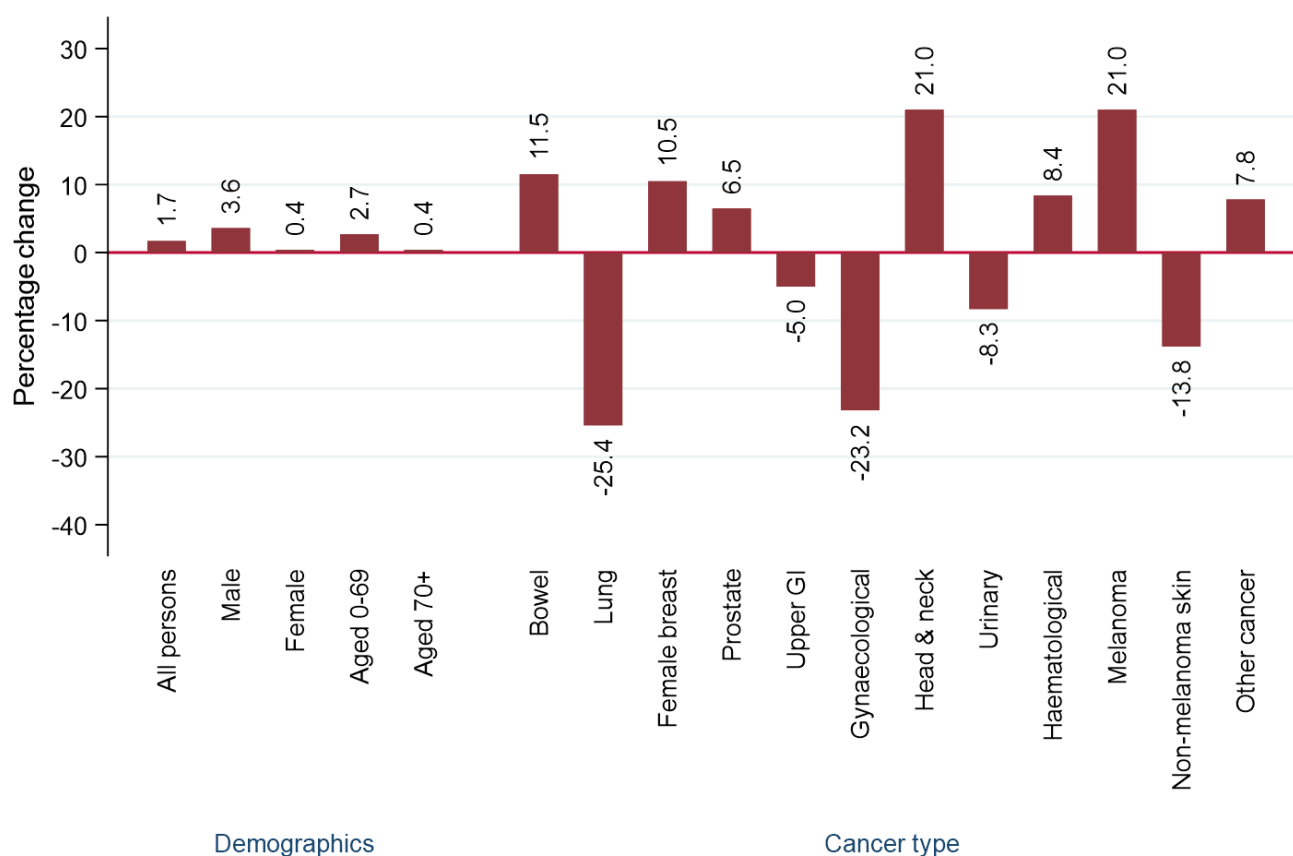


RECENT CHANGES IN THE NUMBER OF SAMPLES (Includes Altnagelvin)

There was a 1.7% increase in the number of pathology samples indicating cancer in the twelve weeks up to 27/08/2022 compared to the average value in the equivalent weeks in 2017-2019.



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In the twelve weeks up to 27/08/2022 there was a 3.6% increase in the number of samples among males and a 0.4% increase among females compared to the same time period in 2017-2019. An increase of 2.7% occurred in the number of samples among those aged 0-69 years, while there was an increase of 0.4% in the number of samples among those aged 70 and older.

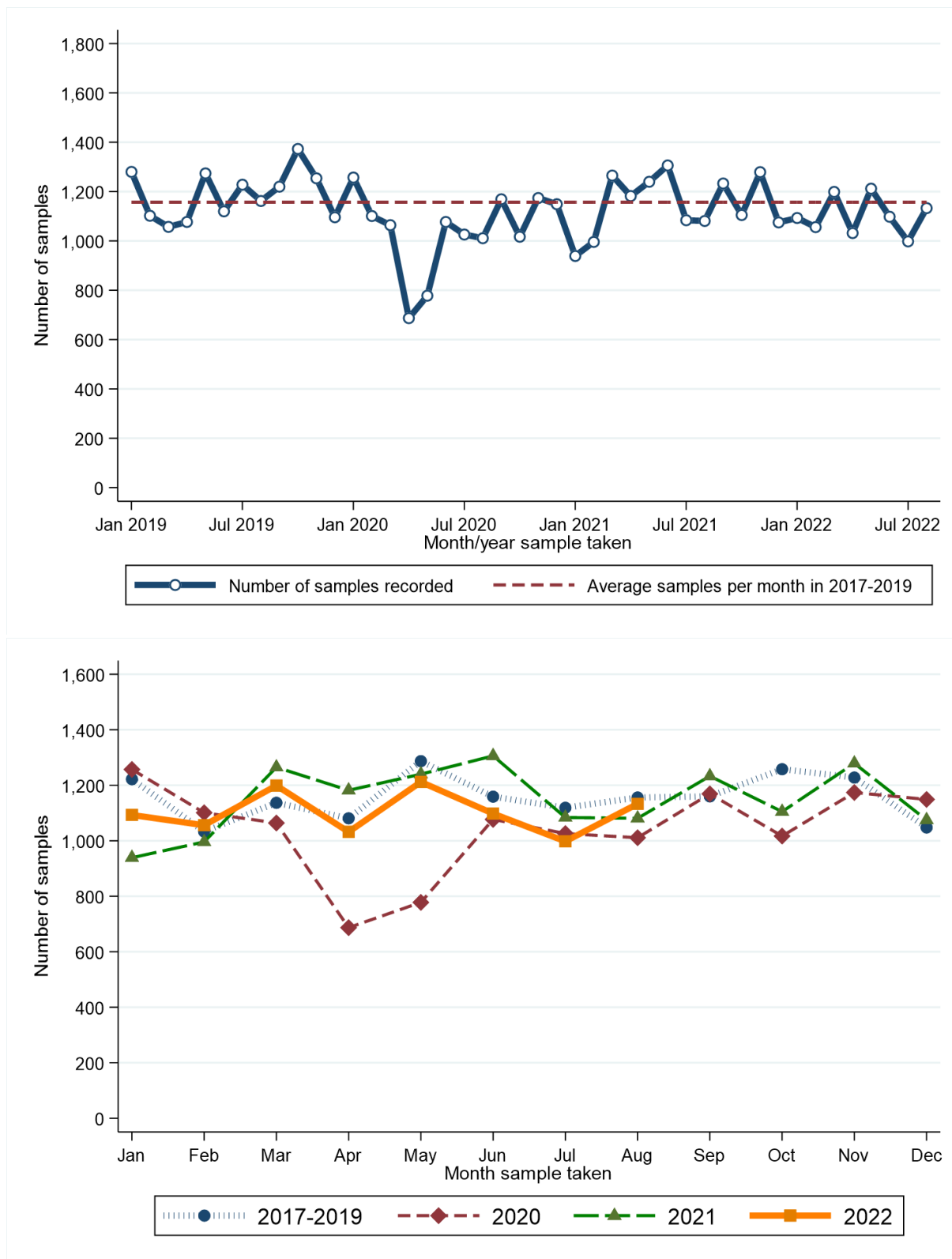
Compared to the annual average in 2017-2019, in the twelve weeks up to 27/08/2022 the number of pathology samples indicating lung cancer decreased by 25.4%. Increases were recorded for bowel cancer, female breast cancer, prostate cancer, head and neck cancer, haematological cancer and melanoma, while decreases of more than 10% were recorded for gynaecological cancer and non-melanoma skin cancer.

ALL PERSONS: CANCER (EX NMSC)

CHANGE IN NUMBER OF SAMPLES SINCE MARCH 2020 - Excluding Altnagelvin

Percentage change from March 2020 to August 2022 compared to expected number based on 2017-2019 average

-5.6%



Month sample taken**	2017-2019*	2020	2021	2022
Jan	1,222	1,257	939	1,093
Feb	1,033	1,101	996	1,056
Mar	1,137	1,064	1,265	1,199
Apr	1,081	687	1,182	1,032
May	1,287	778	1,240	1,212
Jun	1,159	1,077	1,306	1,098

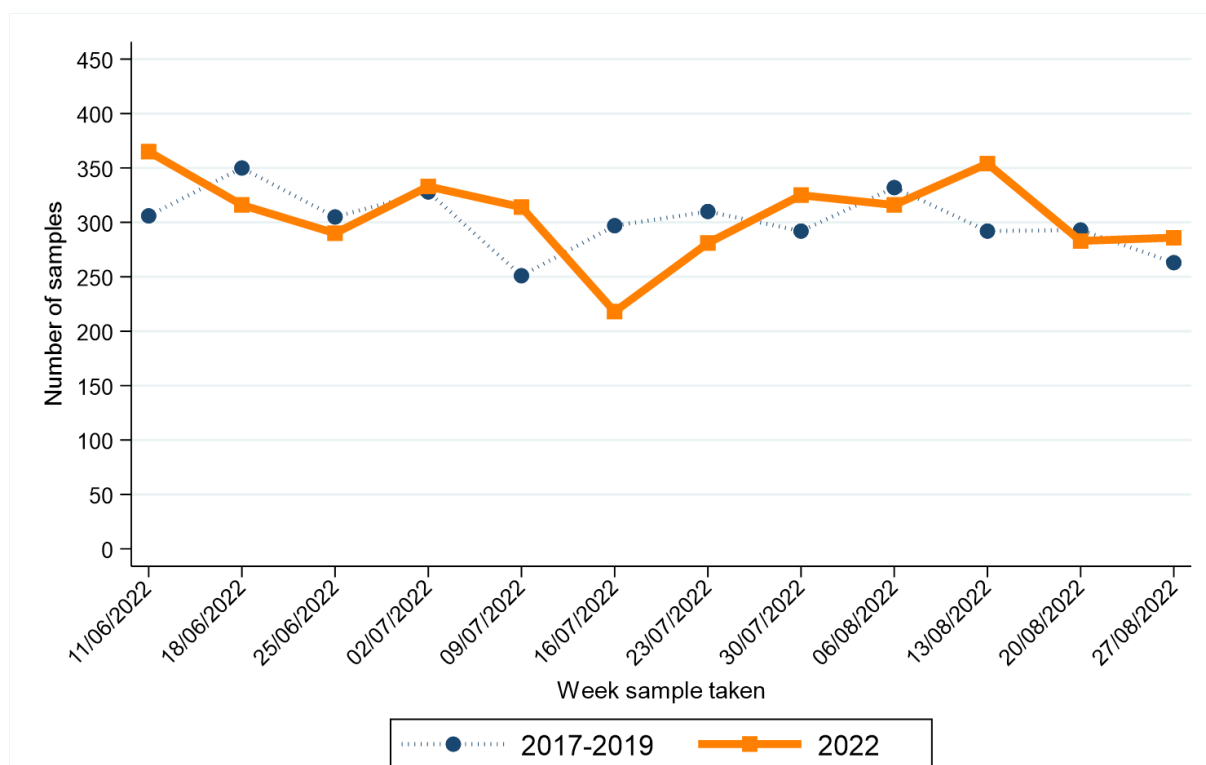
* Average samples per year rounded to the nearest integer.

Month sample taken**	2017-2019*	2020	2021	2022
Jul	1,119	1,026	1,084	998
Aug	1,156	1,011	1,081	1,133
Sep	1,160	1,169	1,233	.
Oct	1,258	1,017	1,105	.
Nov	1,228	1,174	1,279	.
Dec	1,048	1,149	1,075	.

RECENT CHANGES IN NUMBER OF SAMPLES - Including Altnagelvin

Percentage change in the twelve weeks up to 27/08/2022 compared to expected number based on 2017-2019 average

+1.7%



Week sample taken**	2017-2019*	2022
11/06/2022	306	365
18/06/2022	350	316
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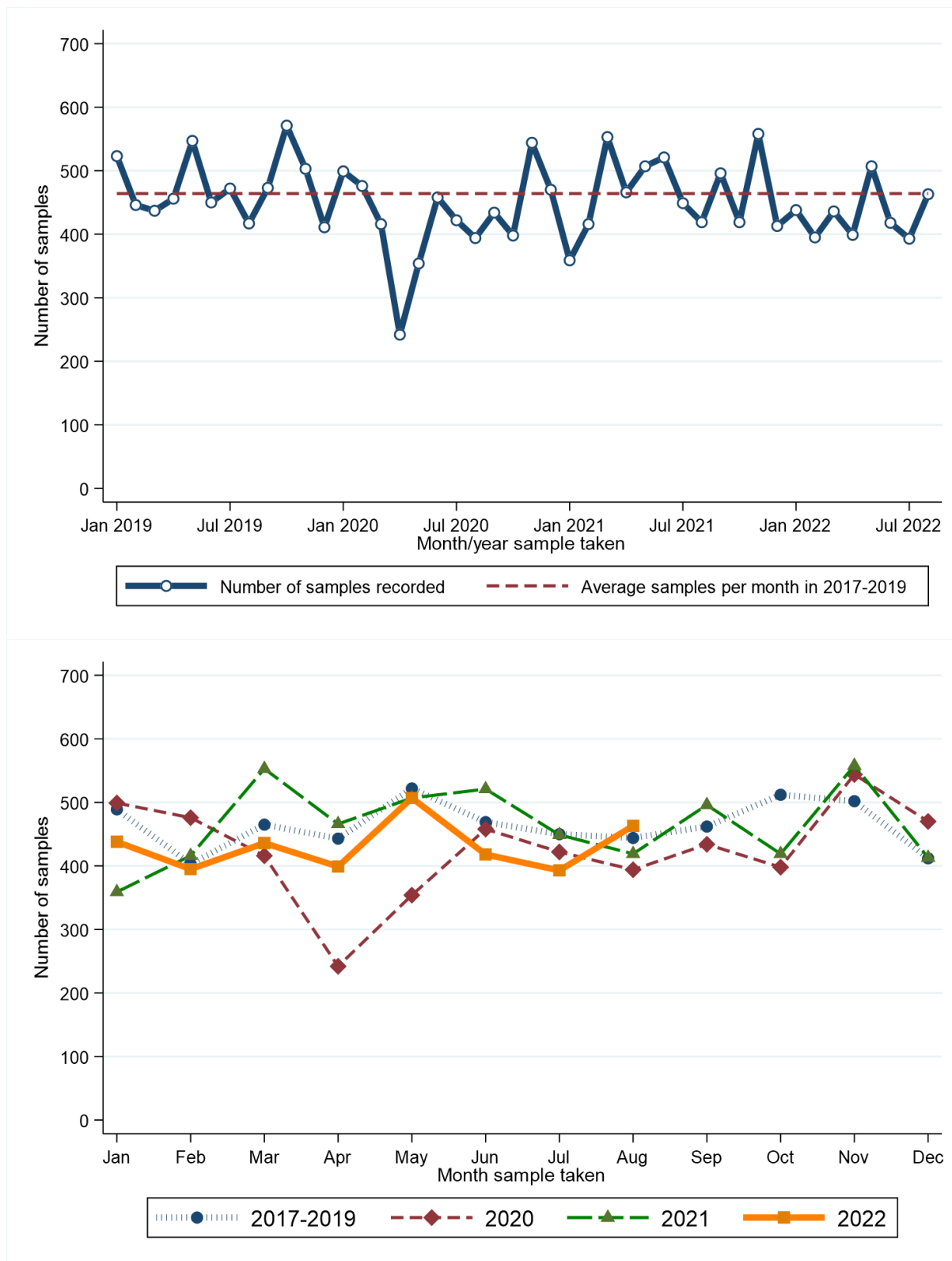
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MALE: CANCER (EX NMSC)

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Percentage change from March 2020 to August 2022 compared to expected number based on 2017-2019 average

-5.6%



Month sample taken**	2017-2019*	2020	2021	2022
Jan	489	499	359	438
Feb	403	476	416	395
Mar	465	416	553	436
Apr	443	242	466	399
May	522	354	507	507
Jun	469	458	521	418

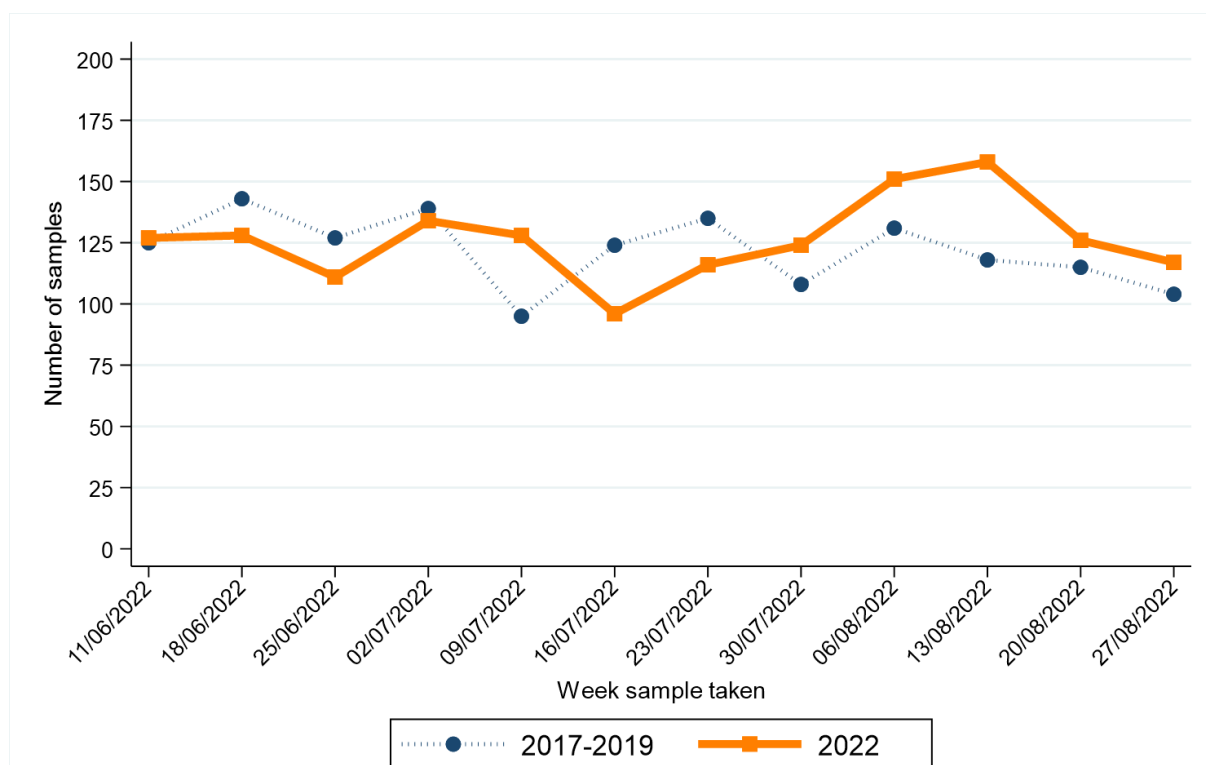
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Month sample taken**	2017-2019*	2020	2021	2022
Jul	450	422	449	393
Aug	444	394	419	463
Sep	462	434	496	.
Oct	512	398	419	.
Nov	502	544	558	.
Dec	412	470	413	.

RECENT CHANGES IN NUMBER OF SAMPLES - Including Altnagelvin

Percentage change in the twelve weeks up to 27/08/2022 compared to expected number based on 2017-2019 average

+3.6%



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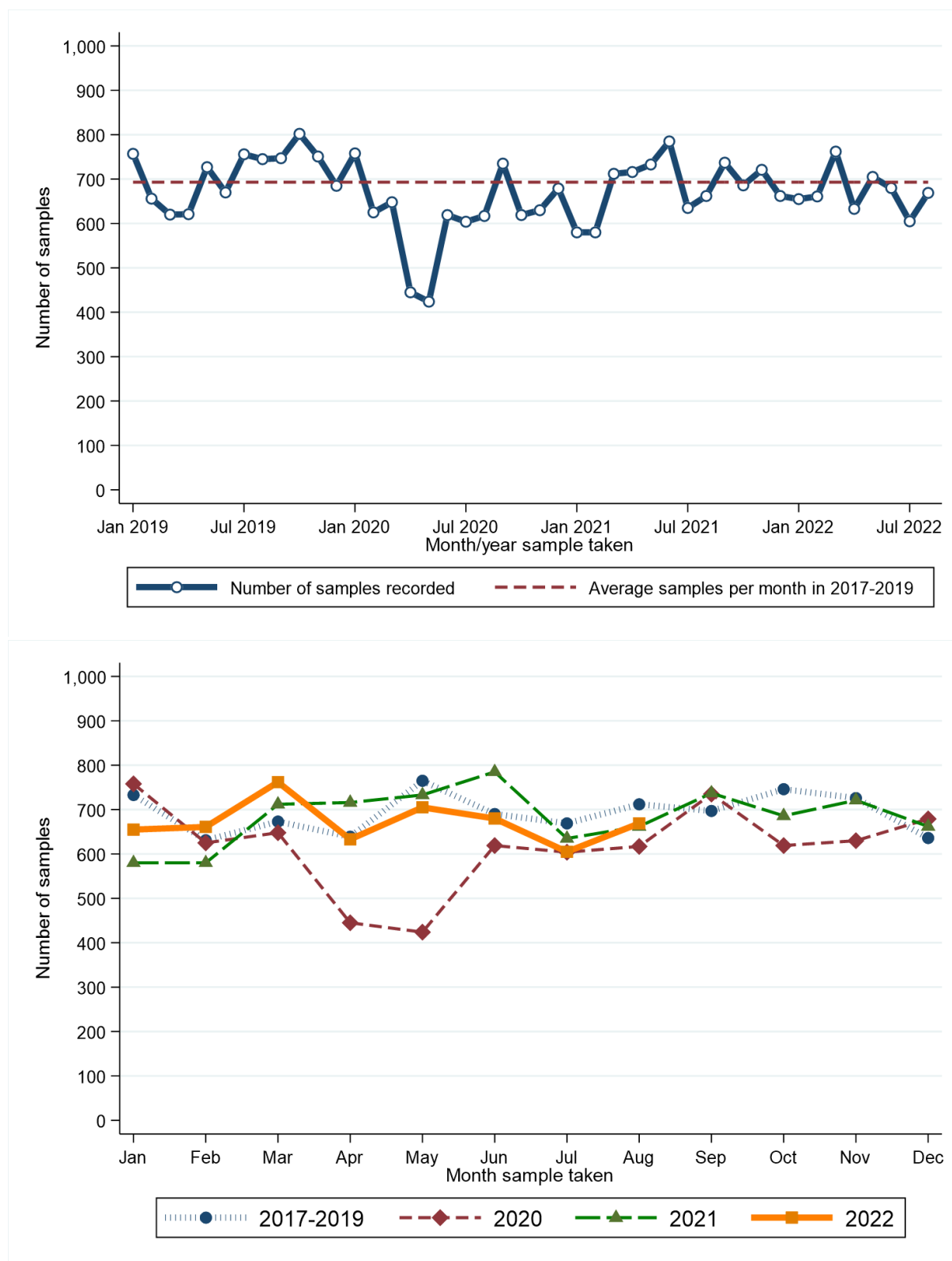
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FEMALE: CANCER (EX NMSC)

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Percentage change from March 2020 to August 2022 compared to expected number based on 2017-2019 average

-5.7%



Month sample taken**	2017-2019*	2020	2021	2022
Jan	733	758	580	655
Feb	631	625	580	661
Mar	673	648	712	762
Apr	639	445	716	633
May	765	424	733	705
Jun	690	619	785	680

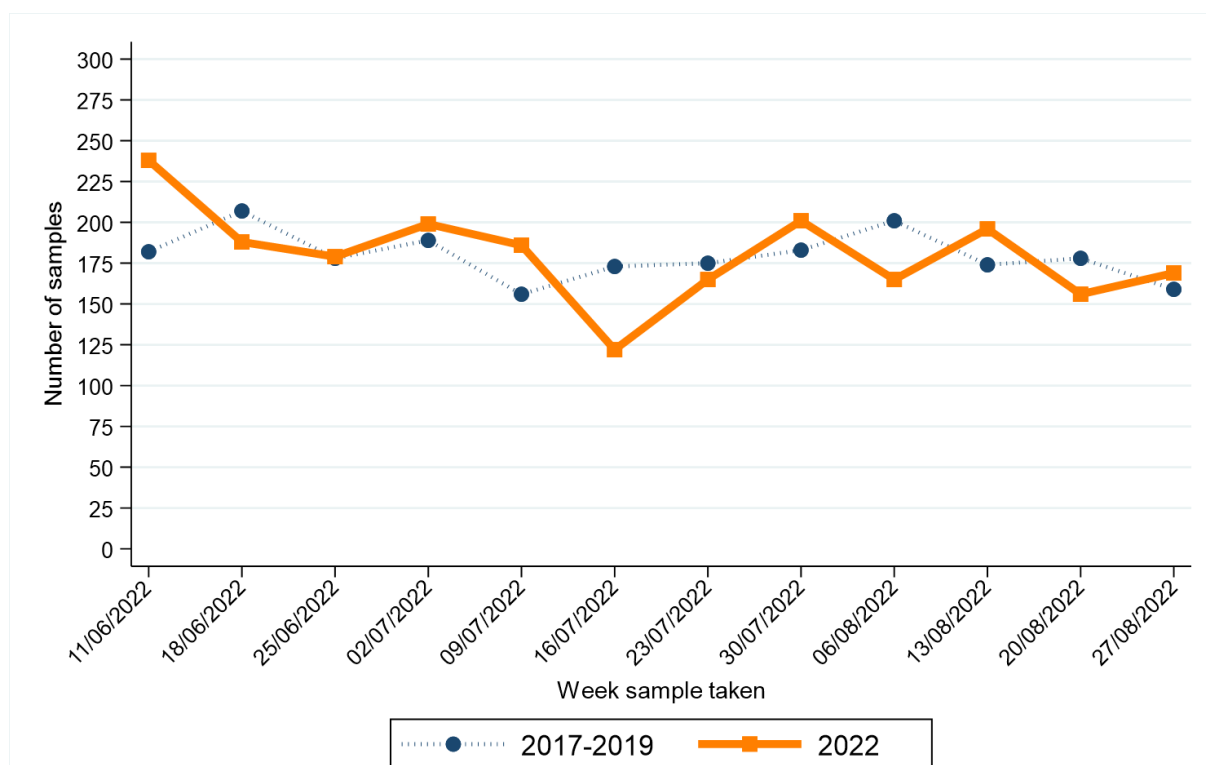
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Month sample taken**	2017-2019*	2020	2021	2022
Jul	669	604	635	605
Aug	712	617	662	669
Sep	697	735	737	.
Oct	746	619	686	.
Nov	726	630	721	.
Dec	636	679	662	.

RECENT CHANGES IN NUMBER OF SAMPLES - Including Altnagelvin

Percentage change in the twelve weeks up to 27/08/2022 compared to expected number based on 2017-2019 average

+0.4%



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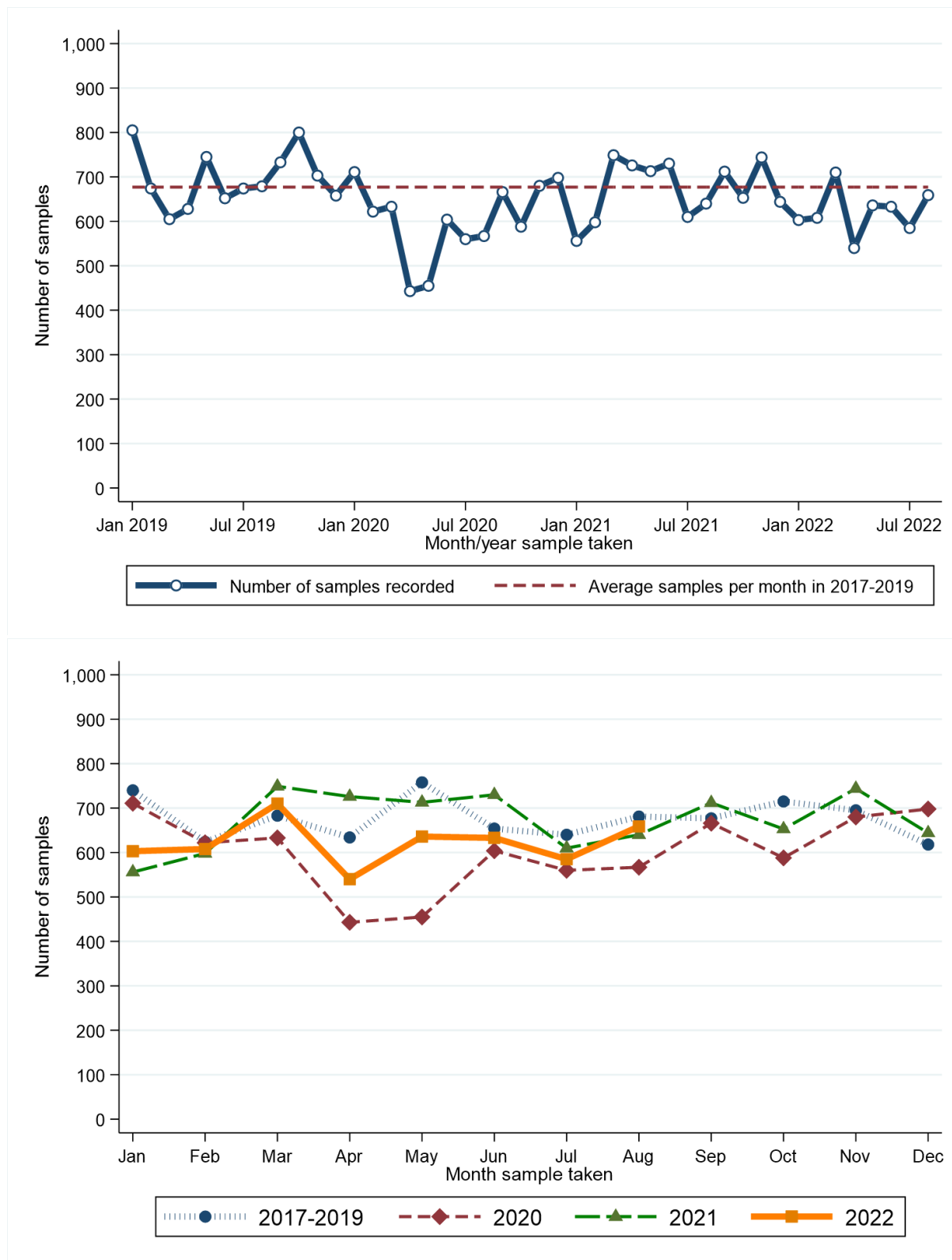
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CHANGE IN NUMBER OF SAMPLES SINCE MARCH 2020 - Excluding Altnagelvin

Percentage change from March 2020 to August 2022 compared to expected number based on 2017-2019 average

-6.6%



Month sample taken**	2017-2019*	2020	2021	2022
Jan	740	711	556	603
Feb	624	622	598	608
Mar	683	633	749	710
Apr	634	443	726	540
May	758	455	713	636
Jun	654	604	730	633

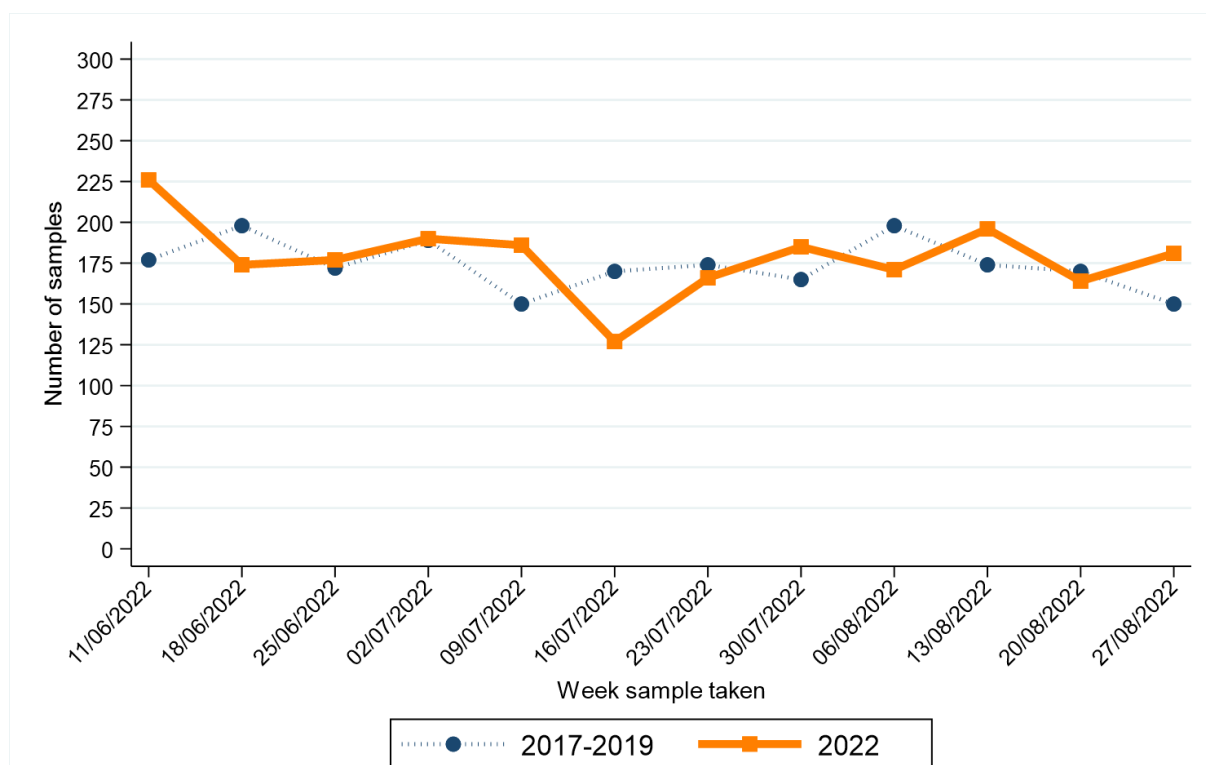
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Month sample taken**	2017-2019*	2020	2021	2022
Jul	640	560	610	585
Aug	681	567	640	659
Sep	677	666	712	.
Oct	715	588	653	.
Nov	695	680	744	.
Dec	618	698	644	.

RECENT CHANGES IN NUMBER OF SAMPLES - Including Altnagelvin

Percentage change in the twelve weeks up to 27/08/2022 compared to expected number based on 2017-2019 average

+2.7%



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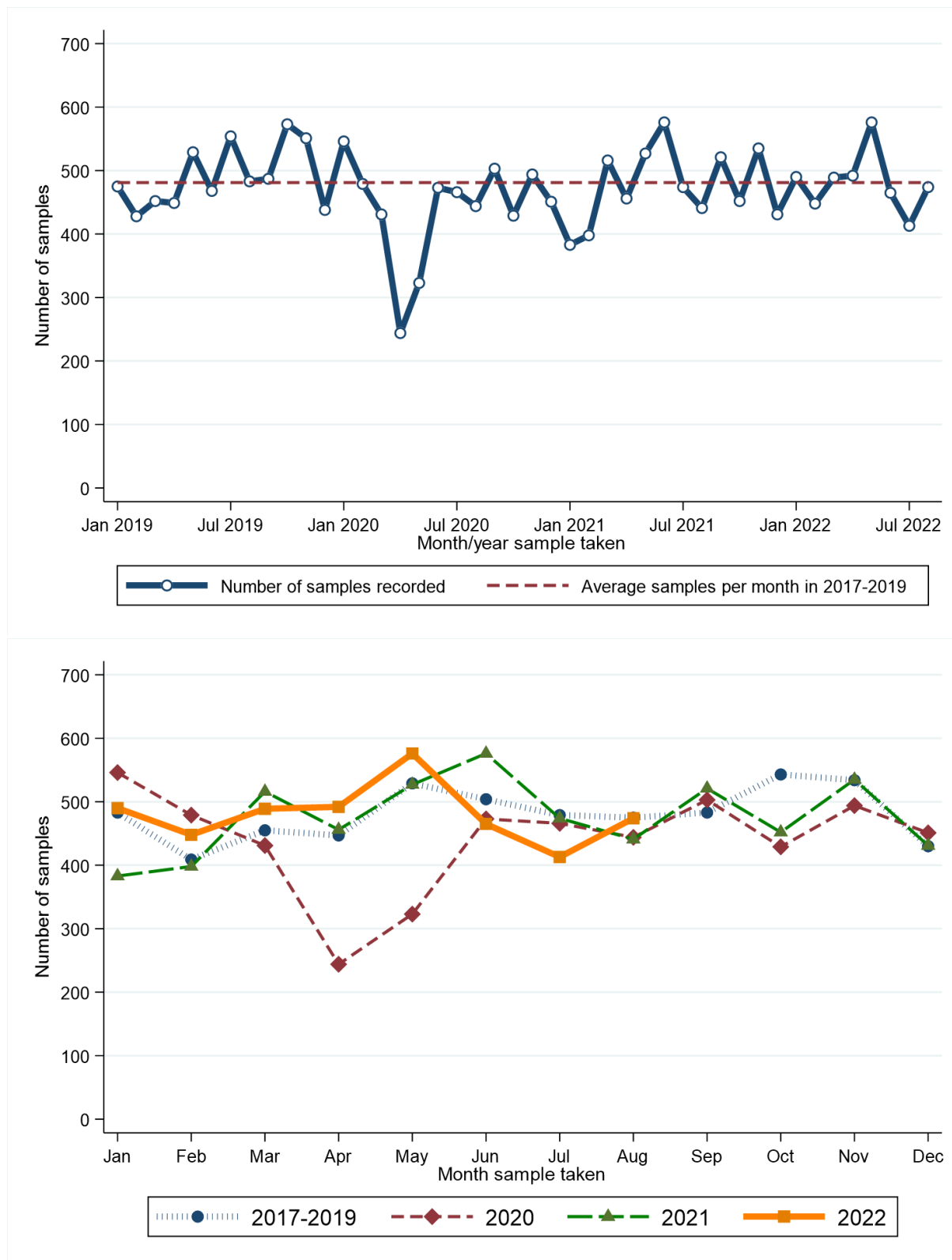
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AGED 70+: CANCER (EX NMSC)

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Percentage change from March 2020 to August 2022 compared to expected number based on 2017-2019 average

-4.3%



Month sample taken**	2017-2019*	2020	2021	2022
Jan	483	546	383	490
Feb	409	479	398	448
Mar	455	431	516	489
Apr	447	244	456	492
May	529	323	527	576
Jun	504	473	576	465

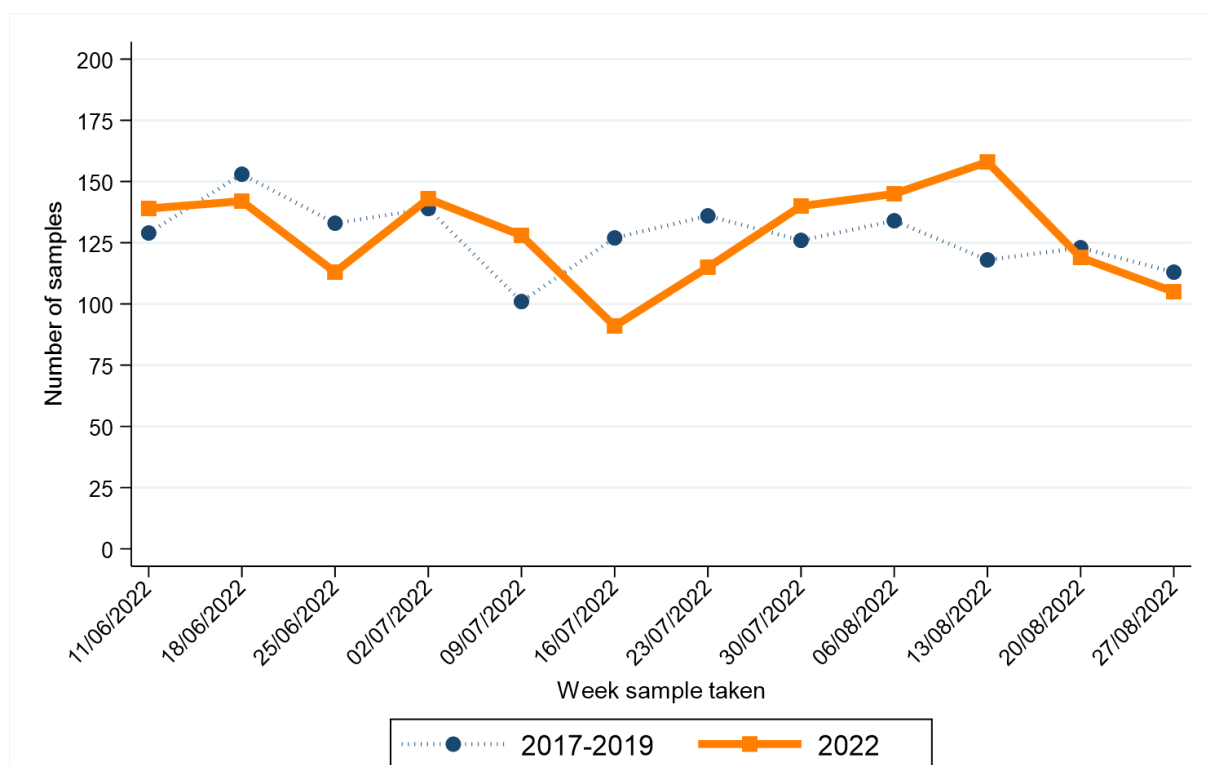
* Average samples per year rounded to the nearest integer.

Month sample taken**	2017-2019*	2020	2021	2022
Jul	479	466	474	413
Aug	475	444	441	474
Sep	483	503	521	.
Oct	543	429	452	.
Nov	534	494	535	.
Dec	430	451	431	.

RECENT CHANGES IN NUMBER OF SAMPLES - Including Altnagelvin

Percentage change in the twelve weeks up to 27/08/2022 compared to expected number based on 2017-2019 average

+0.4%



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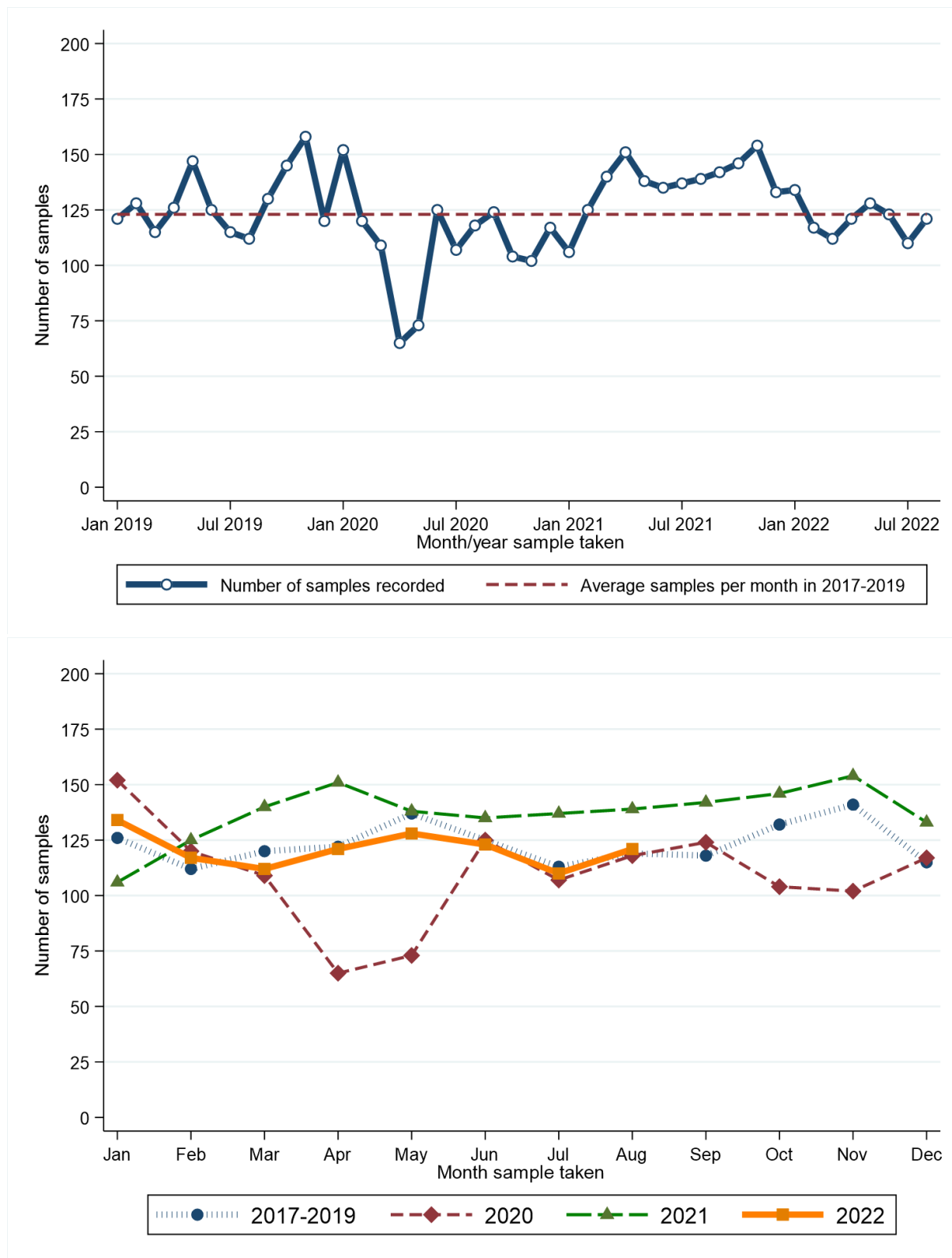
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BOWEL CANCER

CHANGE IN NUMBER OF SAMPLES SINCE MARCH 2020 - Excluding Altnagelvin

Percentage change from March 2020 to August 2022 compared to expected number based on 2017-2019 average

-1.1%



Month sample taken**	2017-2019*	2020	2021	2022
Jan	126	152	106	134
Feb	112	120	125	117
Mar	120	109	140	112
Apr	122	65	151	121
May	137	73	138	128
Jun	125	125	135	123

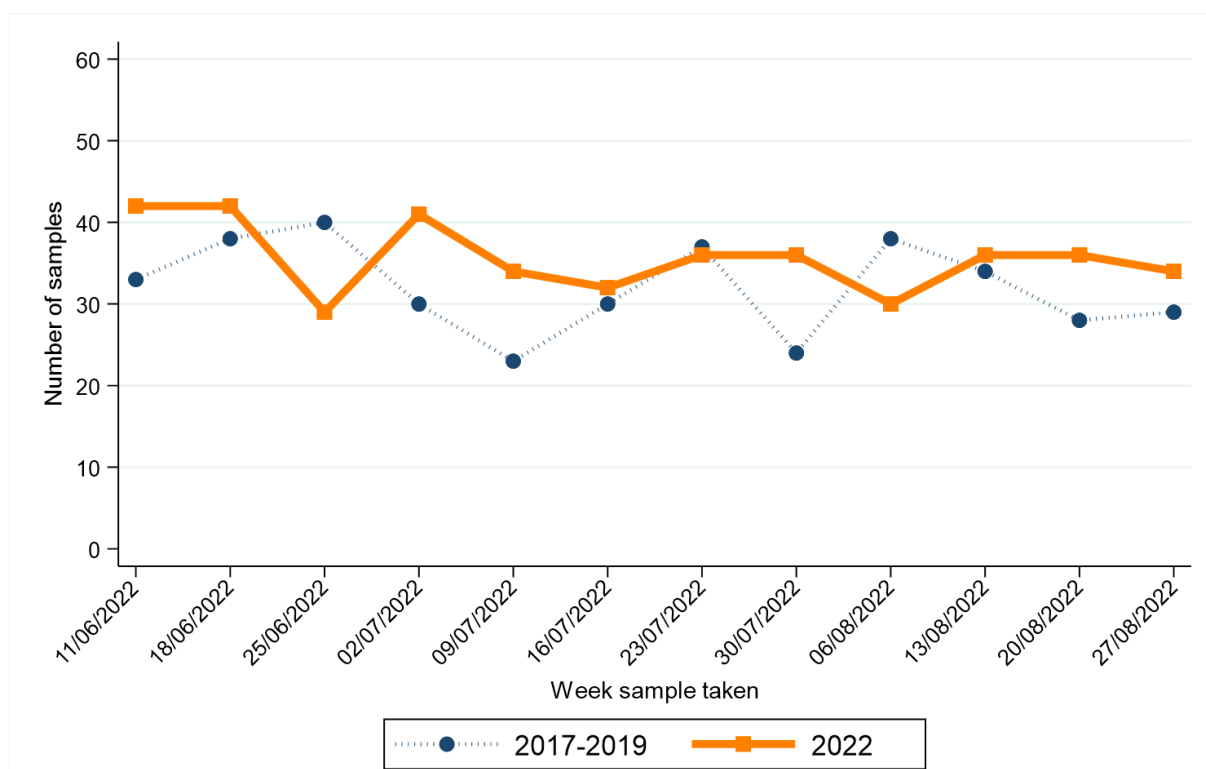
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Month sample taken**	2017-2019*	2020	2021	2022
Jul	113	107	137	110
Aug	119	118	139	121
Sep	118	124	142	.
Oct	132	104	146	.
Nov	141	102	154	.
Dec	115	117	133	.

RECENT CHANGES IN NUMBER OF SAMPLES - Including Altnagelvin

Percentage change in the twelve weeks up to 27/08/2022 compared to expected number based on 2017-2019 average

+11.5%



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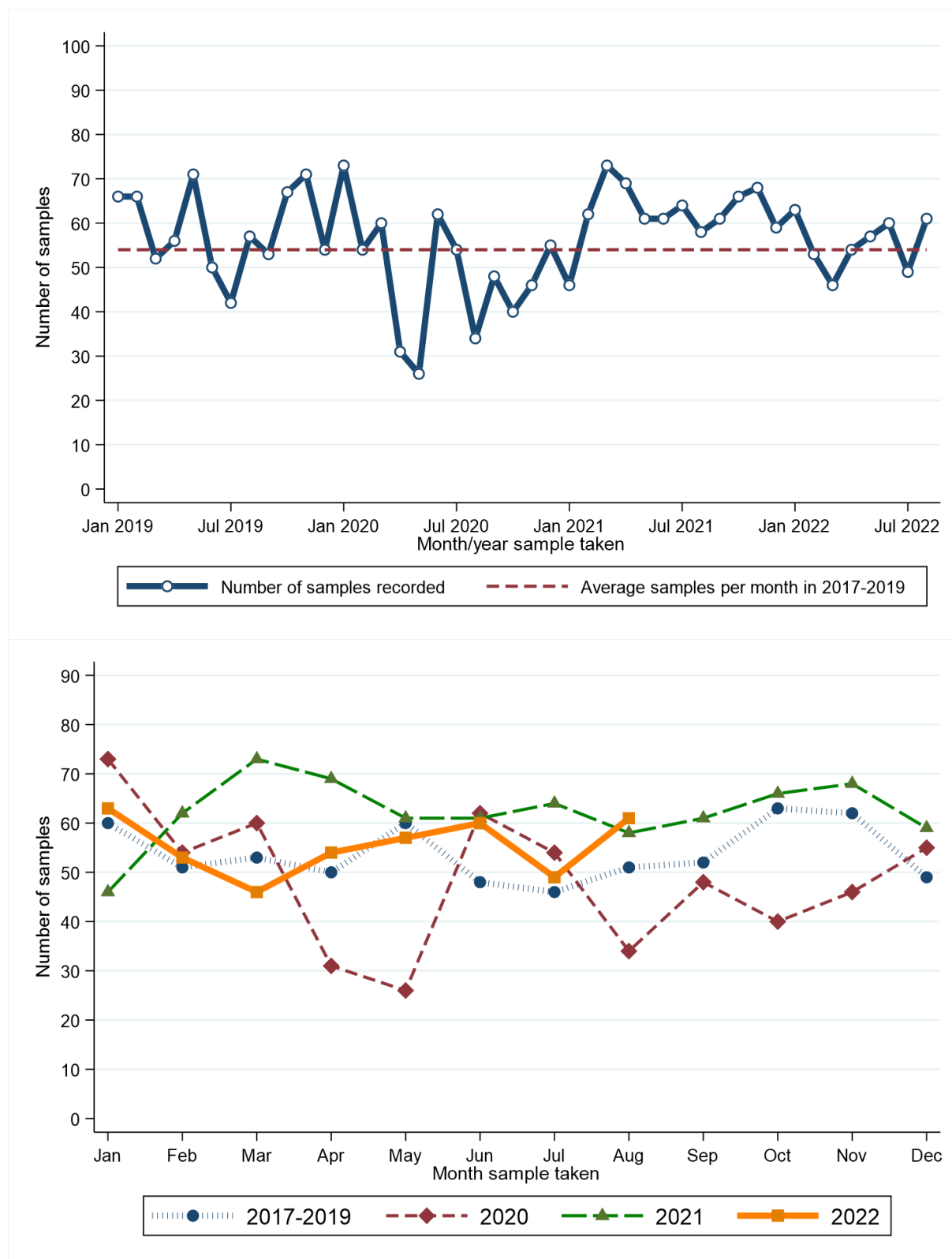
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BOWEL CANCER (SCREENING AGE)

CHANGE IN NUMBER OF SAMPLES SINCE MARCH 2020 - Excluding Altnagelvin

Percentage change from March 2020 to August 2022 compared to expected number based on 2017-2019 average

+3.1%



Month sample taken**	2017-2019*	2020	2021	2022
Jan	60	73	46	63
Feb	51	54	62	53
Mar	53	60	73	46
Apr	50	31	69	54
May	60	26	61	57
Jun	48	62	61	60

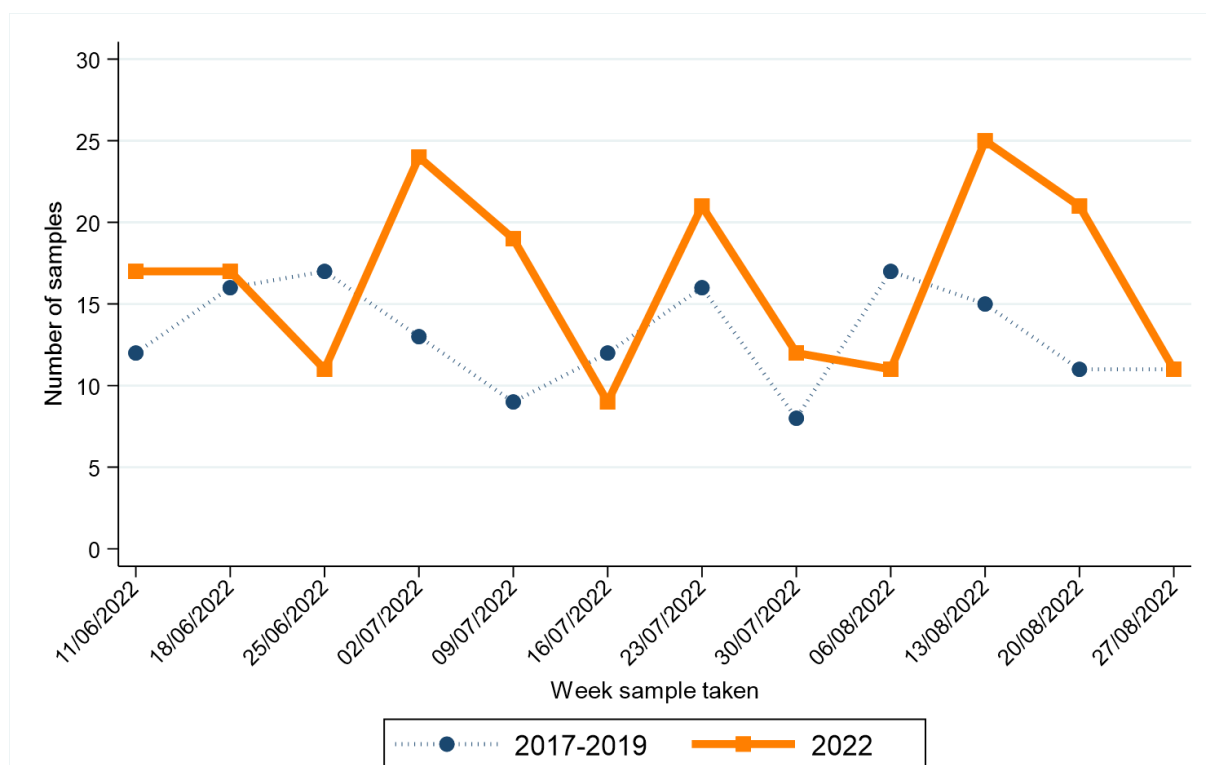
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Month sample taken**	2017-2019*	2020	2021	2022
Jul	46	54	64	49
Aug	51	34	58	61
Sep	52	48	61	.
Oct	63	40	66	.
Nov	62	46	68	.
Dec	49	55	59	.

RECENT CHANGES IN NUMBER OF SAMPLES - Including Altnagelvin

Percentage change in the twelve weeks up to 27/08/2022 compared to expected number based on 2017-2019 average

+26.1%



Week sample taken**	2017-2019*	2022
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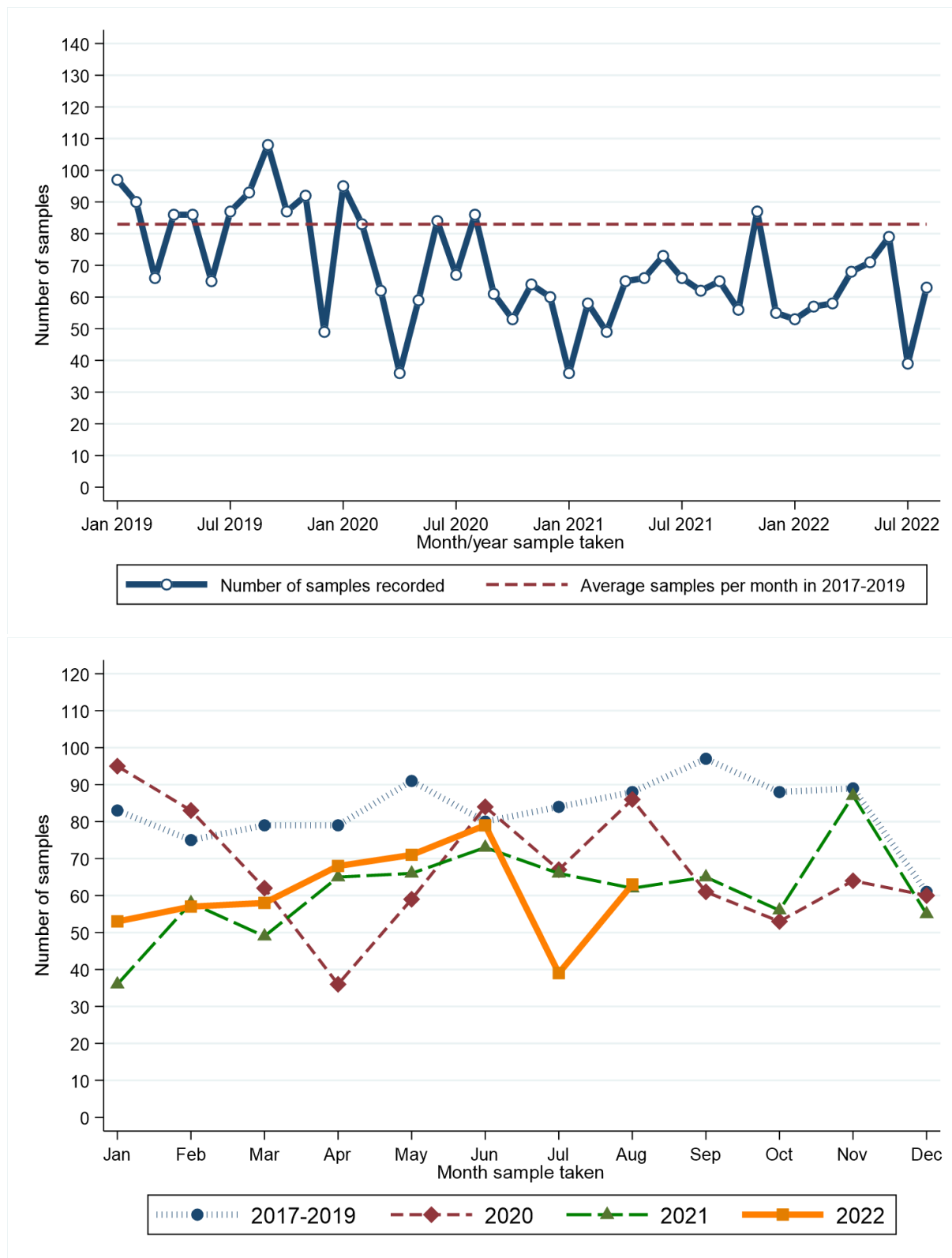
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LUNG CANCER

CHANGE IN NUMBER OF SAMPLES SINCE MARCH 2020 - Excluding Altnagelvin

Percentage change from March 2020 to August 2022 compared to expected number based on 2017-2019 average

-25.4%



Month sample taken**	2017-2019*	2020	2021	2022
Jan	83	95	36	53
Feb	75	83	58	57
Mar	79	62	49	58
Apr	79	36	65	68
May	91	59	66	71
Jun	80	84	73	79

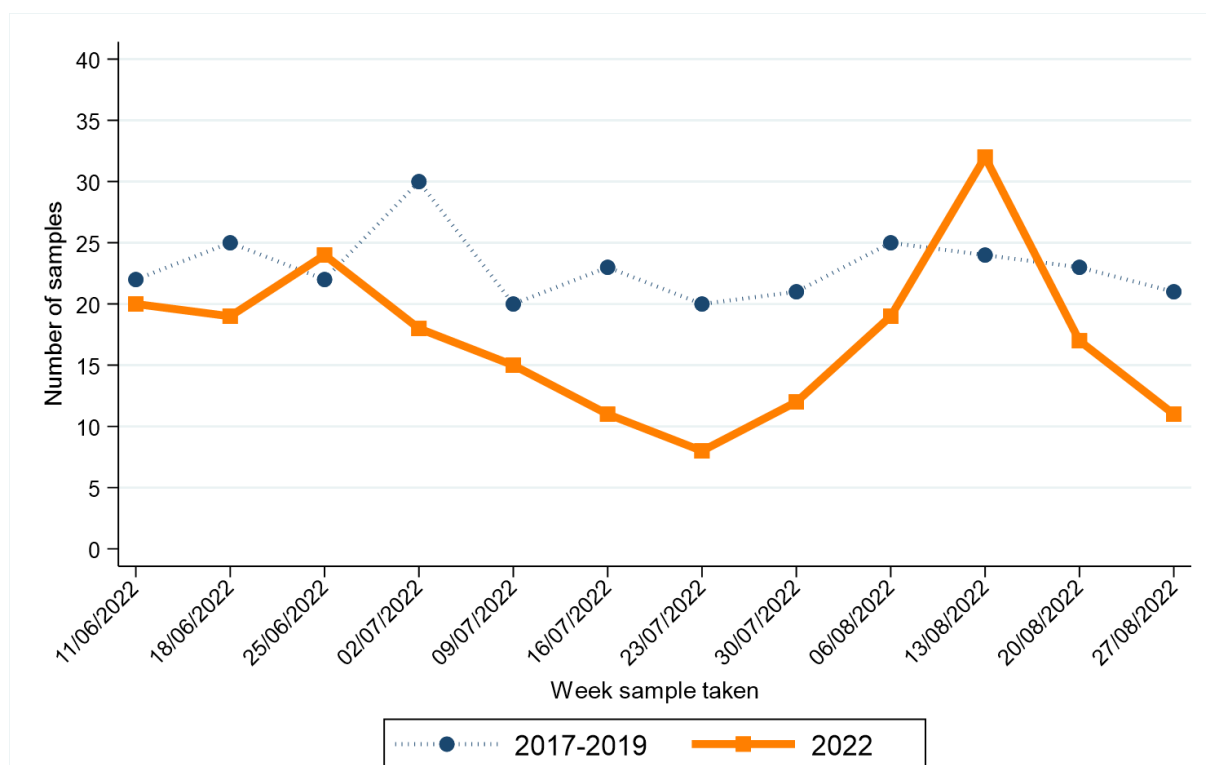
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Month sample taken**	2017-2019*	2020	2021	2022
Jul	84	67	66	39
Aug	88	86	62	63
Sep	97	61	65	.
Oct	88	53	56	.
Nov	89	64	87	.
Dec	61	60	55	.

RECENT CHANGES IN NUMBER OF SAMPLES - Including Altnagelvin

Percentage change in the twelve weeks up to 27/08/2022 compared to expected number based on 2017-2019 average

-25.4%



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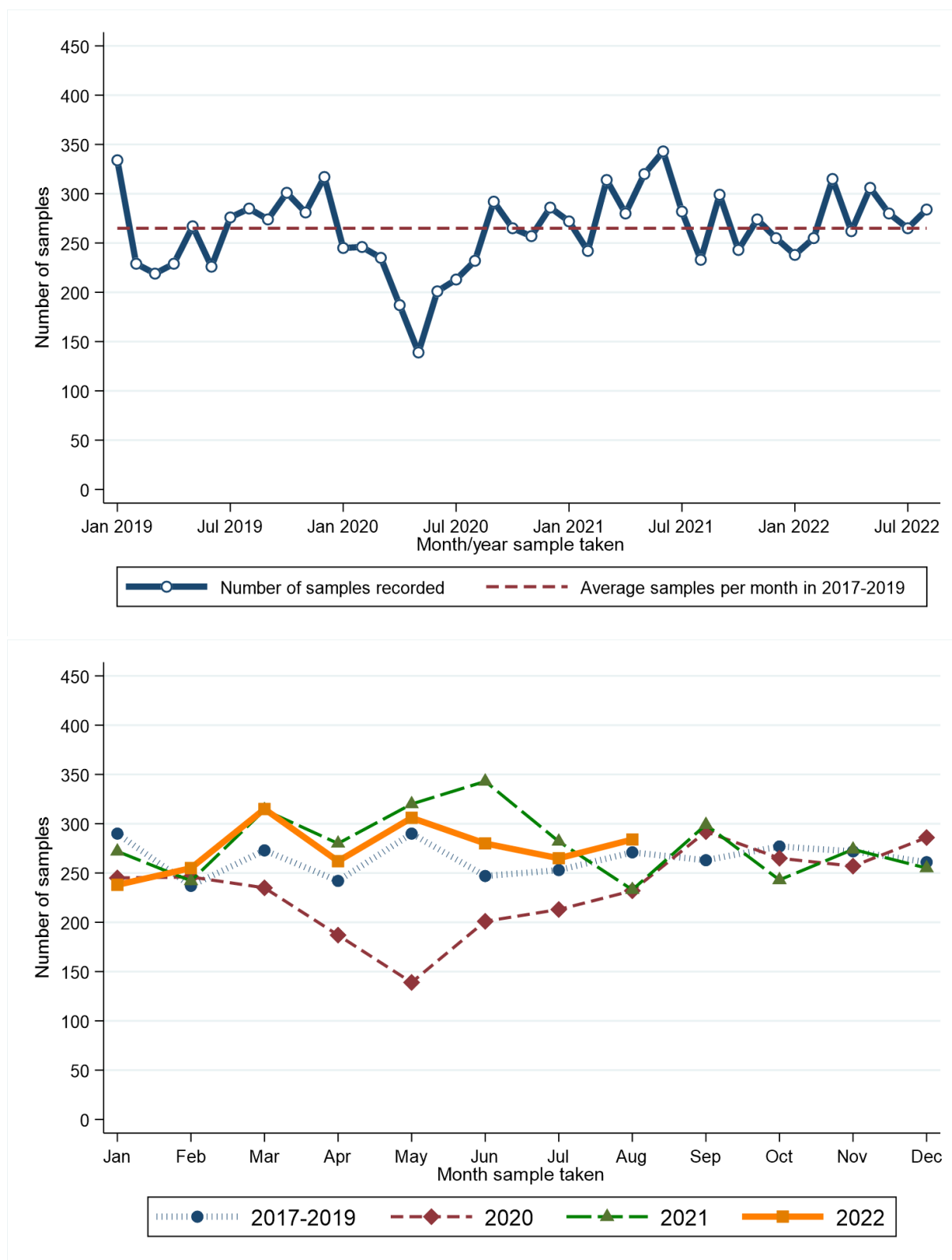
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FEMALE BREAST CANCER

CHANGE IN NUMBER OF SAMPLES SINCE MARCH 2020 - Excluding Altnagelvin

Percentage change from March 2020 to August 2022 compared to expected number based on 2017-2019 average

-0.7%



Month sample taken**	2017-2019*	2020	2021	2022
Jan	290	245	272	238
Feb	237	246	242	255
Mar	273	235	314	315
Apr	242	187	280	262
May	290	139	320	306
Jun	247	201	343	280

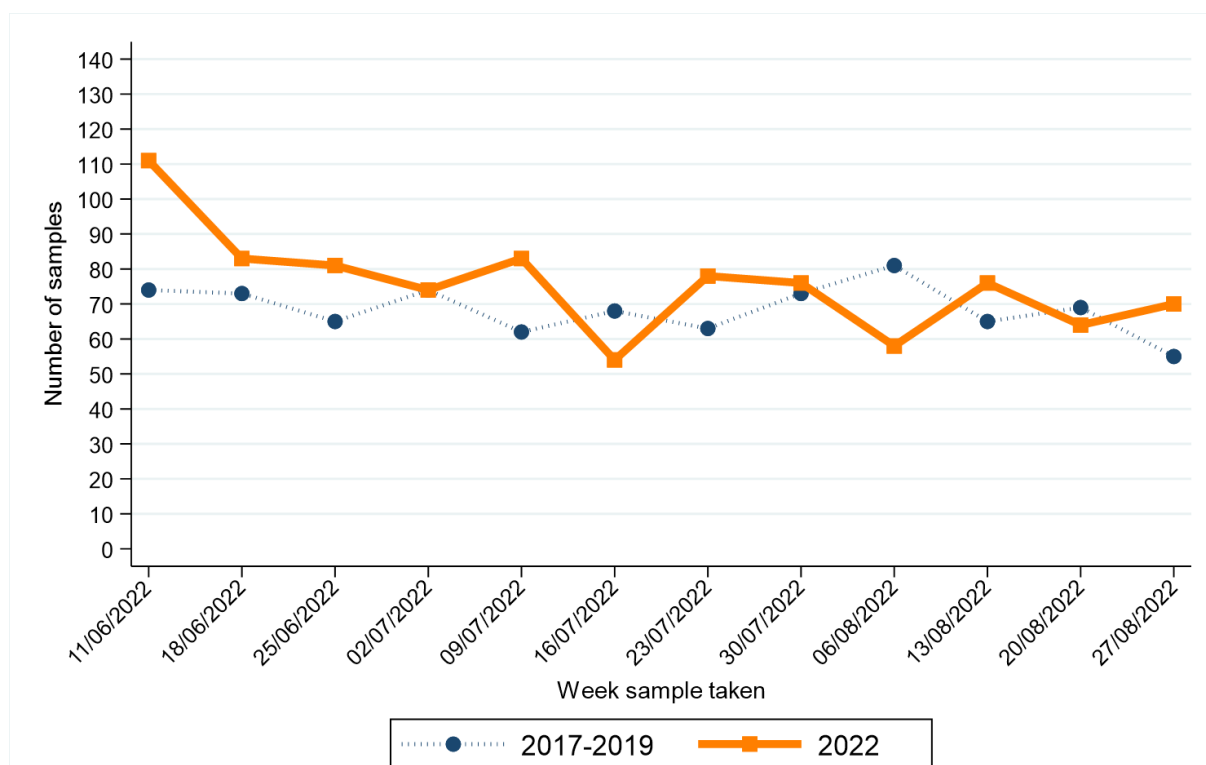
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Month sample taken**	2017-2019*	2020	2021	2022
Jul	253	213	282	265
Aug	271	232	233	284
Sep	263	292	299	.
Oct	277	265	243	.
Nov	272	257	274	.
Dec	261	286	255	.

RECENT CHANGES IN NUMBER OF SAMPLES - Including Altnagelvin

Percentage change in the twelve weeks up to 27/08/2022 compared to expected number based on 2017-2019 average

+10.5%



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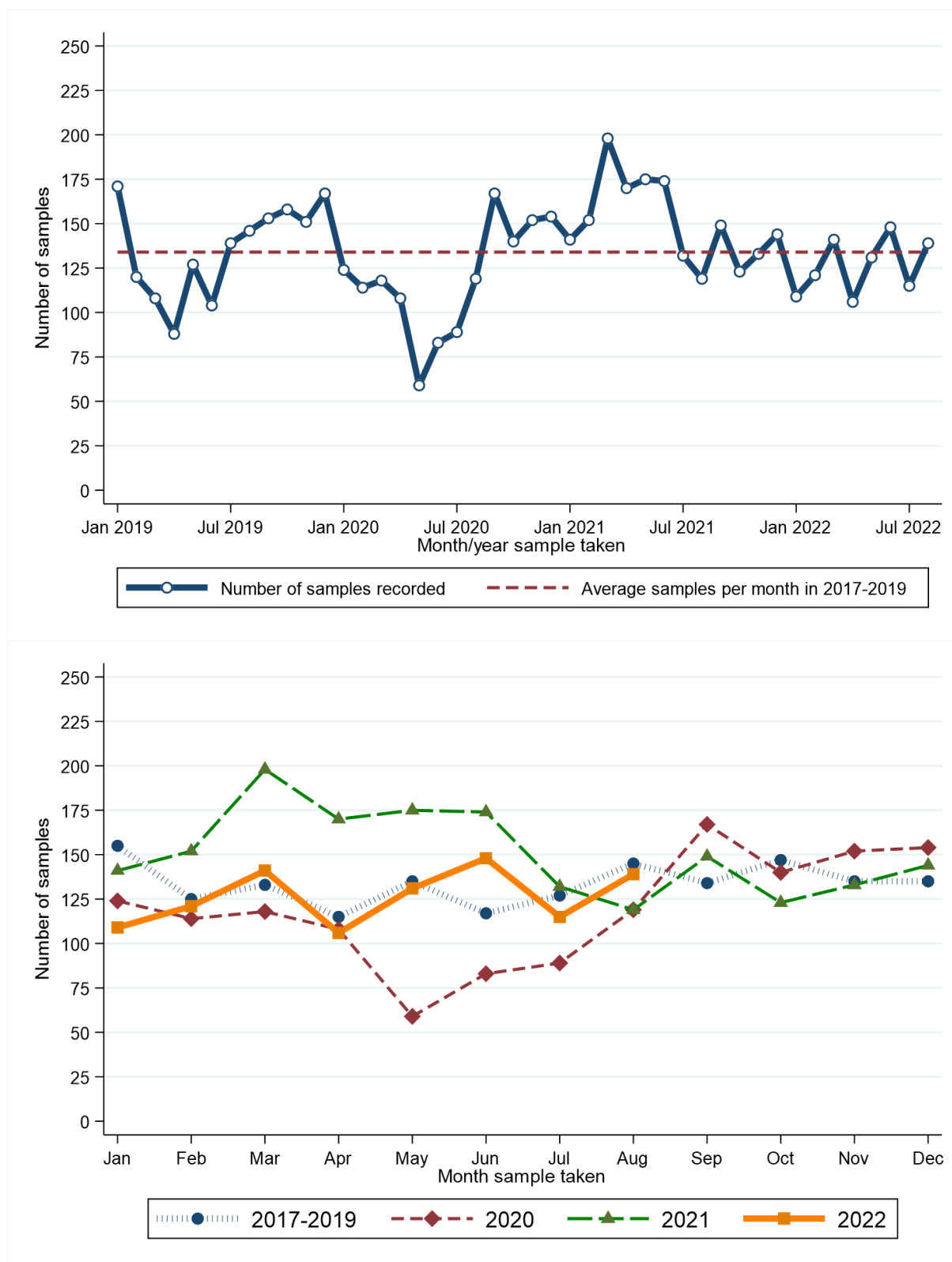
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FEMALE BREAST CANCER (SCREENING AGE)

CHANGE IN NUMBER OF SAMPLES SINCE MARCH 2020 - Excluding Altnagelvin

Percentage change from March 2020 to August 2022 compared to expected number based on 2017-2019 average

+0.8%



Month sample taken**	2017-2019*	2020	2021	2022
Jan	155	124	141	109
Feb	125	114	152	121
Mar	133	118	198	141
Apr	115	108	170	106
May	135	59	175	131
Jun	117	83	174	148

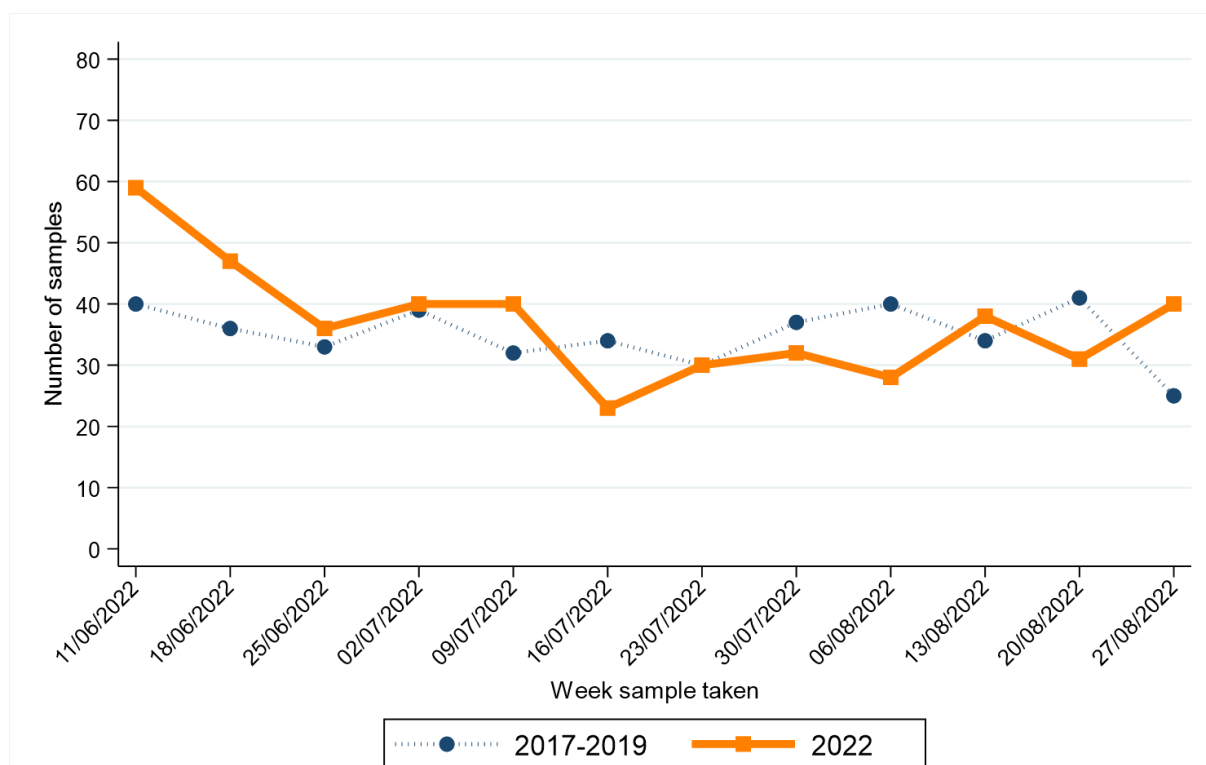
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Month sample taken**	2017-2019*	2020	2021	2022
Jul	127	89	132	115
Aug	145	119	119	139
Sep	134	167	149	.
Oct	147	140	123	.
Nov	135	152	133	.
Dec	135	154	144	.

RECENT CHANGES IN NUMBER OF SAMPLES - Including Altnagelvin

Percentage change in the twelve weeks up to 27/08/2022 compared to expected number based on 2017-2019 average

+5.5%



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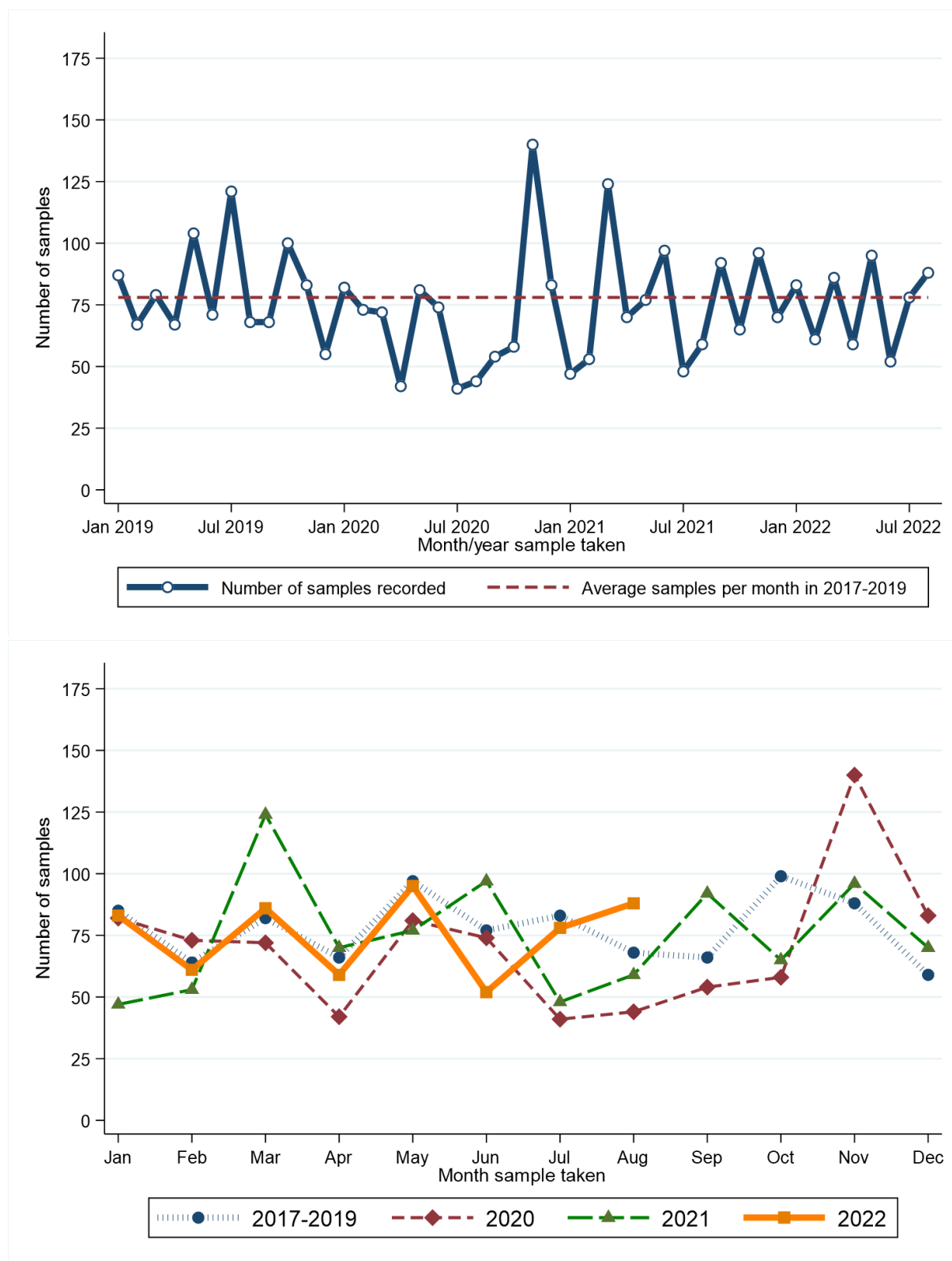
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PROSTATE CANCER

CHANGE IN NUMBER OF SAMPLES SINCE MARCH 2020 - Excluding Altnagelvin

Percentage change from March 2020 to August 2022 compared to expected number based on 2017-2019 average

-6.5%



Month sample taken**	2017-2019*	2020	2021	2022
Jan	85	82	47	83
Feb	64	73	53	61
Mar	82	72	124	86
Apr	66	42	70	59
May	97	81	77	95
Jun	77	74	97	52

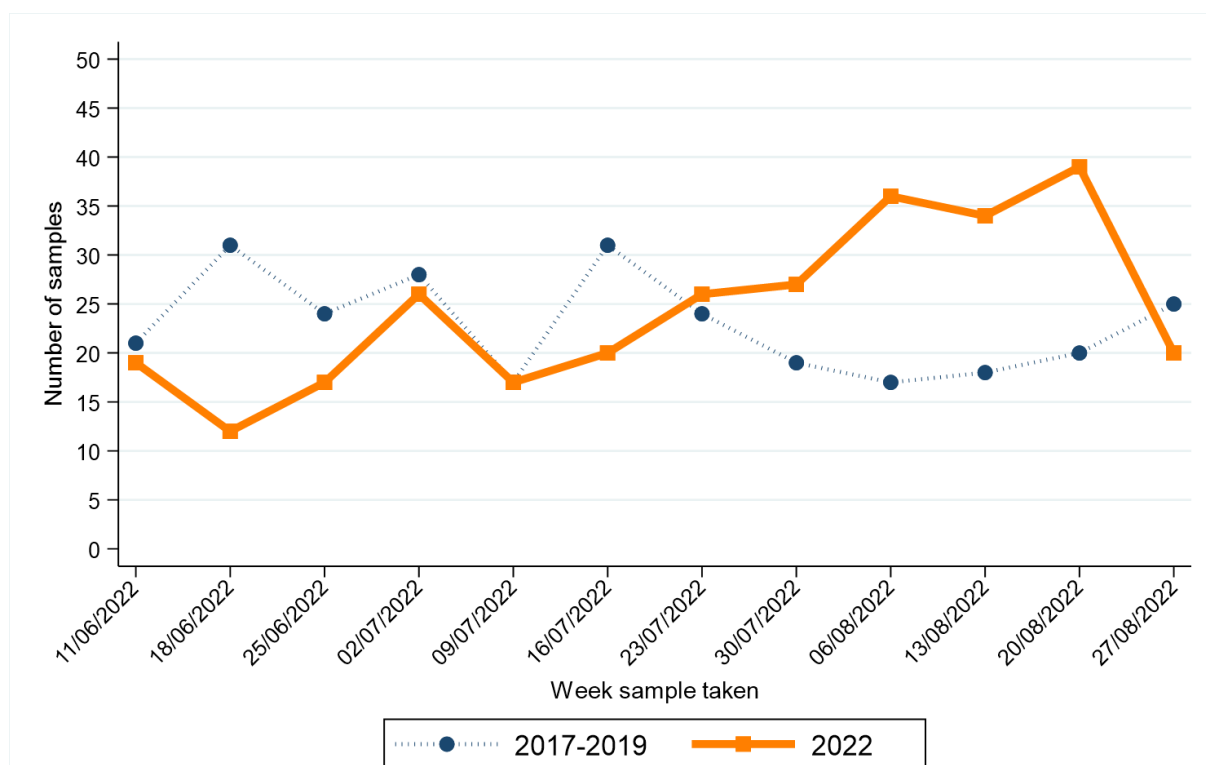
* Average samples per year rounded to the nearest integer.

Month sample taken**	2017-2019*	2020	2021	2022
Jul	83	41	48	78
Aug	68	44	59	88
Sep	66	54	92	.
Oct	99	58	65	.
Nov	88	140	96	.
Dec	59	83	70	.

RECENT CHANGES IN NUMBER OF SAMPLES - Including Altnagelvin

Percentage change in the twelve weeks up to 27/08/2022 compared to expected number based on 2017-2019 average

+6.5%



Week sample taken**	2017-2019*	2022
11/06/2022	306	365
18/06/2022	350	316
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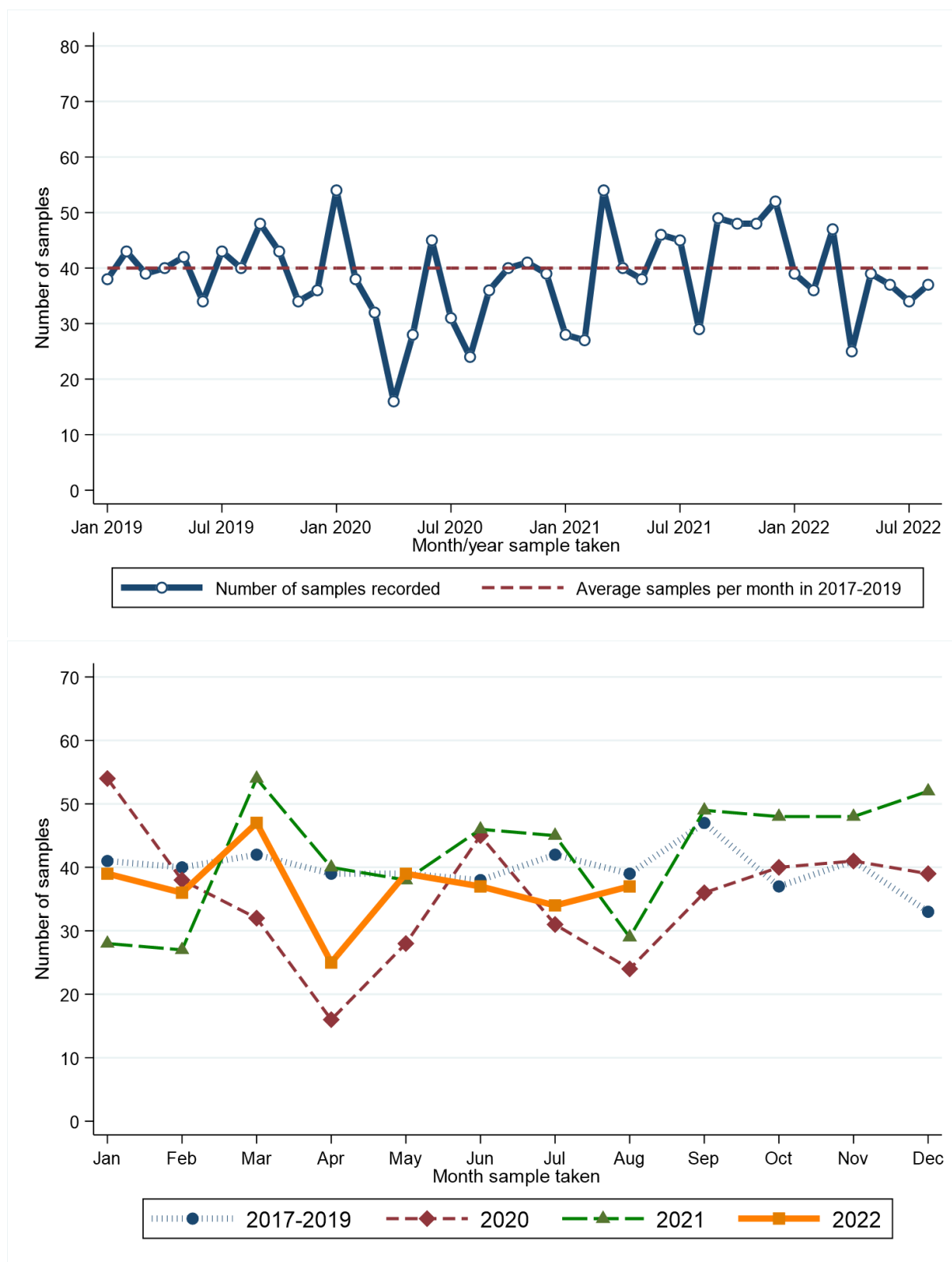
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UPPER GASTROINTESTINAL CANCER

CHANGE IN NUMBER OF SAMPLES SINCE MARCH 2020 - Excluding Altnagelvin

Percentage change from March 2020 to August 2022 compared to expected number based on 2017-2019 average

-5.4%



Month sample taken**	2017-2019*	2020	2021	2022
Jan	41	54	28	39
Feb	40	38	27	36
Mar	42	32	54	47
Apr	39	16	40	25
May	39	28	38	39
Jun	38	45	46	37

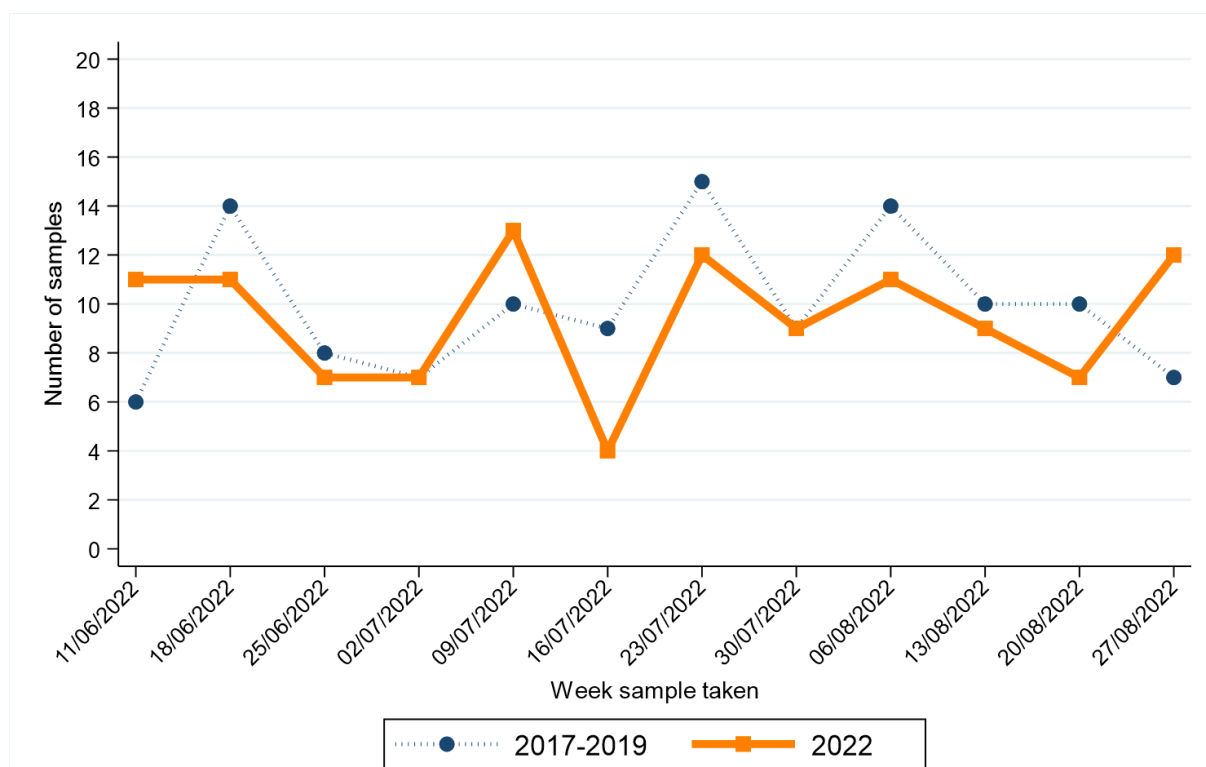
* Average samples per year rounded to the nearest integer.

Month sample taken**	2017-2019*	2020	2021	2022
Jul	42	31	45	34
Aug	39	24	29	37
Sep	47	36	49	.
Oct	37	40	48	.
Nov	41	41	48	.
Dec	33	39	52	.

RECENT CHANGES IN NUMBER OF SAMPLES - Including Altnagelvin

Percentage change in the twelve weeks up to 27/08/2022 compared to expected number based on 2017-2019 average

-5.0%



Week sample taken**	2017-2019*	2022
11/06/2022	306	365
18/06/2022	350	316
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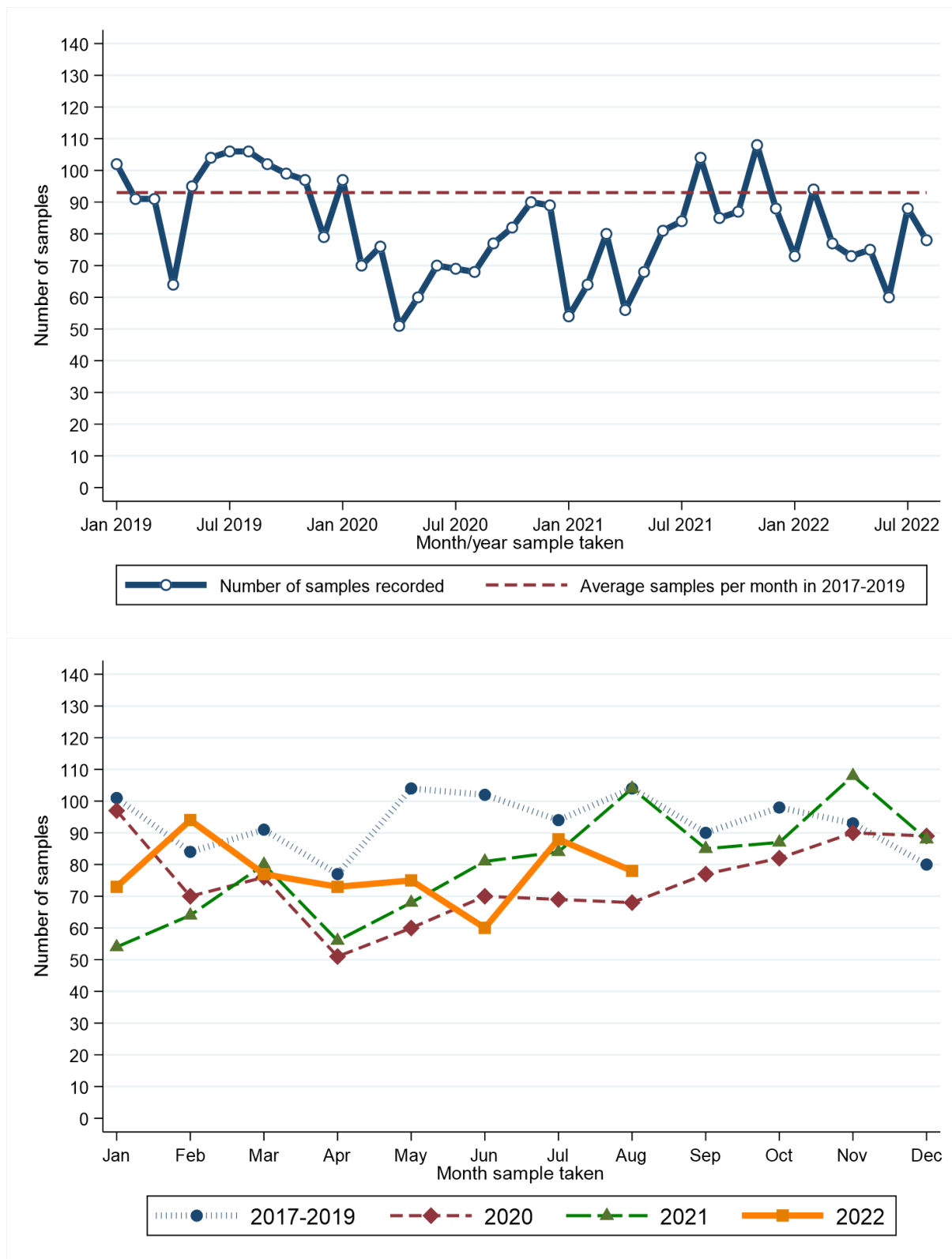
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GYNAECOLOGICAL CANCER

CHANGE IN NUMBER OF SAMPLES SINCE MARCH 2020 - Excluding Altnagelvin

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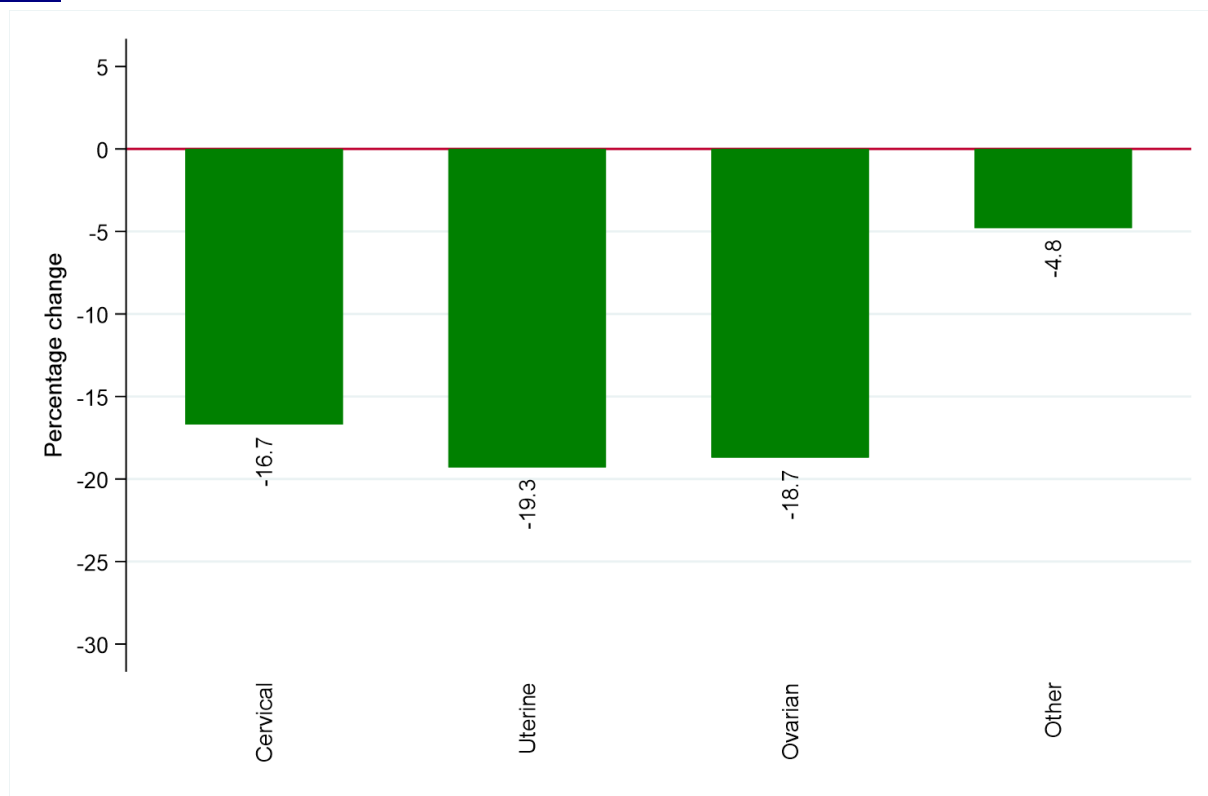
-17.8%



Month sample taken**	2017-2019*	2020	2021	2022	Month sample taken**	2017-2019*	2020	2021	2022
Jan	101	97	54	73	Jul	94	69	84	88
Feb	84	70	64	94	Aug	104	68	104	78
Mar	91	76	80	77	Sep	90	77	85	.
Apr	77	51	56	73	Oct	98	82	87	.
May	104	60	68	75	Nov	93	90	108	.
Jun	102	70	81	60	Dec	80	89	88	.

* Average samples per year rounded to the nearest integer.

CHANGE IN NUMBER OF SAMPLES SINCE MARCH 2020 BY DETAILED CANCER TYPE - Excluding Altnagelvin



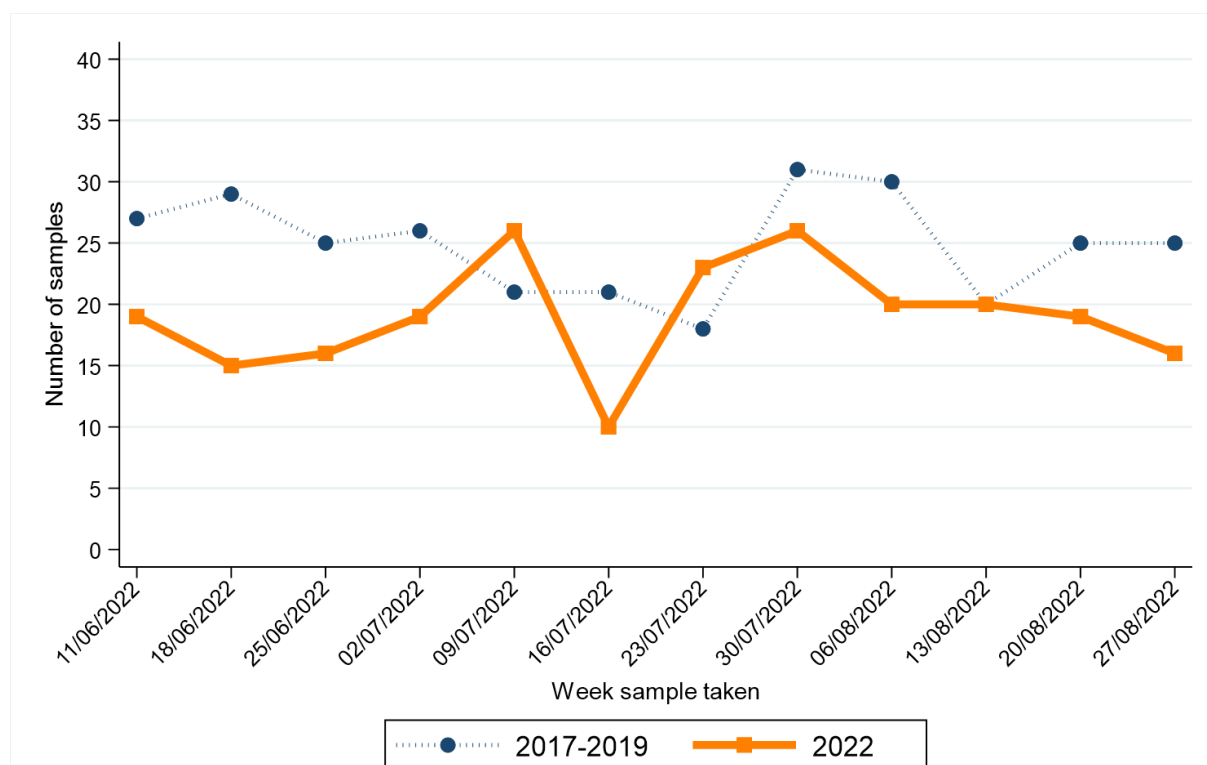
Cancer type	Number of samples (March 2020 to August 2022)	
	Expected number*	Recorded number
Cervical cancer	414	345
Uterine cancer	1,323	1,067
Ovarian cancer	809	658
Other gynaecological cancer	251	239

* Based upon average monthly number of samples from 2017-2019.

RECENT CHANGES IN NUMBER OF SAMPLES - Including Altnagelvin

Percentage change in the twelve weeks up to 27/08/2022 compared to expected number based on 2017-2019 average

-23.2%



Week sample taken**	2017-2019*	2022	Week sample taken**	2017-2019*	2022
11/06/2022	306	365	23/07/2022	310	281
18/06/2022	350	316	30/07/2022	292	325
25/06/2022	305	290	06/08/2022	332	316
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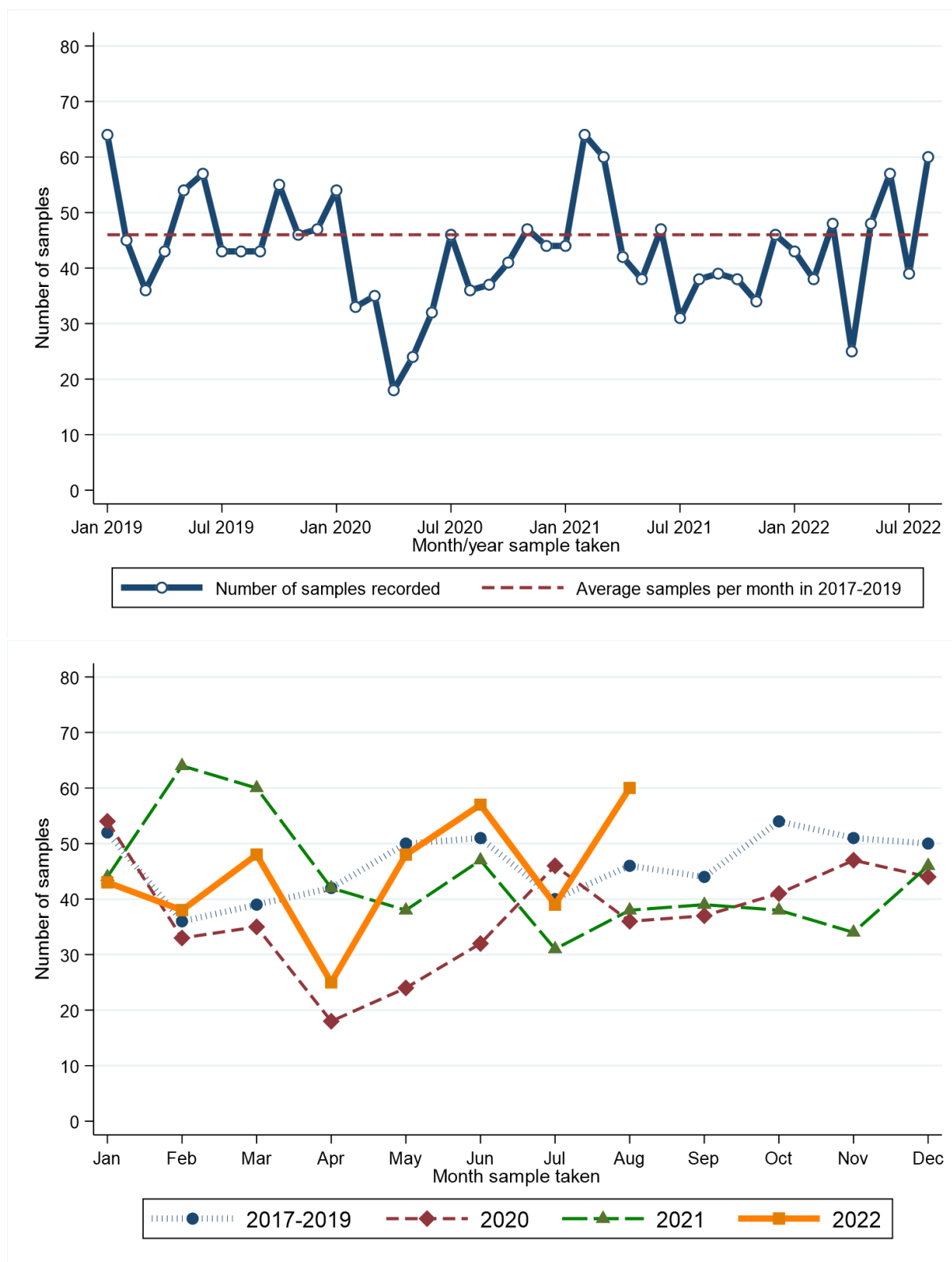
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HEAD AND NECK CANCER

CHANGE IN NUMBER OF SAMPLES SINCE MARCH 2020 - Excluding Altnagelvin

Percentage change from March 2020 to August 2022 compared to expected number based on 2017-2019 average

-10.1%



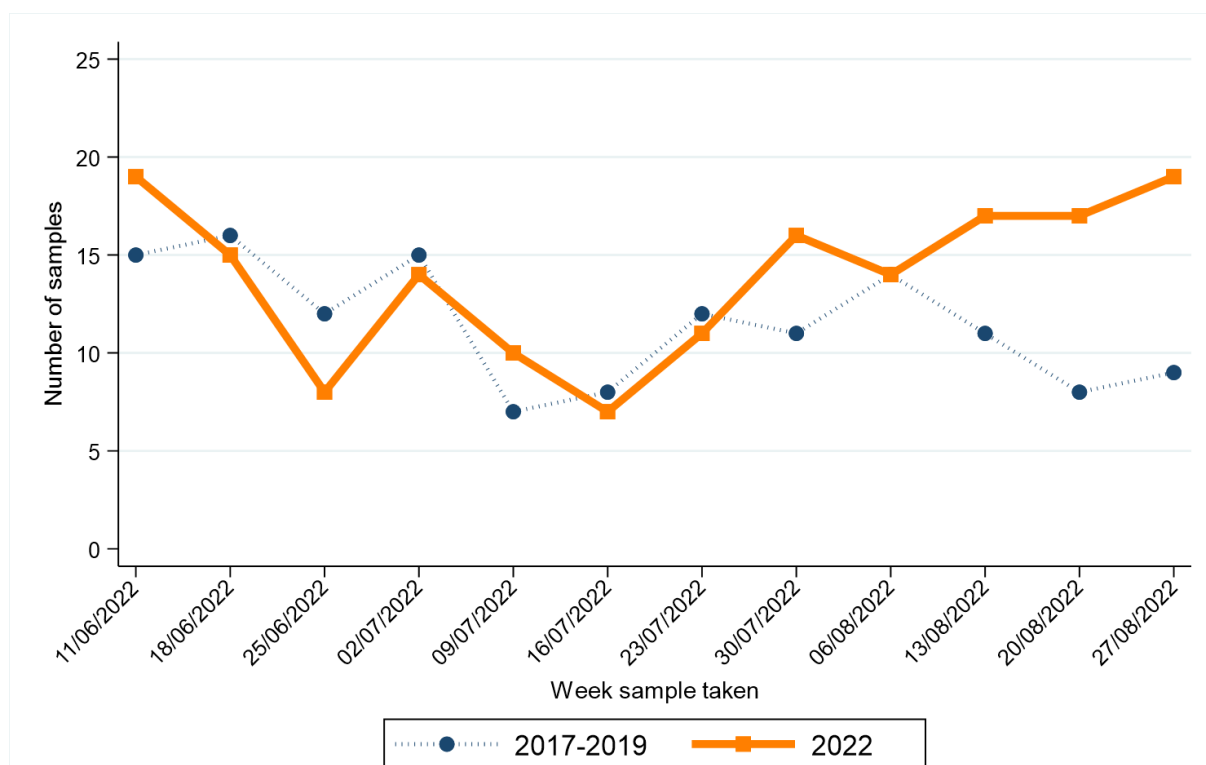
Month sample taken**	2017-2019*	2020	2021	2022	Month sample taken**	2017-2019*	2020	2021	2022
Jan	52	54	44	43	Jul	40	46	31	39
Feb	36	33	64	38	Aug	46	36	38	60
Mar	39	35	60	48	Sep	44	37	39	.
Apr	42	18	42	25	Oct	54	41	38	.
May	50	24	38	48	Nov	51	47	34	.
Jun	51	32	47	57	Dec	50	44	46	.

* Average samples per year rounded to the nearest integer.

RECENT CHANGES IN NUMBER OF SAMPLES - Including Altnagelvin

Percentage change in the twelve weeks up to 27/08/2022 compared to expected number based on 2017-2019 average

+21.0%



Week sample taken**	2017-2019*	2022	Week sample taken**	2017-2019*	2022
11/06/2022	306	365	23/07/2022	310	281
18/06/2022	350	316	30/07/2022	292	325
25/06/2022	305	290	06/08/2022	332	316
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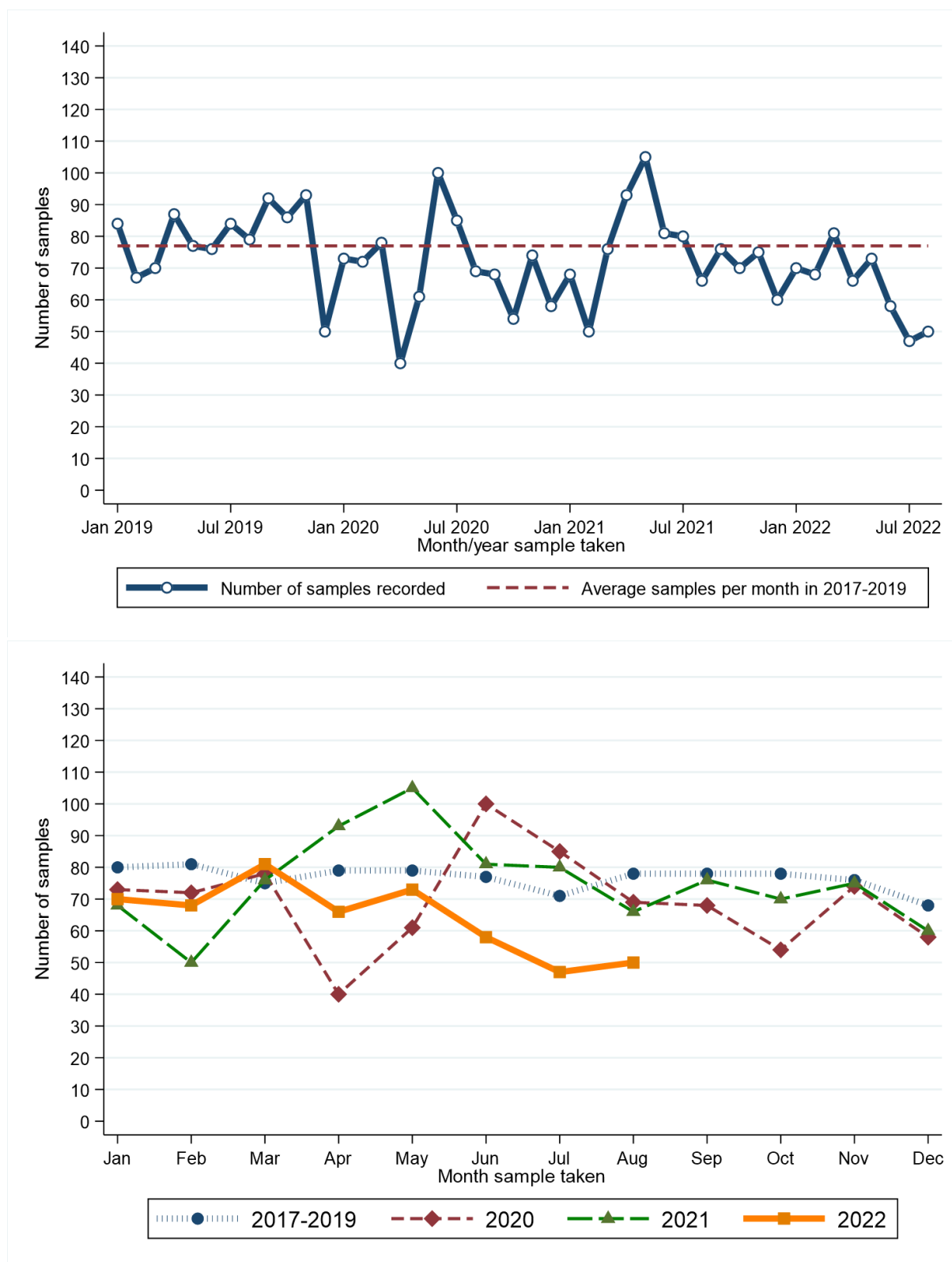
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URINARY CANCER

CHANGE IN NUMBER OF SAMPLES SINCE MARCH 2020 - Excluding Altnagelvin

Percentage change from March 2020 to August 2022 compared to expected number based on 2017-2019 average

-8.7%



Month sample taken**	2017-2019*	2020	2021	2022
Jan	80	73	68	70
Feb	81	72	50	68
Mar	75	78	76	81
Apr	79	40	93	66
May	79	61	105	73
Jun	77	100	81	58

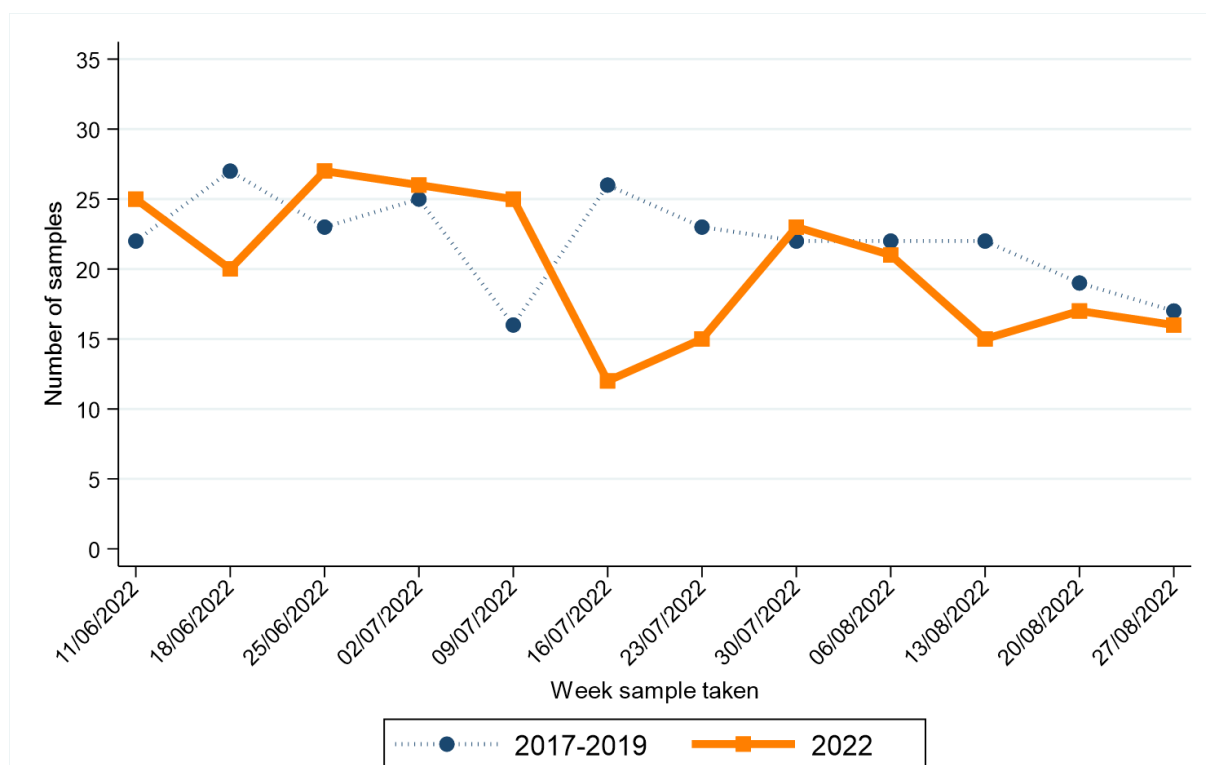
* Average samples per year rounded to the nearest integer.

Month sample taken**	2017-2019*	2020	2021	2022
Jul	71	85	80	47
Aug	78	69	66	50
Sep	78	68	76	.
Oct	78	54	70	.
Nov	76	74	75	.
Dec	68	58	60	.

RECENT CHANGES IN NUMBER OF SAMPLES - Including Altnagelvin

Percentage change in the twelve weeks up to 27/08/2022 compared to expected number based on 2017-2019 average

-8.3%



Week sample taken**	2017-2019*	2022
11/06/2022	306	365
18/06/2022	350	316
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02/07/2022	328	333
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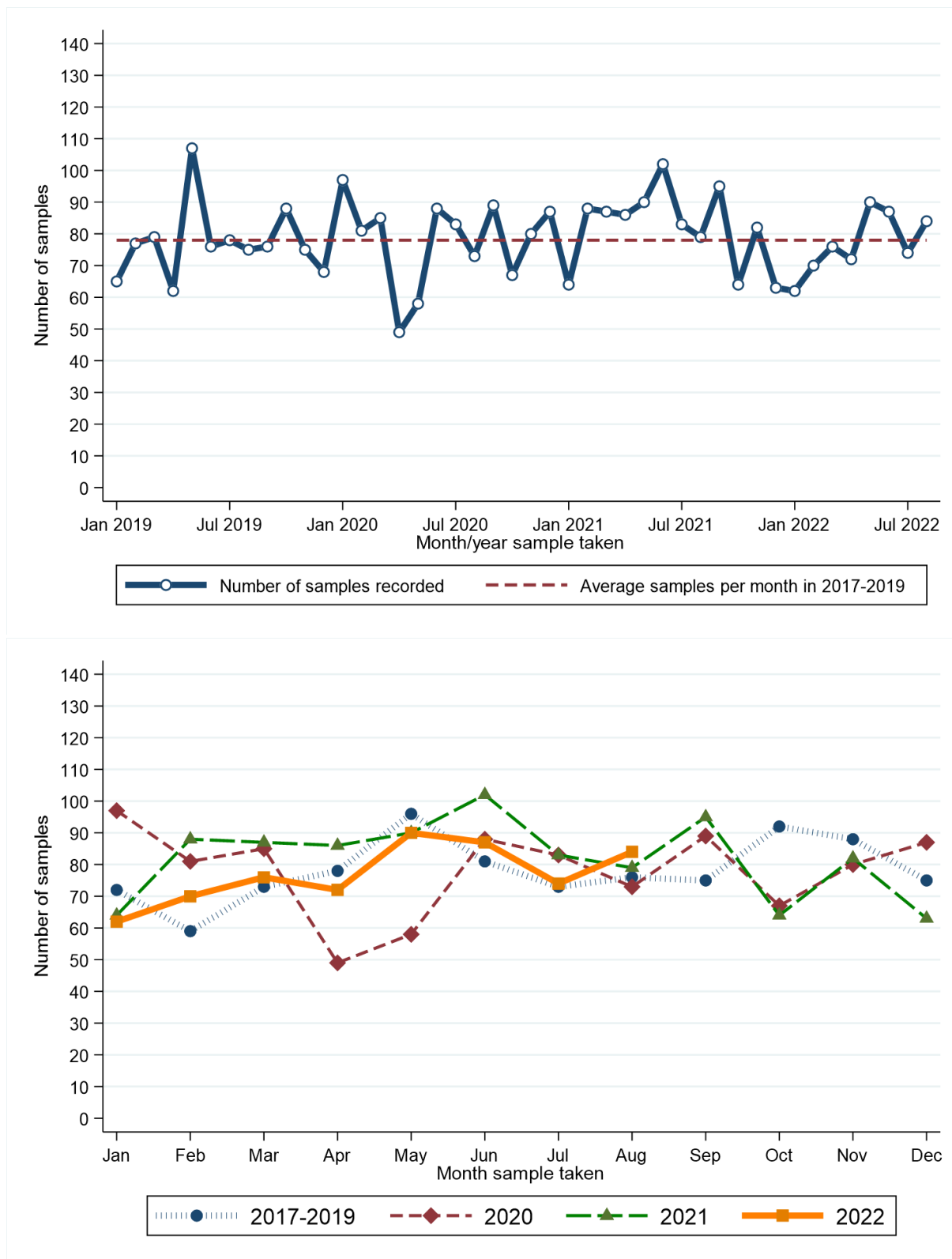
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HAEMATOLOGICAL CANCER

CHANGE IN NUMBER OF SAMPLES SINCE MARCH 2020 - Excluding Altnagelvin

Percentage change from March 2020 to August 2022 compared to expected number based on 2017-2019 average

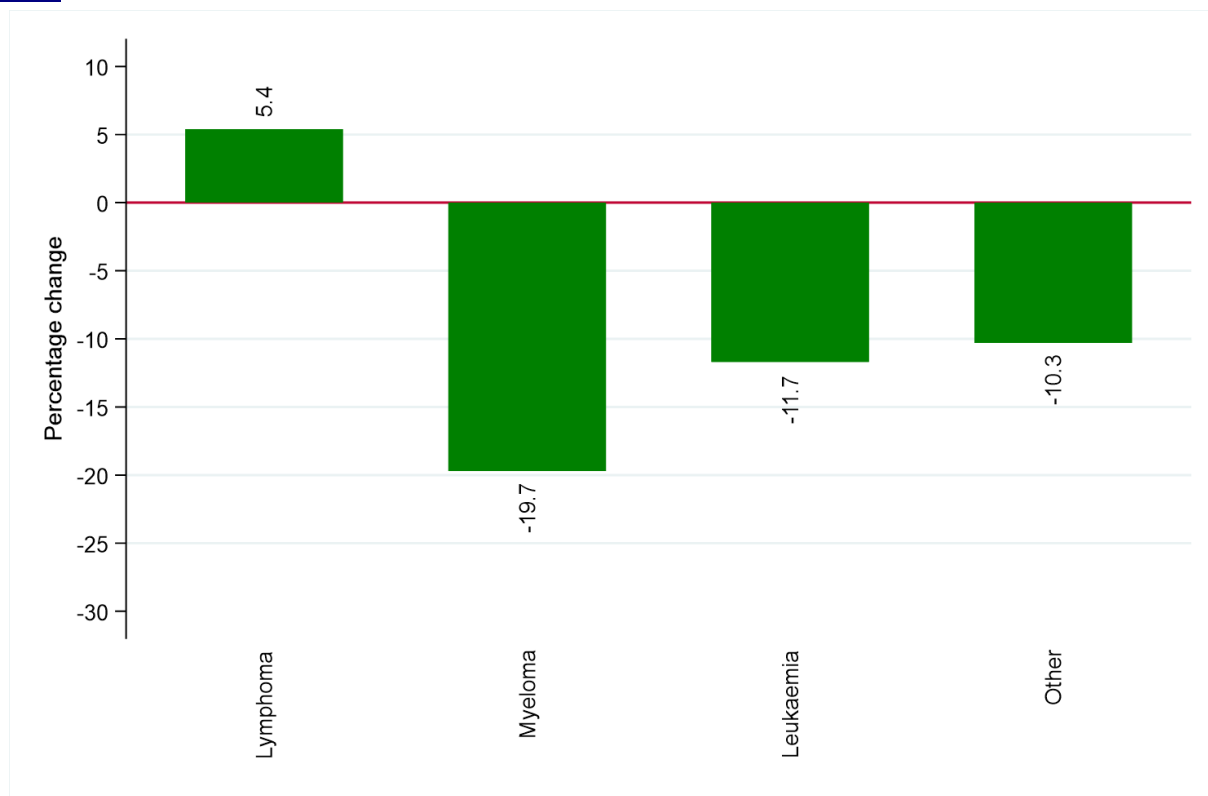
+0.2%



Month sample taken**	2017-2019*	2020	2021	2022	Month sample taken**	2017-2019*	2020	2021	2022
Jan	72	97	64	62	Jul	73	83	83	74
Feb	59	81	88	70	Aug	76	73	79	84
Mar	73	85	87	76	Sep	75	89	95	.
Apr	78	49	86	72	Oct	92	67	64	.
May	96	58	90	90	Nov	88	80	82	.
Jun	81	88	102	87	Dec	75	87	63	.

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CHANGE IN NUMBER OF SAMPLES SINCE MARCH 2020 BY DETAILED CANCER TYPE - Excluding Altnagelvin



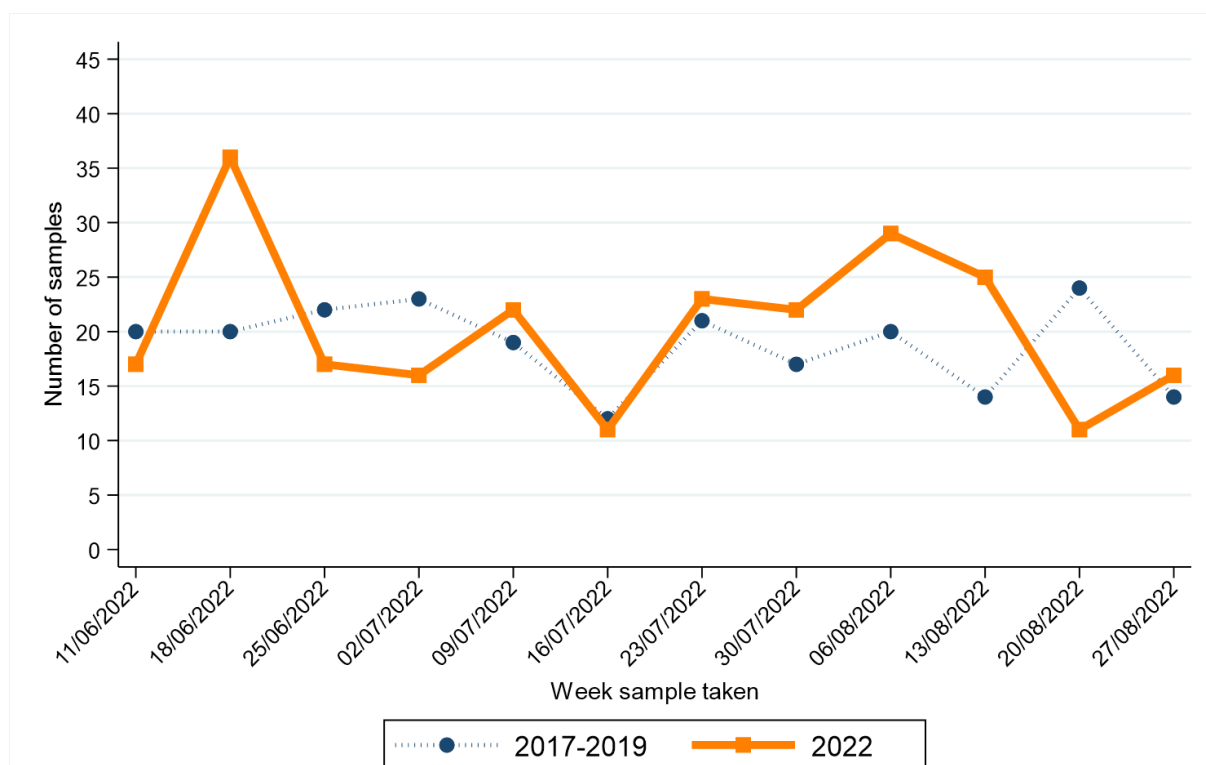
Cancer type	Number of samples (March 2020 to August 2022)	
	Expected number*	Recorded number
Lymphoma	1,818	1,916
Myeloma	310	249
Leukaemia	188	166
Other haematological cancer	29	26

* Based upon average monthly number of samples from 2017-2019.

RECENT CHANGES IN NUMBER OF SAMPLES - Including Altnagelvin

Percentage change in the twelve weeks up to 27/08/2022 compared to expected number based on 2017-2019 average

+8.4%



Week sample taken**	2017-2019*	2022	Week sample taken**	2017-2019*	2022
11/06/2022	306	365	23/07/2022	310	281
18/06/2022	350	316	30/07/2022	292	325
25/06/2022	305	290	06/08/2022	332	316
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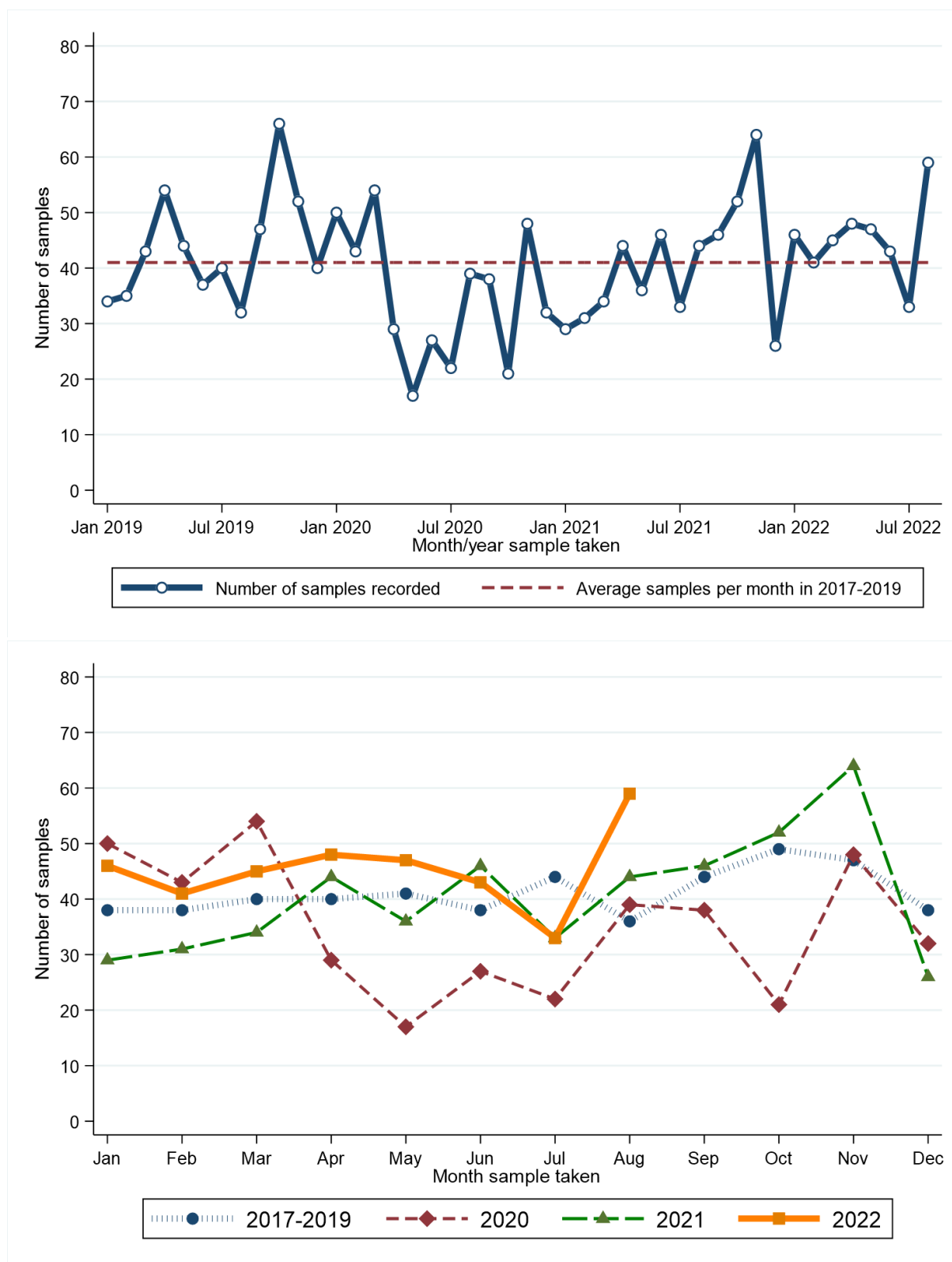
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MELANOMA

CHANGE IN NUMBER OF SAMPLES SINCE MARCH 2020 - Excluding Altnagelvin

Percentage change from March 2020 to August 2022 compared to expected number based on 2017-2019 average

-4.2%



Month sample taken**	2017-2019*	2020	2021	2022
Jan	38	50	29	46
Feb	38	43	31	41
Mar	40	54	34	45
Apr	40	29	44	48
May	41	17	36	47
Jun	38	27	46	43

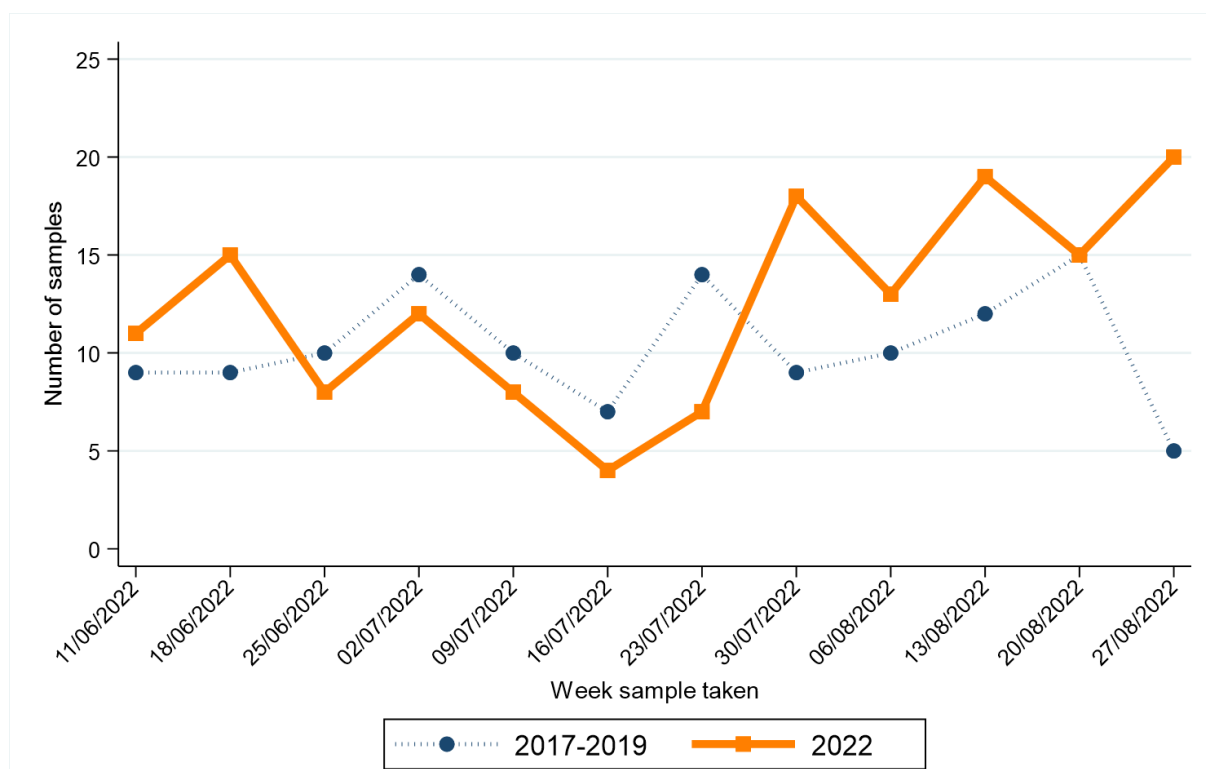
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Month sample taken**	2017-2019*	2020	2021	2022
Jul	44	22	33	33
Aug	36	39	44	59
Sep	44	38	46	.
Oct	49	21	52	.
Nov	47	48	64	.
Dec	38	32	26	.

RECENT CHANGES IN NUMBER OF SAMPLES - Including Altnagelvin

Percentage change in the twelve weeks up to 27/08/2022 compared to expected number based on 2017-2019 average

+21.0%



Week sample taken**	2017-2019*	2022
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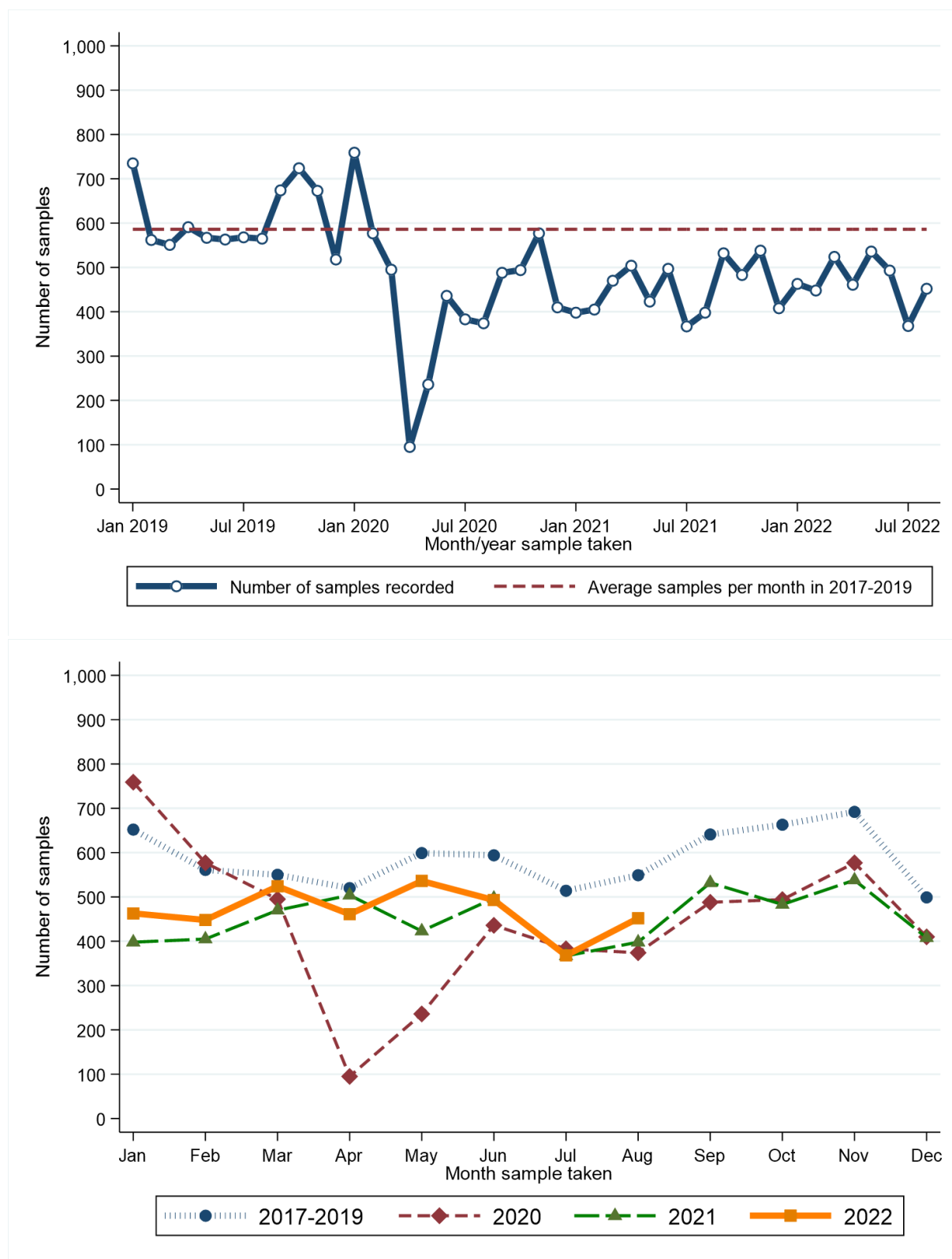
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NON-MELANOMA SKIN CANCER

CHANGE IN NUMBER OF SAMPLES SINCE MARCH 2020 - Excluding Altnagelvin

Percentage change from March 2020 to August 2022 compared to expected number based on 2017-2019 average

-24.4%



Month sample taken**	2017-2019*	2020	2021	2022
Jan	652	759	398	463
Feb	561	577	405	448
Mar	550	495	470	524
Apr	520	95	504	461
May	599	236	423	536
Jun	594	436	497	493

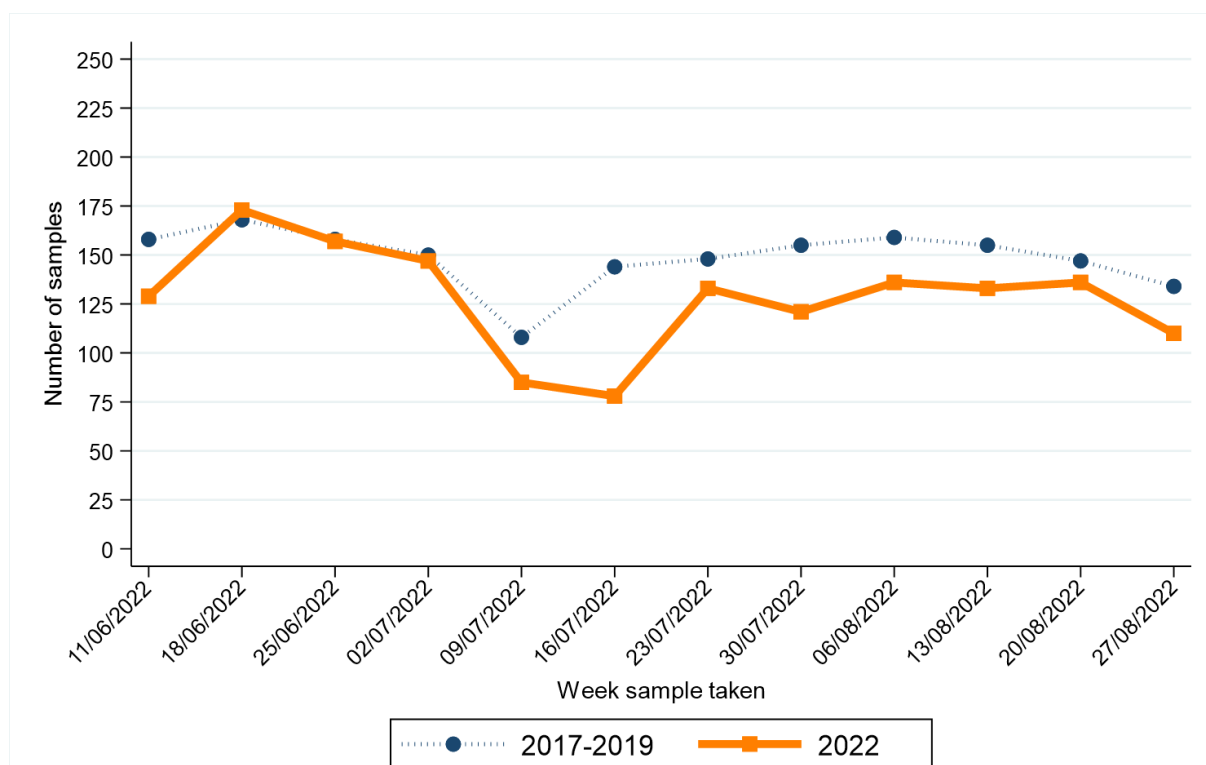
* Average samples per year rounded to the nearest integer.

Month sample taken**	2017-2019*	2020	2021	2022
Jul	514	383	367	368
Aug	549	374	398	452
Sep	641	488	532	.
Oct	663	494	483	.
Nov	692	577	538	.
Dec	499	410	408	.

RECENT CHANGES IN NUMBER OF SAMPLES - Including Altnagelvin

Percentage change in the twelve weeks up to 27/08/2022 compared to expected number based on 2017-2019 average

-13.8%



Week sample taken**	2017-2019*	2022
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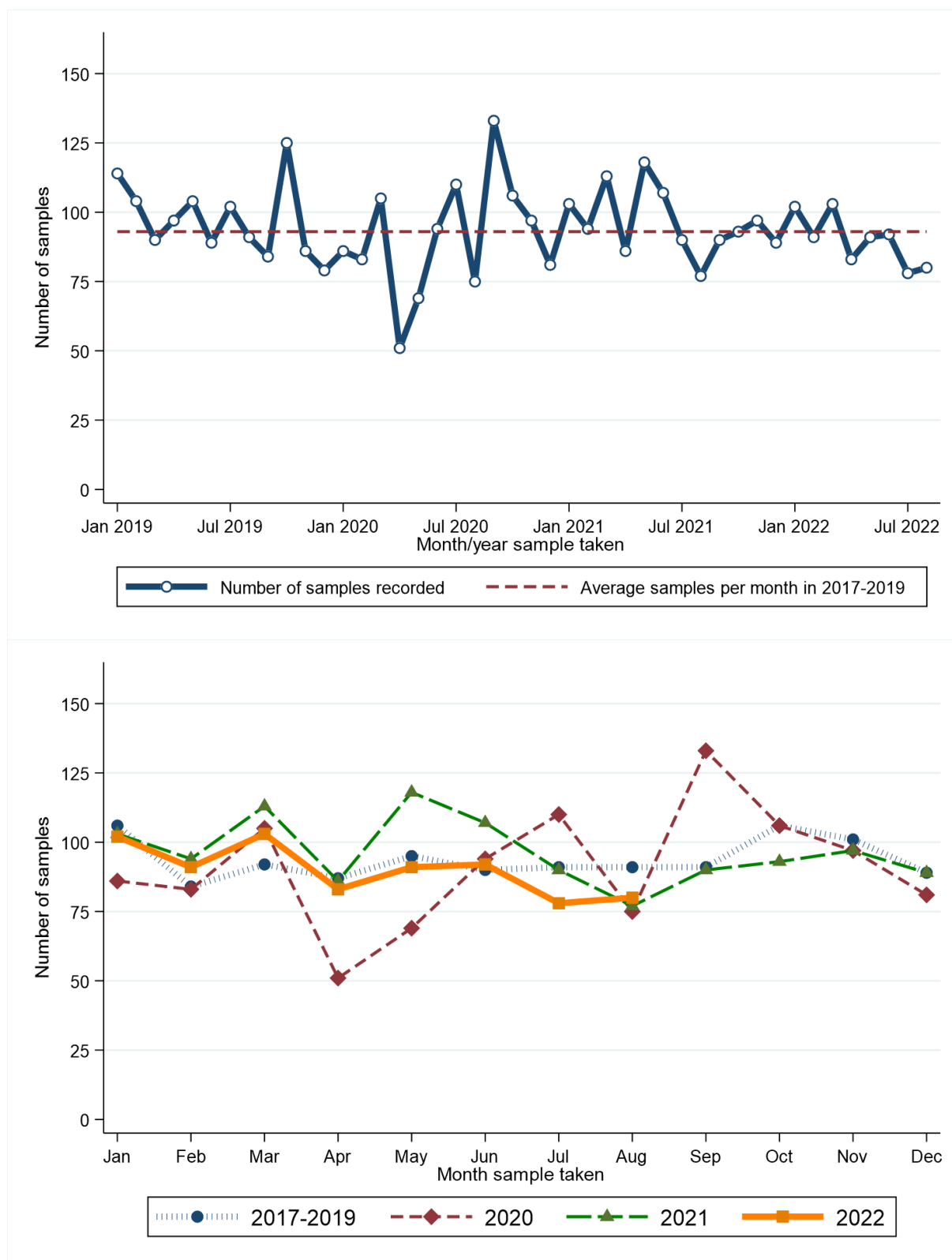
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OTHER CANCER

CHANGE IN NUMBER OF SAMPLES SINCE MARCH 2020 - Excluding Altnagelvin

Percentage change from March 2020 to August 2022 compared to expected number based on 2017-2019 average

+0.2%



Month sample taken**	2017-2019*	2020	2021	2022
Jan	106	86	103	102
Feb	84	83	94	91
Mar	92	105	113	103
Apr	87	51	86	83
May	95	69	118	91
Jun	90	94	107	92

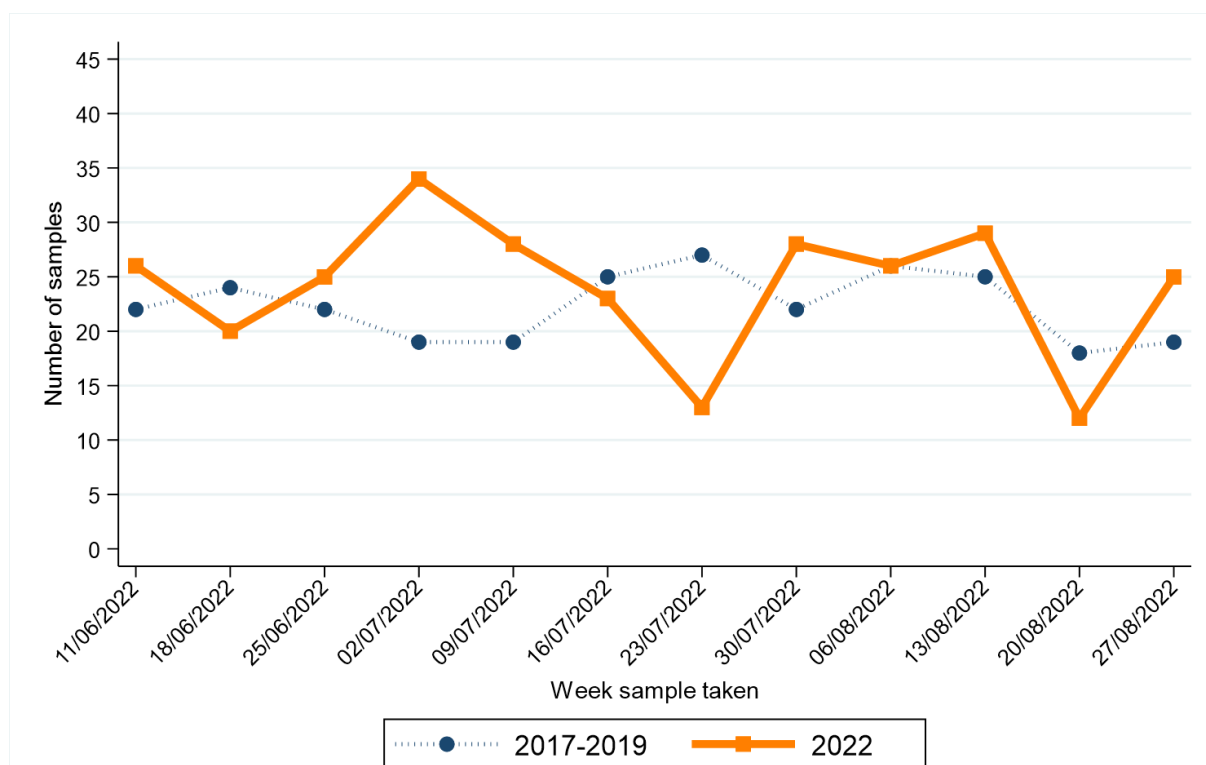
* Average samples per year rounded to the nearest integer.

Month sample taken**	2017-2019*	2020	2021	2022
Jul	91	110	90	78
Aug	91	75	77	80
Sep	91	133	90	.
Oct	106	106	93	.
Nov	101	97	97	.
Dec	89	81	89	.

RECENT CHANGES IN NUMBER OF SAMPLES - Including Altnagelvin

Percentage change in the twelve weeks up to 27/08/2022 compared to expected number based on 2017-2019 average

+7.8%



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1. NMSC: Non-melanoma skin cancer

2. Data is sourced from the four NHS pathology laboratories in Northern Ireland (Altnagelvin, Antrim, Belfast, Craigavon), which is provided to the NI Cancer Registry on a monthly basis. It does not include information on pathology samples processed by private laboratories.

3. Figures represent the number of pathology samples that indicated a malignant tumour and had this result coded and recorded by the end of August 2022. Due to potential reporting delays, pathology data from the month following August 2022 are used in compiling the presented results.

4. Assignment of week number is based upon a Sunday to Saturday week. The week ending label used in graphs and tables is based upon the date of the end of the week (a Saturday) in 2021-2022. This is compared with the equivalent Sunday-Saturday week in 2017-2019, although the actual date ending this week in 2017-2019 will differ.

5. Cancer types are defined as follows:

Bowel cancer: Includes colon, rectum and rectosigmoid junction (ICD10 codes: C18-C20).

Lung cancer: Includes lung and trachea (ICD10 codes: C33-C34).

Breast cancer: Includes female breast only (ICD10 codes: C50).

Prostate cancer: (ICD10 codes: C61).

Gynaecological cancer: Includes uterus, ovary, cervix, vulva, vagina, placenta and other female genital (ICD10 codes: C51-C58).

Upper GI cancer: Includes oesophagus and stomach (ICD10 codes: C15, C16).

Head and neck cancer: Includes lip, tongue, mouth, parotid & salivary glands, tonsil, oropharynx, nasopharynx, pyriform sinus, hypopharynx, nasal cavity, middle ear, sinuses and larynx (ICD10 codes: C00-C14, C30-C32).

Urinary cancer: Includes kidney, renal pelvis, ureter, bladder and other urinary (ICD10 codes: C64-C68).

Haematological cancer: Includes lymphoma (all types), leukaemia (all types), myeloma, malignant immunoproliferative disease and other lymphoid and haematopoietic (ICD10 codes: C81-C96).

Melanoma: (ICD10 code: C43).

Non-melanoma skin cancer (NMSC): (ICD10 code: C44).

Other cancer: Includes cancers of small intestine, anus, liver, gallbladder, thymus, bone, mesothelioma, soft tissue, penis, testis, eye, brain, endocrine system and thyroid (ICD10 codes: C16, C21-C26, C37-C41, C45-C49, C60, C62, C63, C69-C75). Excludes cancer of unknown primary.