

The Experience of Health, Care and Community Services

A trends analysis report by Healthwatch Waltham Forest



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Healthwatch is your local independent health and social care champion. We listen to people's stories, good and bad, and report on their collective experience. In this report, we examine the experience of local health, social care and community services.

Qualitative Feedback, 1 January - 31 March 2025

Index and overview of findings



1485

Data Source

This report is based on the experience of 1485 people. Feedback has been obtained from a variety of sources, including general engagement and comments posted online (including Care Opinion, NHS and social media). More on page 4.



82%

Overall Satisfaction

Overall satisfaction is at 82% positive and 18% negative, according to feedback.

Feedback suggests people receive good quality, compassionate treatment and care on the whole, with good levels of involvement and communication.



85%

Information, Involvement and Support

Satisfaction is at 85% positive, 14% negative and 1% neutral, comments suggest.

This quarter, complaints are down by 6% on support and by 2% on user involvement, while up by 3% on communication. More on page 5.



90%

Quality and Empathy

According to comments, satisfaction is at 90% positive and 10% negative.

Good levels of quality and empathy continue to be reported. More on page 5.



59%

Access to Services

Satisfaction is at 59% positive, 40% negative and 1% neutral.

This quarter, complaints are down by 7% on ability to book appointments and by 6% on waiting times, while up by 2% on telephone access. More on page 5.

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"I had to wait about 40 minutes after my appointment time to be seen, but the doctor was fantastic. Extremely thorough and went out of her way to explain everything to me."



677

GP Services

Satisfaction is at 80% positive, 19% negative and 1% neutral, according to feedback.

677 people comment on GP services. Feedback suggests patients continue to receive good quality, compassionate treatment and care, with good levels of involvement and support. Service access remains as a leading negative issue. More on page 9.



209

Dentists

Comments suggest satisfaction is at 89% positive and 11% negative.

209 people comment on dentists, with accounts of excellent treatment, care and customer service recorded. Good levels of information and involvement are also reported. More on page 10.



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Whipps Cross University Hospital

Satisfaction is at 47% positive, 52% negative and 1% neutral, comments suggest.

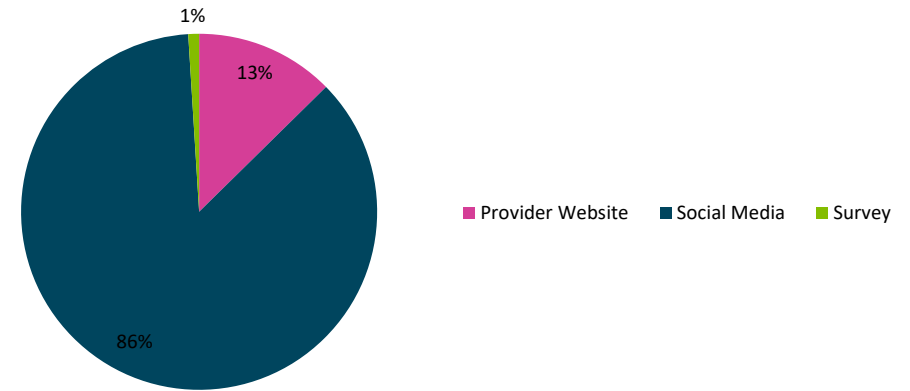
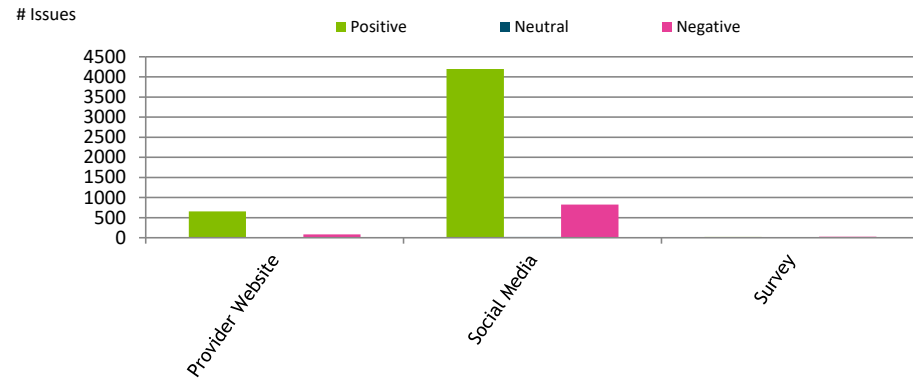
58 people comment this quarter. Service access, particularly waiting times is a leading negative topic. Feedback suggests patients would also like greater levels of communication, empathy, involvement and support. More on page 11.

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1. Data Source: Where did we collect the feedback?

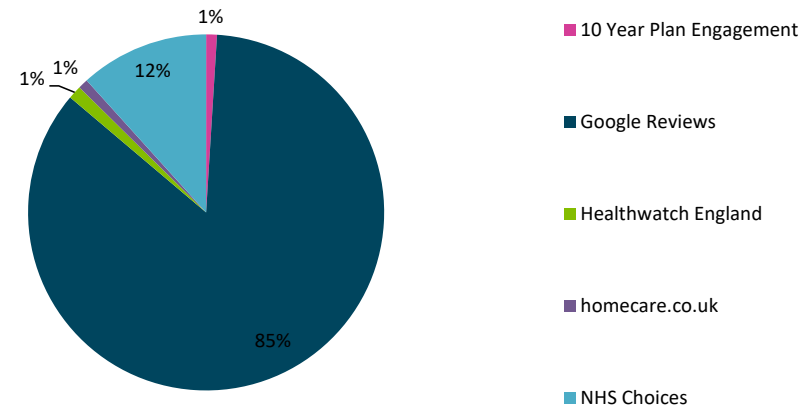
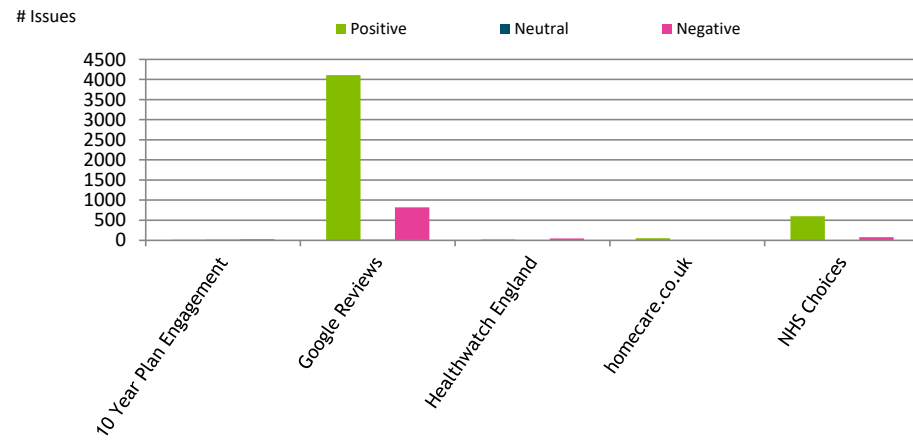


1.1 Source: 5934 issues from 1485 people



Sources providing the most comments overall

1.2 Origin

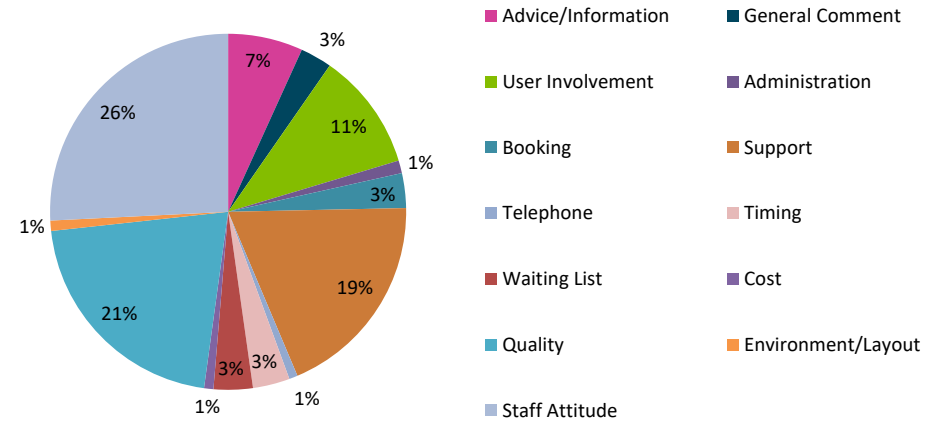
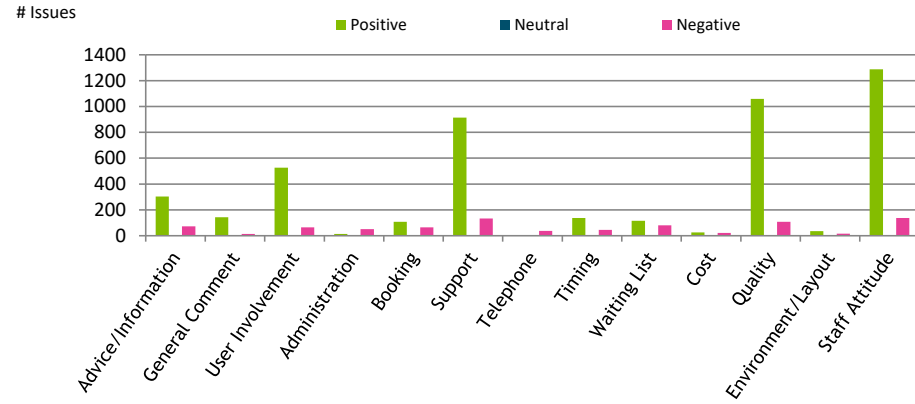


Origins providing the most comments overall

2. Health and Care Services: Which service aspects are people most commenting on?

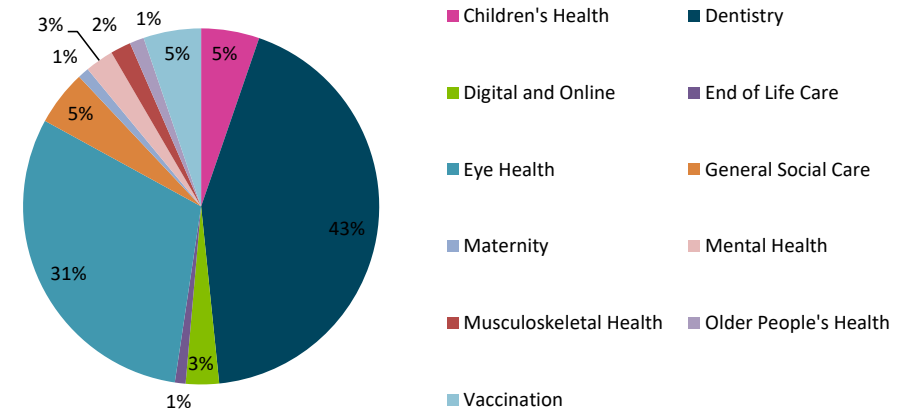
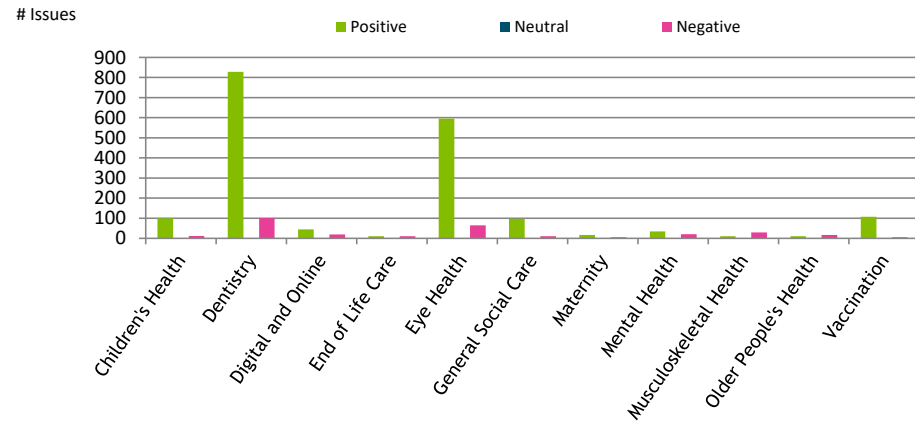


2.1 Top Trends: 5932 issues from 1485 people



Issues receiving the most comments overall. See pages 20-21 for issue descriptions.

2.2 Stated medical conditions

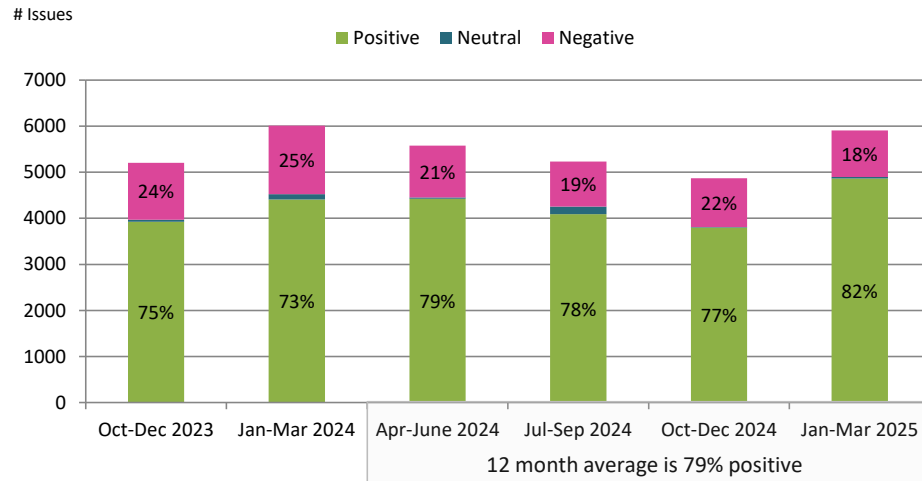


Medical conditions receiving the most comments overall

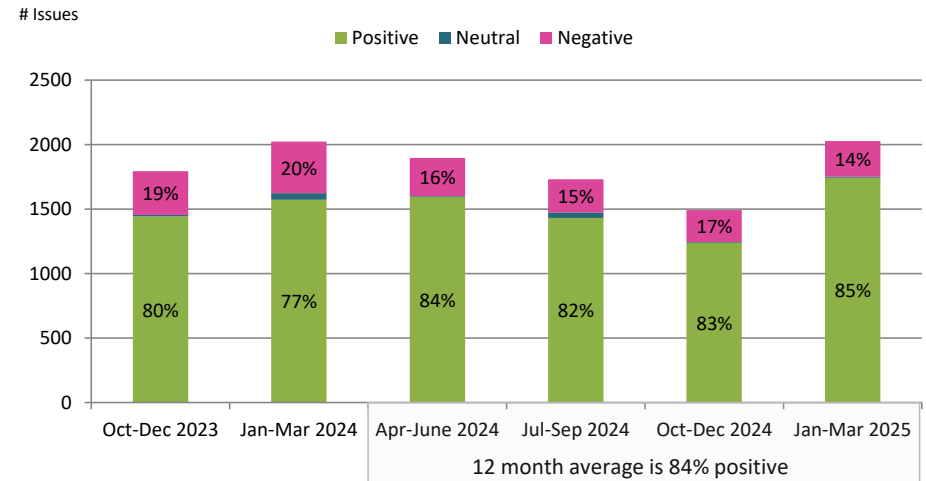
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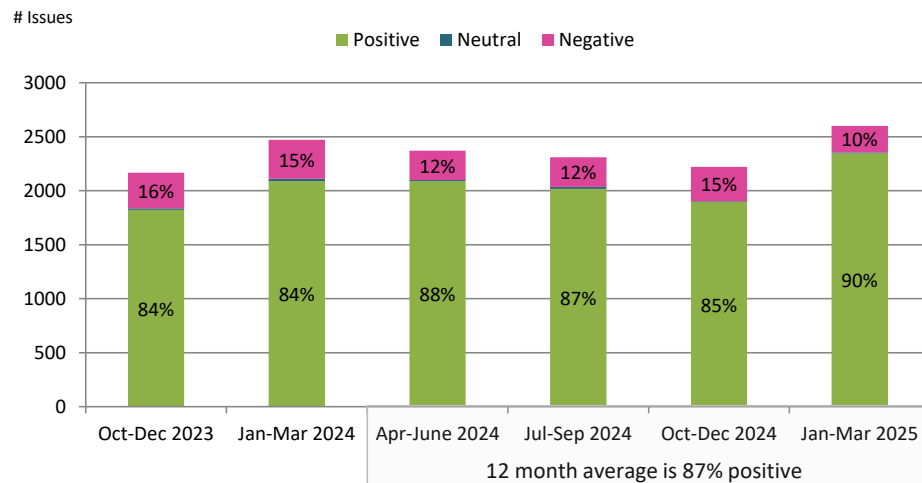
3.1 How do people feel about services overall?



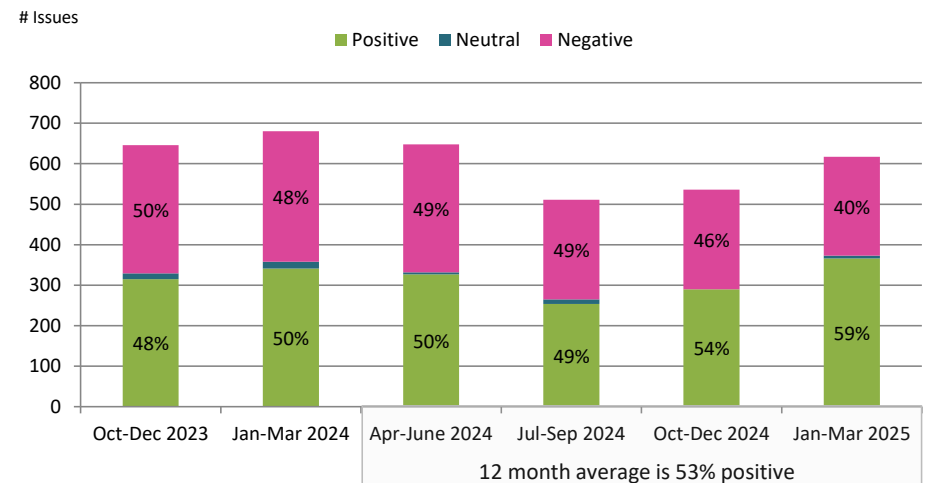
3.2 How well informed, involved and supported do people feel?



3.3 How do people feel about general quality and empathy?



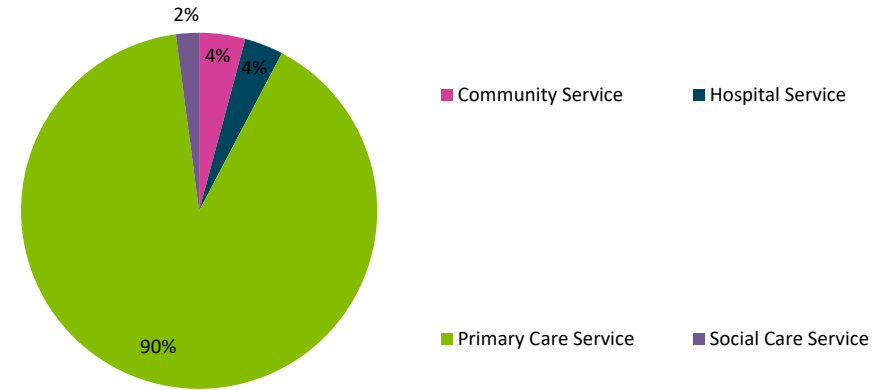
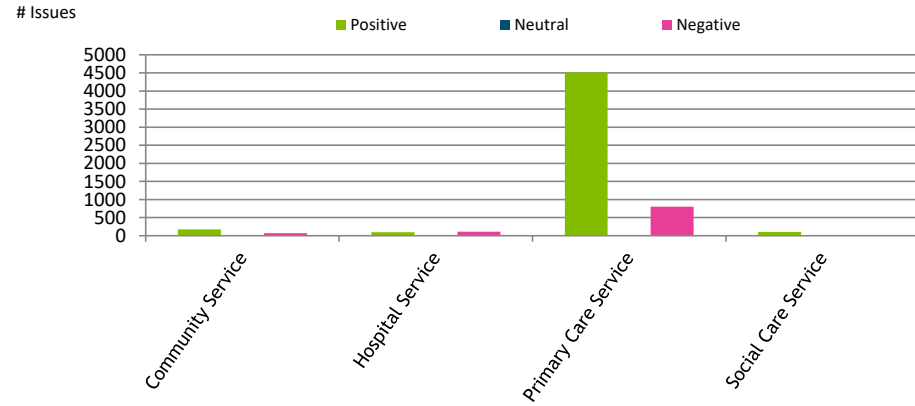
3.4 How do people feel about access to services?



4. Trends: Which services are people most commenting on?

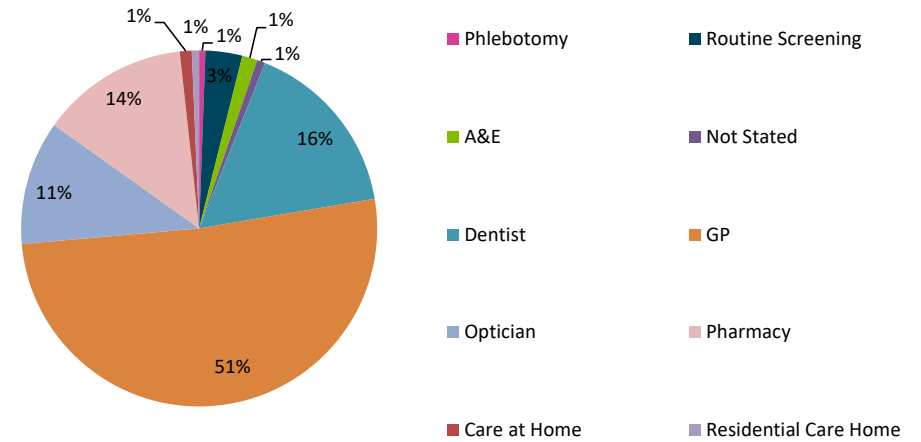
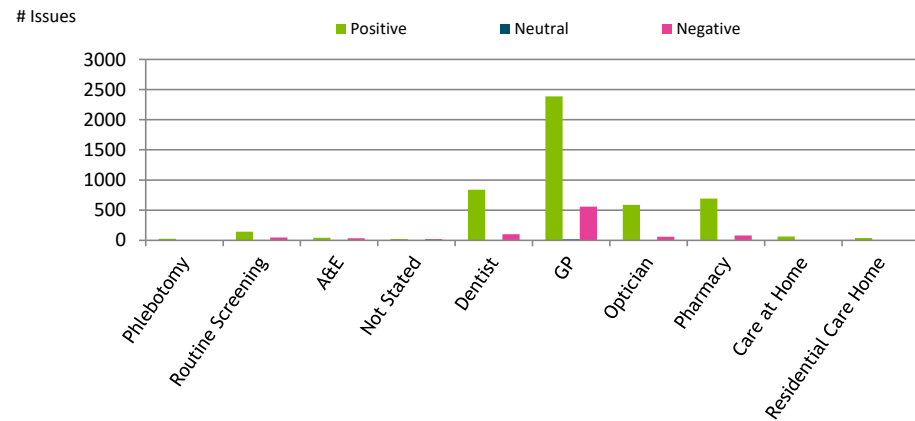


4.1 Service Sector



Service sectors receiving the most comments overall

4.2 Service Type

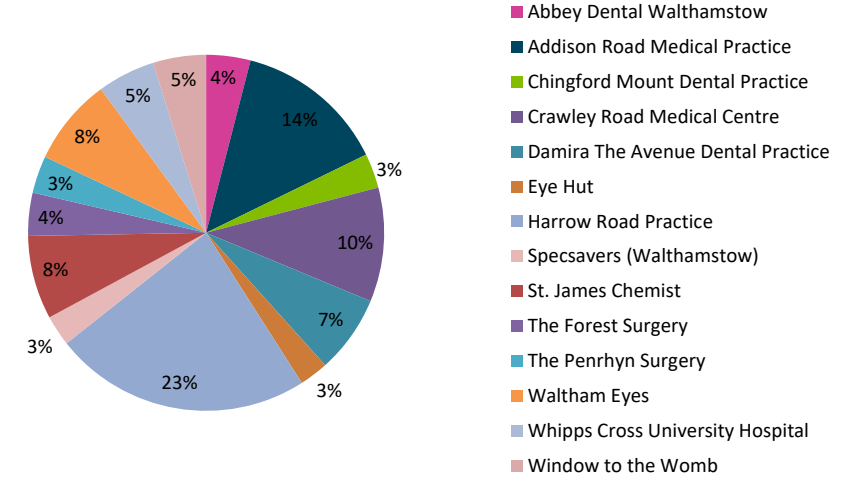
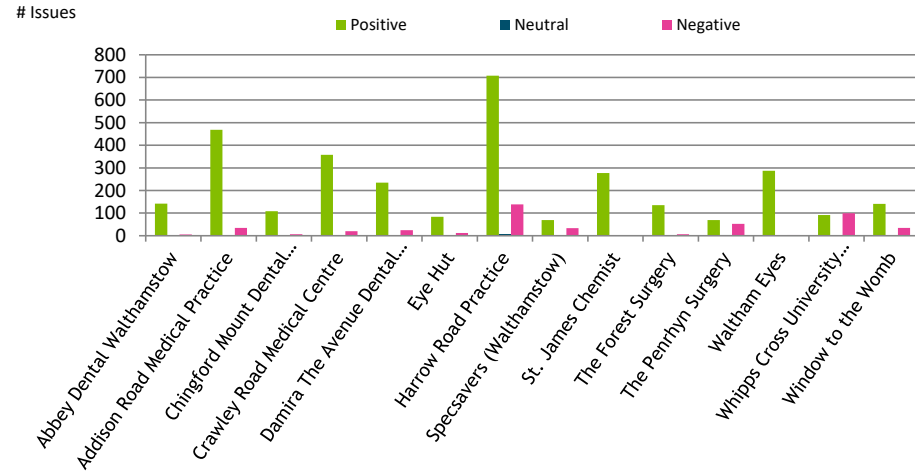


Service type receiving the most comments overall

4. Trends: Which services are people most commenting on?

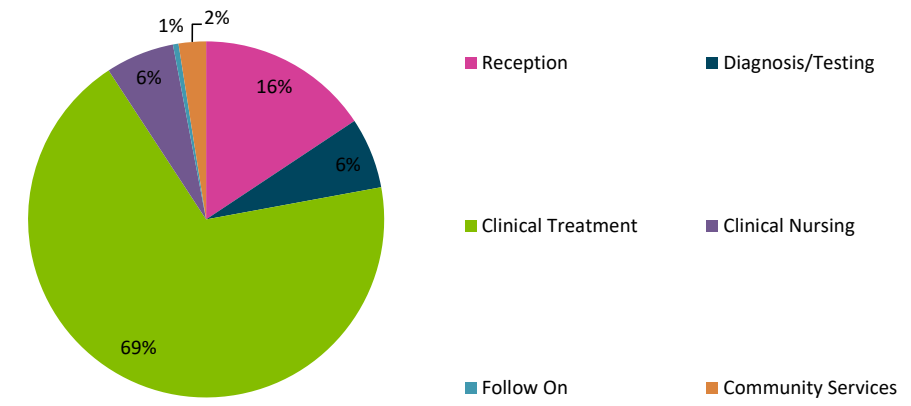
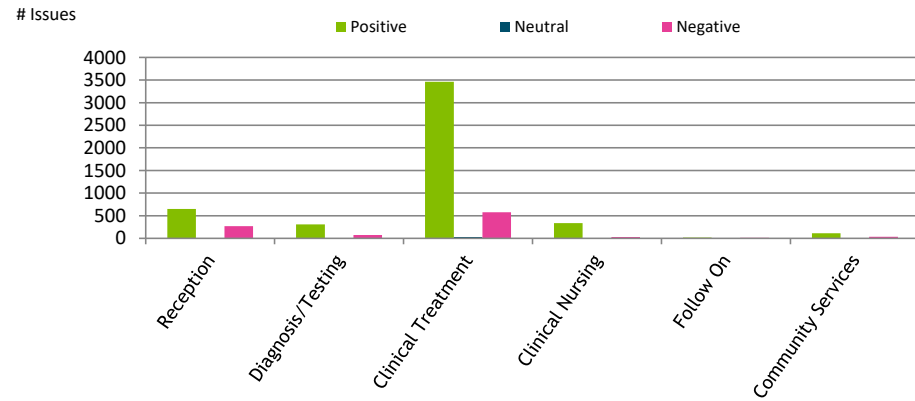


4.3 Services



Services receiving the most comments overall

4.4 Breakdown of care pathway locations

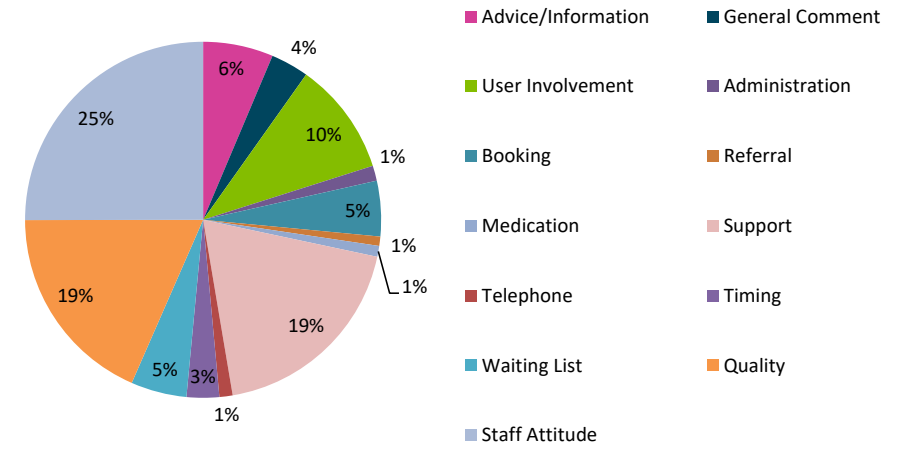
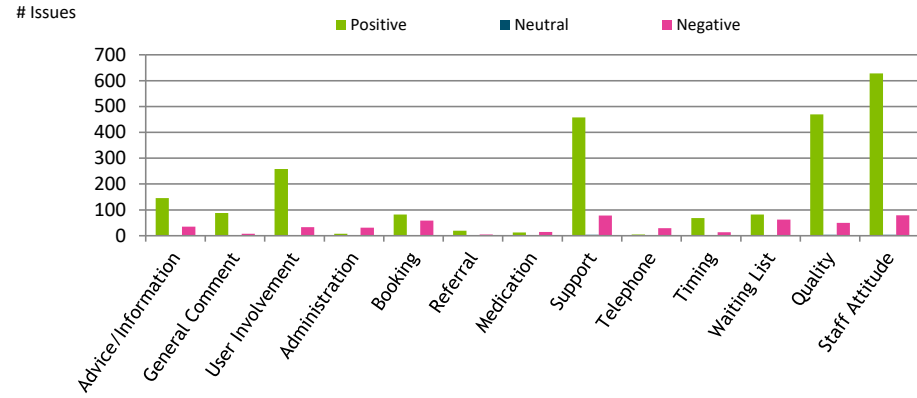


Care pathway locations

5. Trends: GP Services

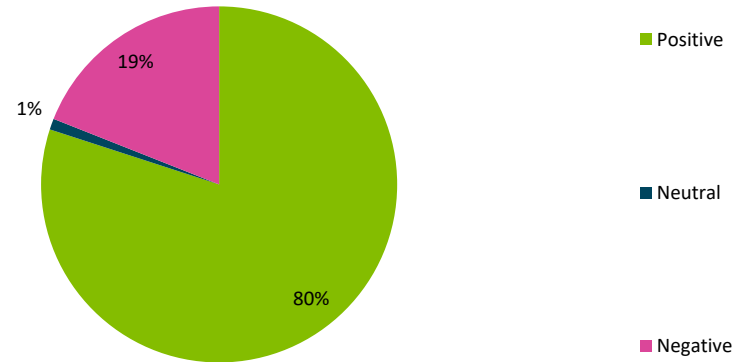
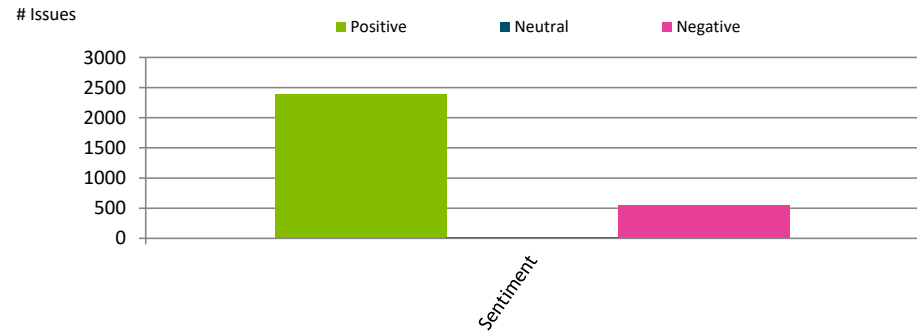


5.1 Trends, GP Services: 2964 issues from 677 people



Issues receiving the most comments overall

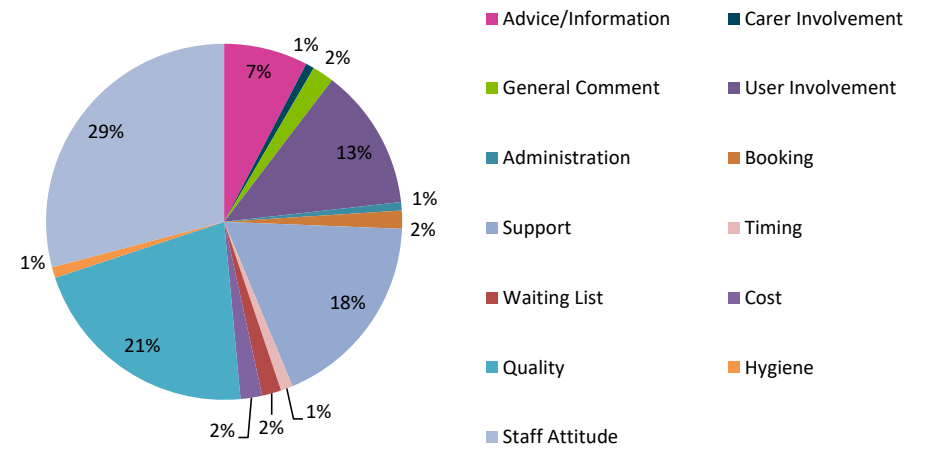
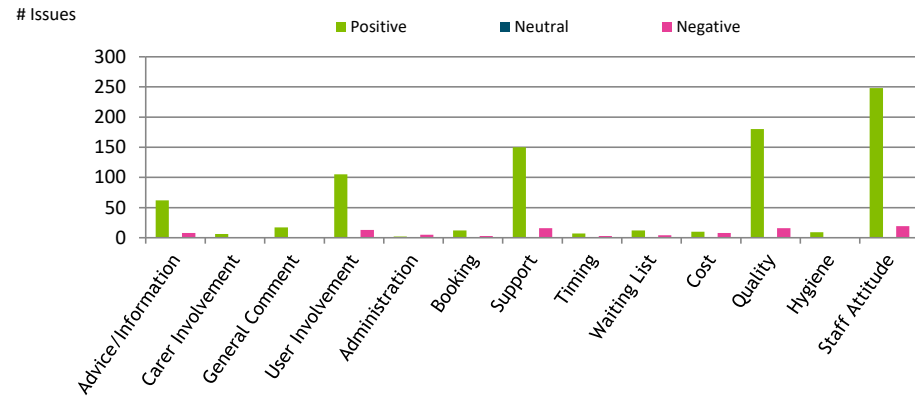
5.2 Sentiment, GP Services



5. Trends: Dentists

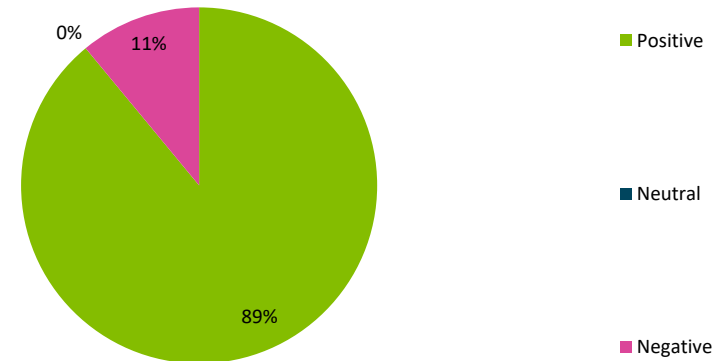
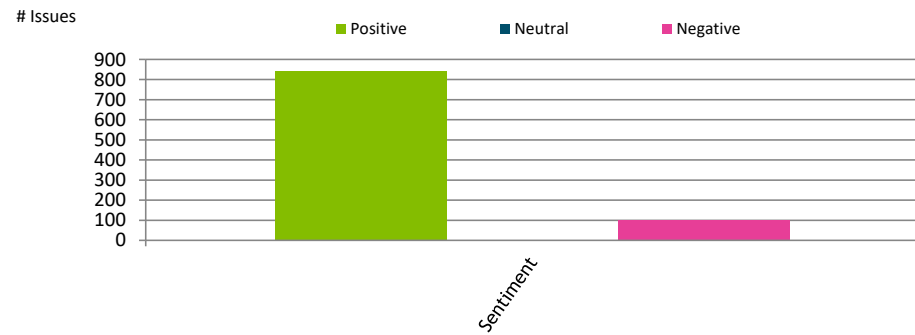


5.3 Trends, Dentists: 942 issues from 209 people



Issues receiving the most comments overall

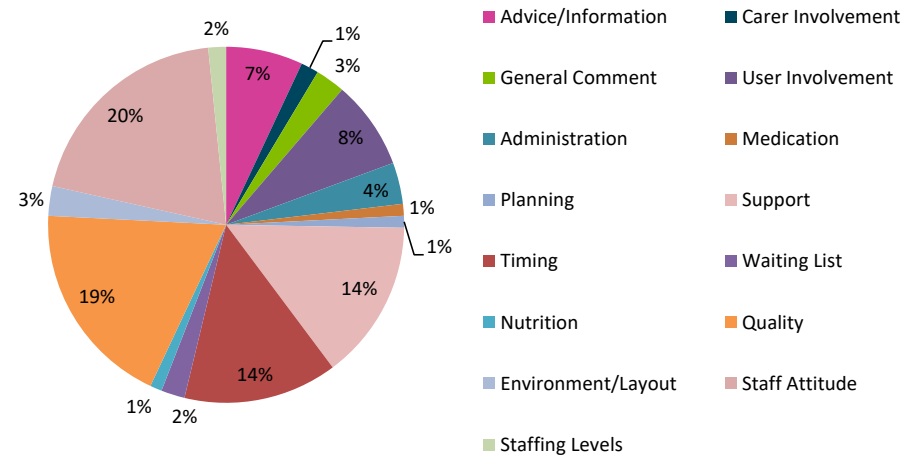
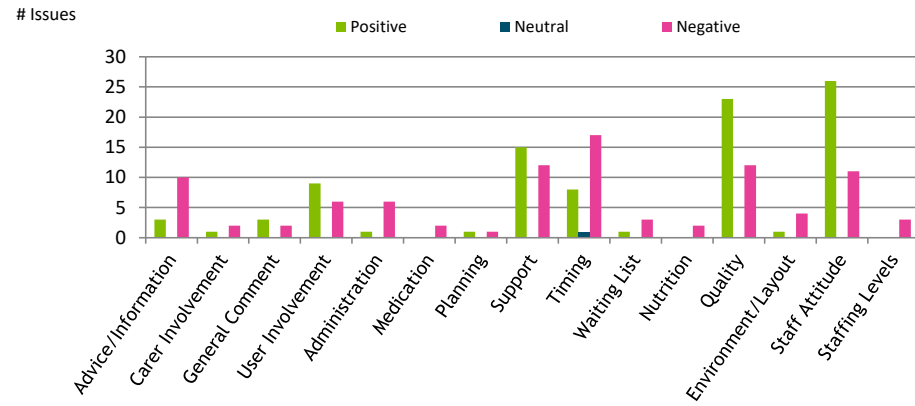
5.4 Sentiment, GP Services



5. Trends: Whipps Cross University Hospital

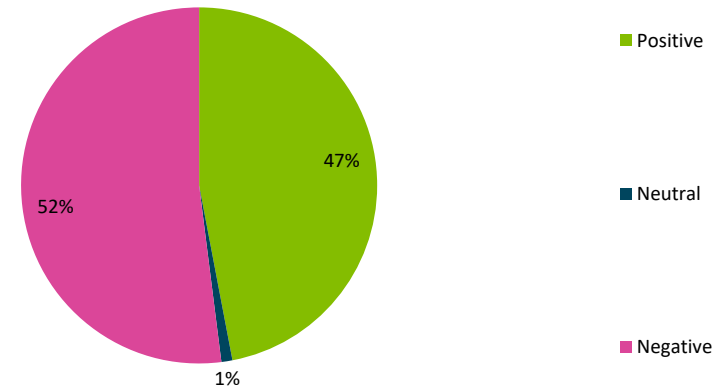
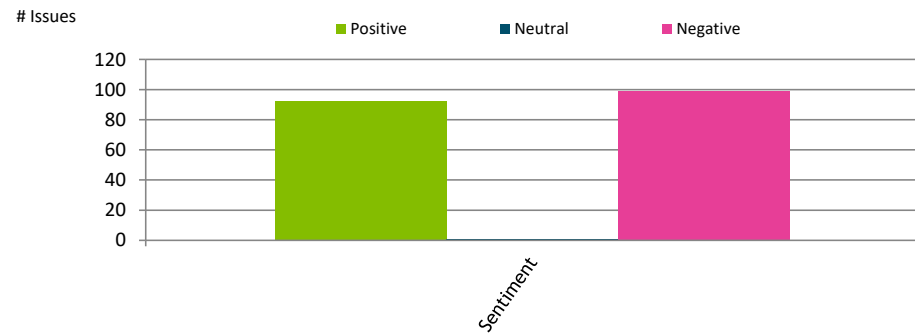


5.5 Trends, Whipps Cross University Hospital: 192 issues from 58 people



Issues receiving the most comments overall

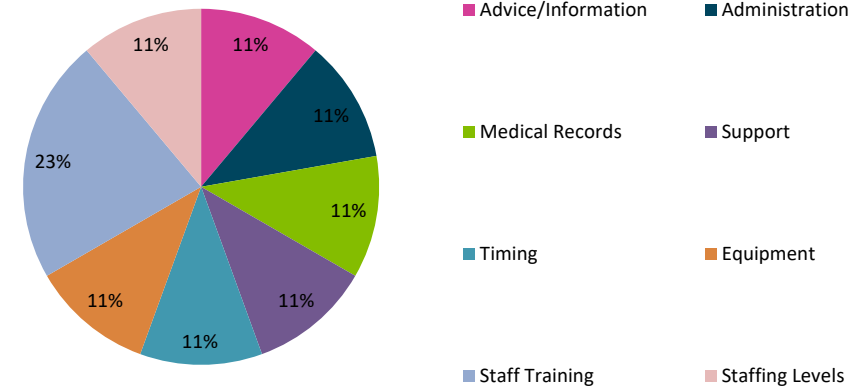
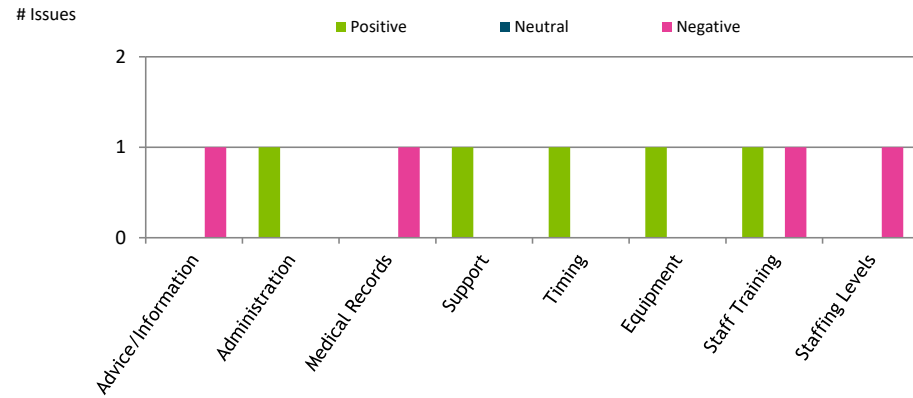
5.6 Sentiment, Whipps Cross University Hospital



6. Care Pathway: Transport (ability to get to-and-from services)

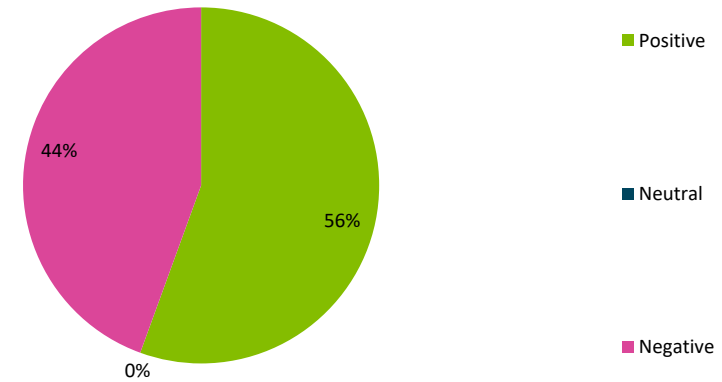
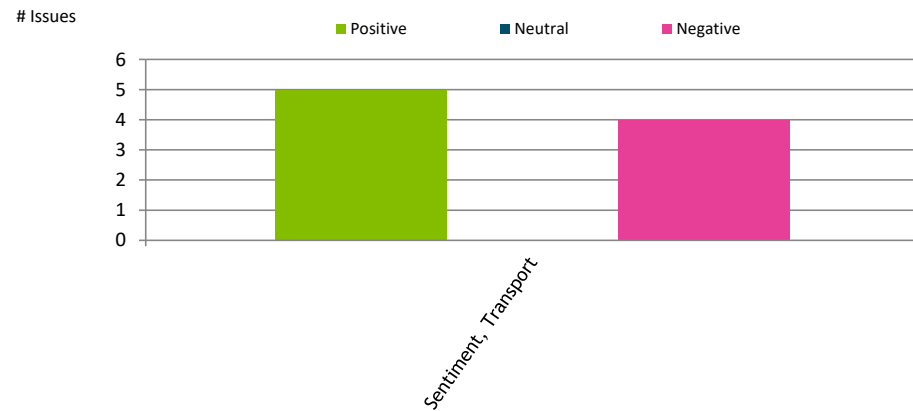


6.1 Trends, Transport (9 issues)



Issues receiving the most comments overall

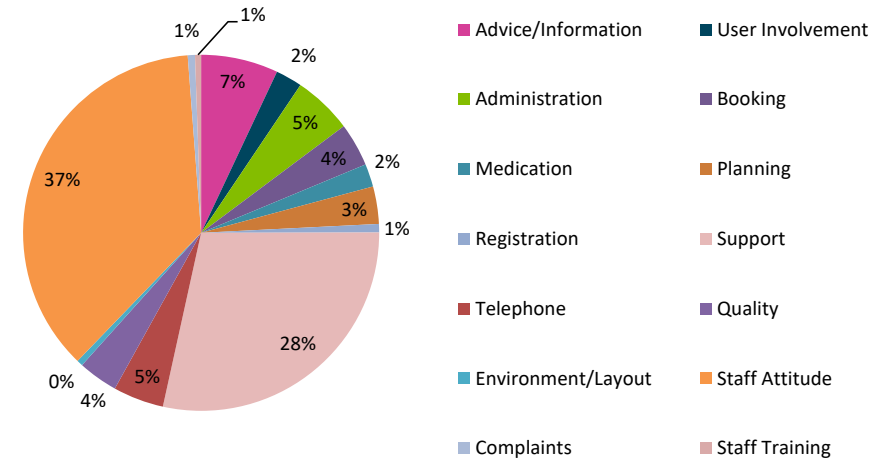
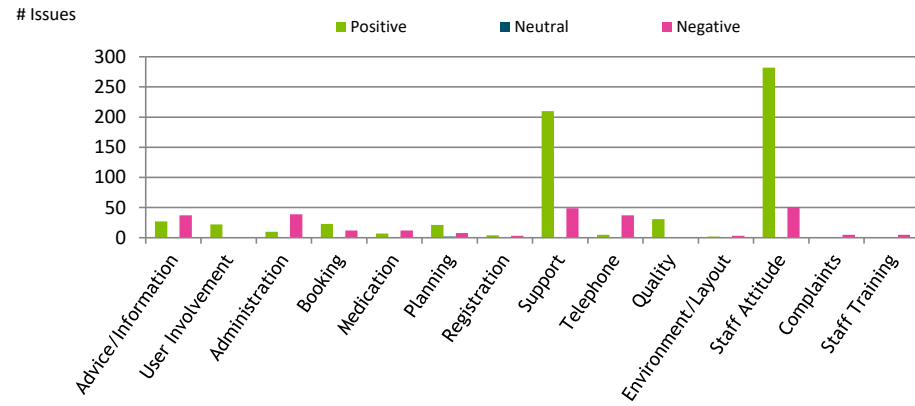
6.2 Sentiment, Transport



6. Care Pathway: Reception (reception services including back-office)

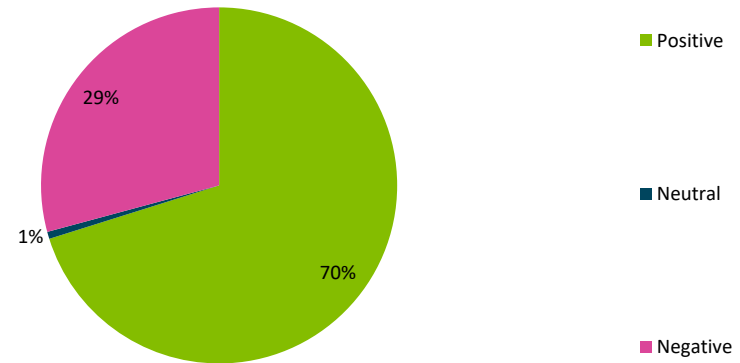
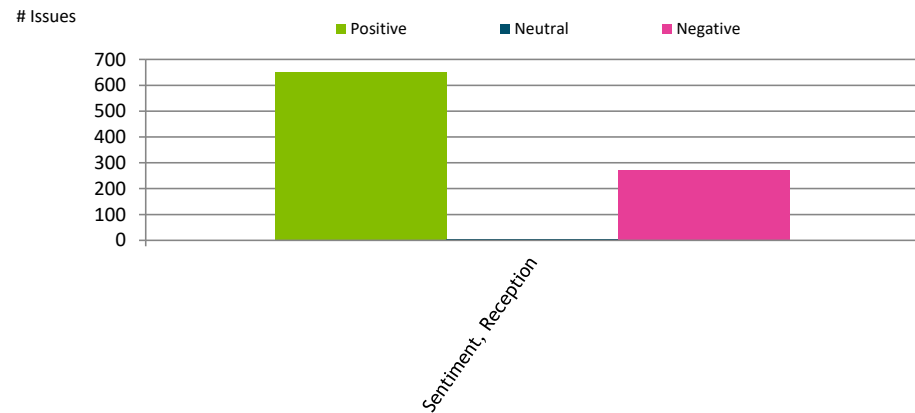


6.3 Trends, Reception (928 issues)



Issues receiving the most comments overall

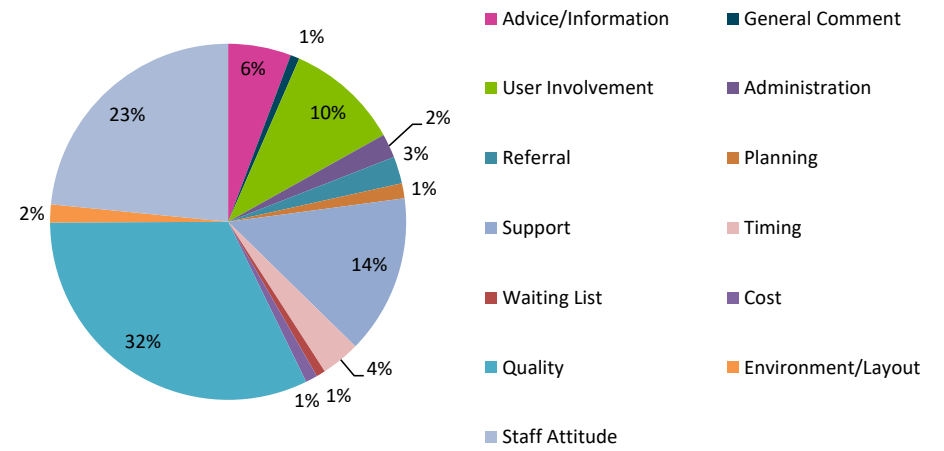
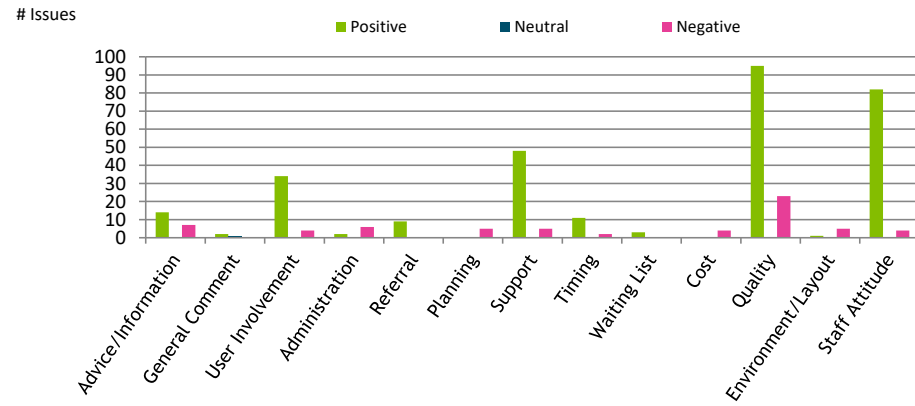
6.4 Sentiment, Reception



6. Care Pathway: Diagnosis/Testing (diagnosis of condition, including testing and scans)

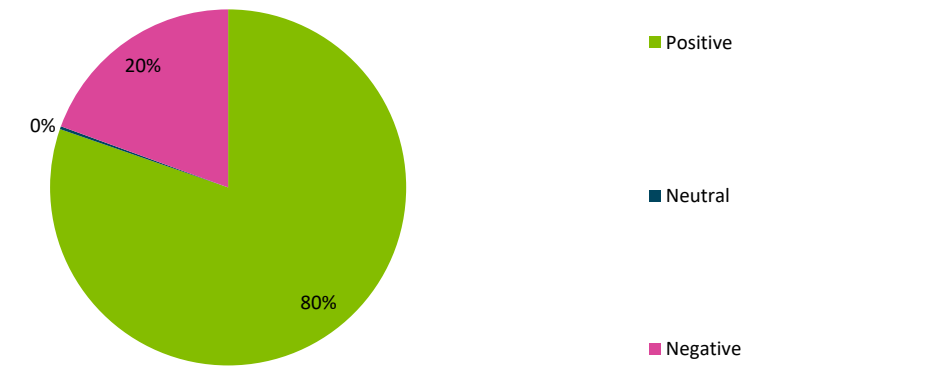
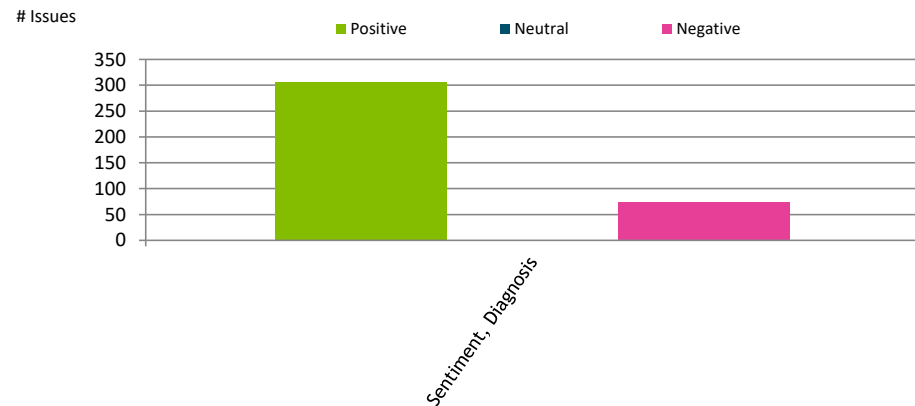


6.5 Trends, Diagnosis/Testing (381 issues)



Issues receiving the most comments overall

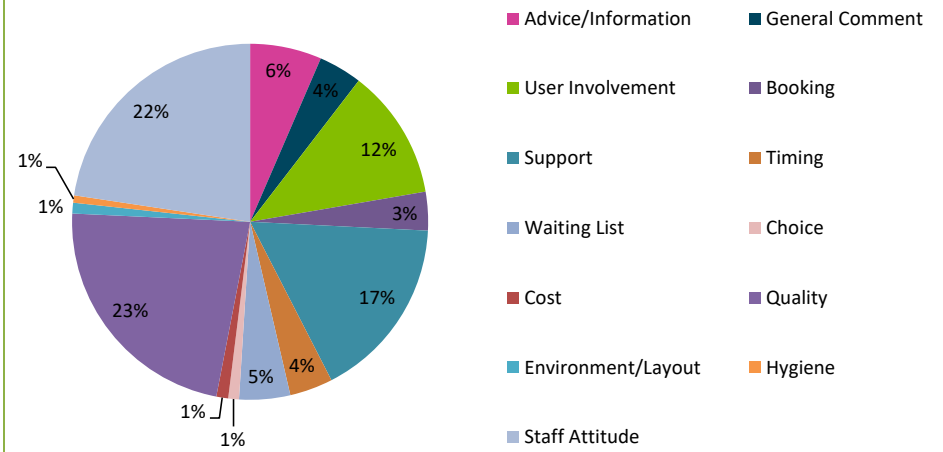
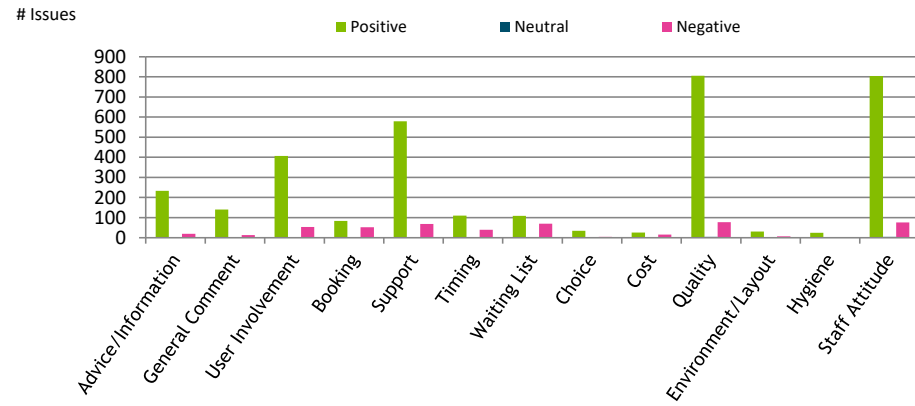
6.6 Sentiment, Diagnosis/Testing



6. Care Pathway: Clinical Treatment (treatment provided by trained clinicians)

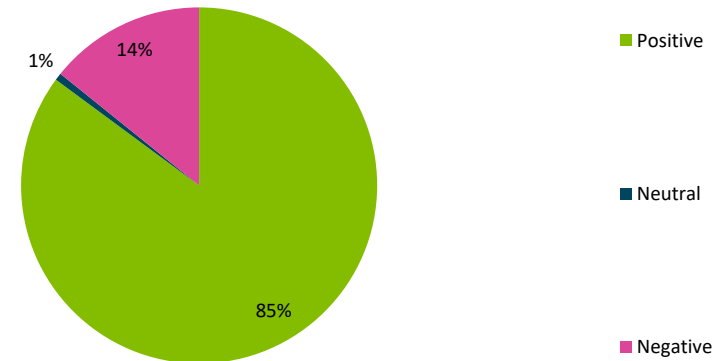
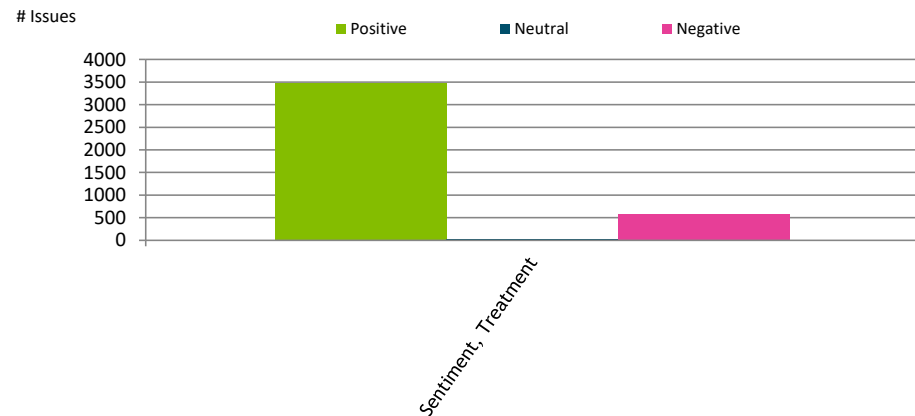


6.7 Trends, Clinical Treatment (4067 issues)



Issues receiving the most comments overall

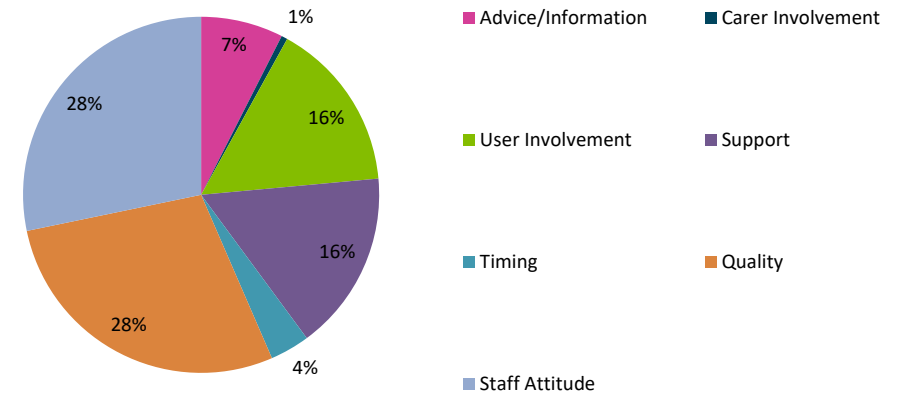
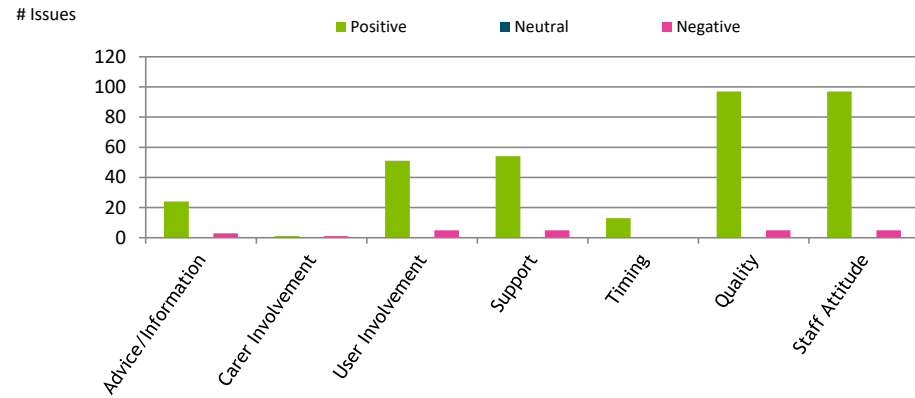
6.8 Sentiment, Clinical Treatment



6. Care Pathway: Clinical Nursing (care provided by trained nurses)

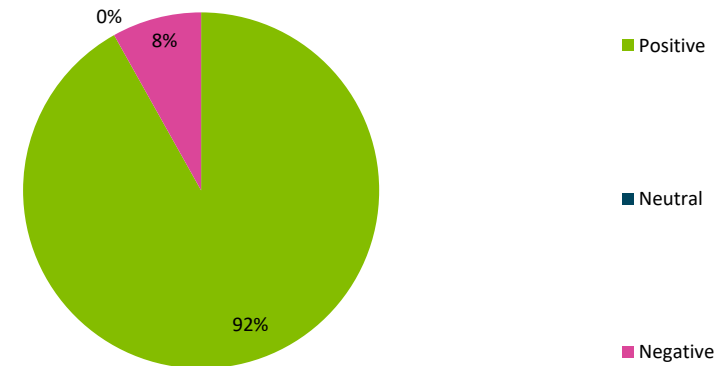
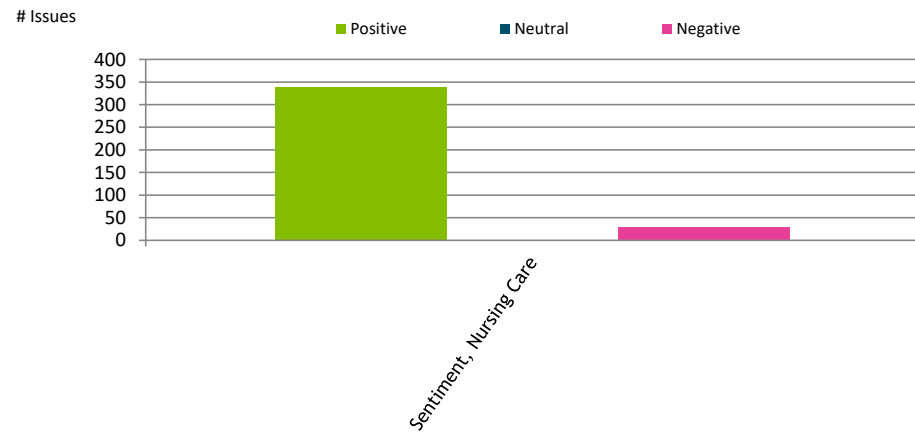


6.9 Trends, Clinical Nursing (369 issues)



Issues receiving the most comments overall

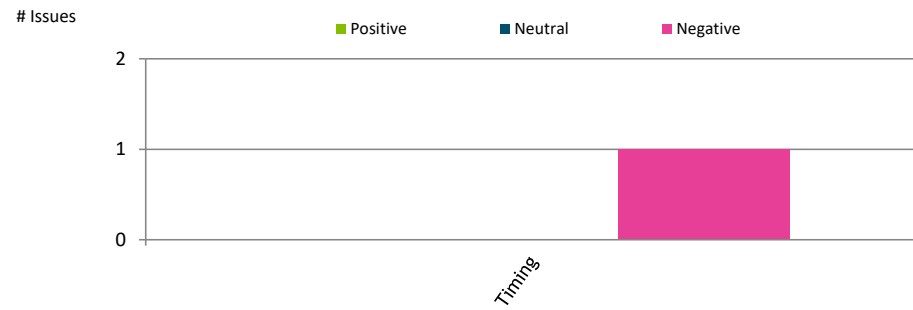
6.10 Sentiment, Clinical Nursing



6. Care Pathway: Discharge (discharge from a service)

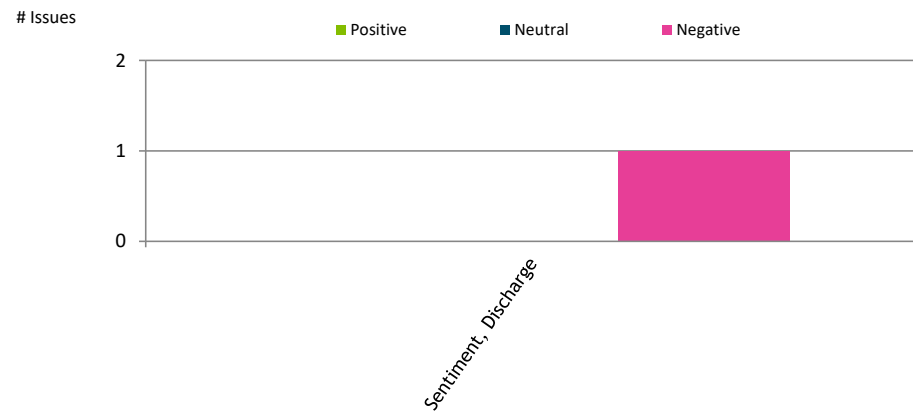


6.11 Trends, Discharge (1 issues)



Issues receiving the most comments overall

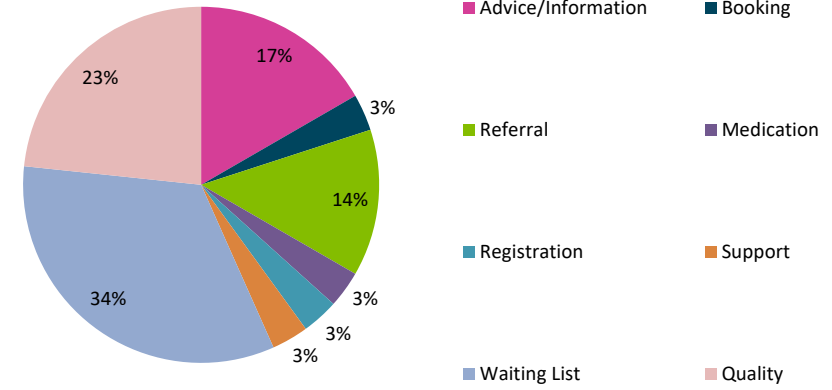
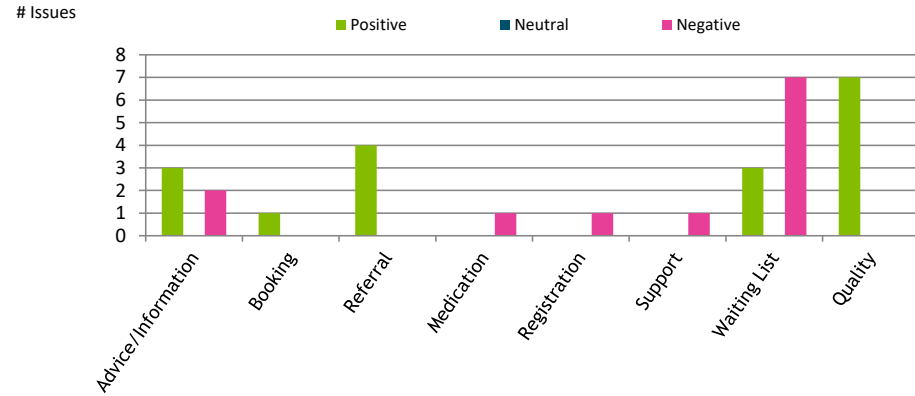
6.12 Sentiment, Discharge



6. Care Pathway: Follow On (supplementary services following discharge, including care packages)

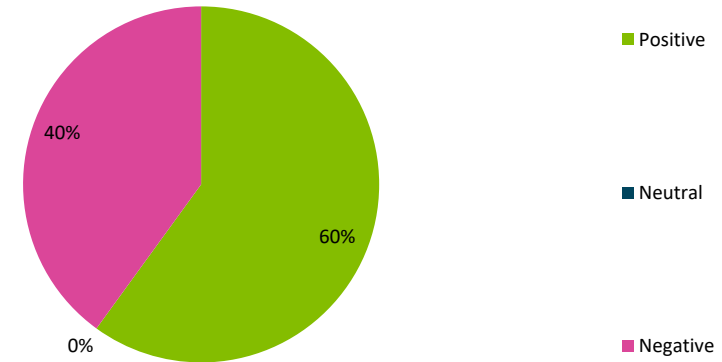
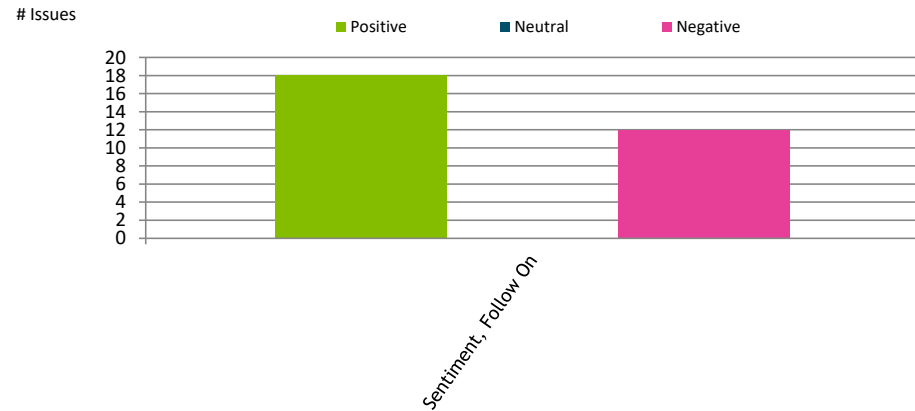


6.13 Trends, Follow On (30 issues)



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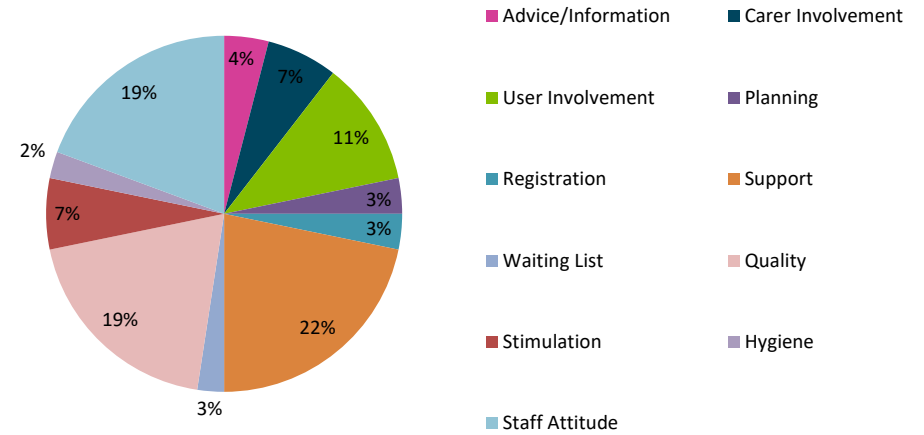
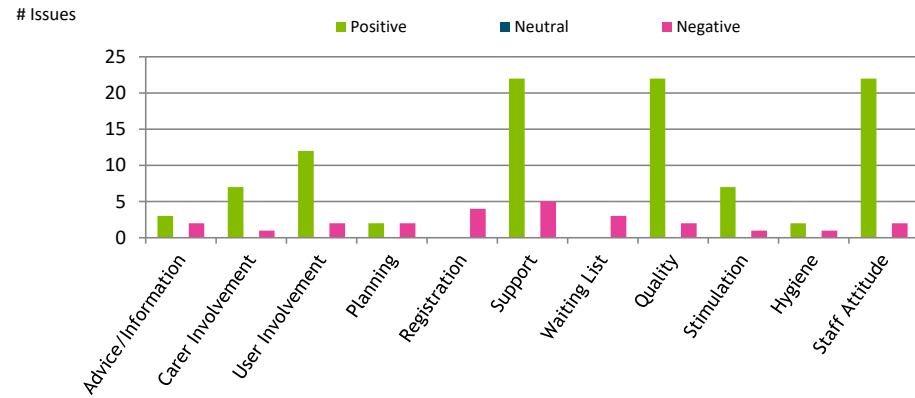
6.14 Sentiment, Follow On



6. Care Pathway: Community (community health services and social care)

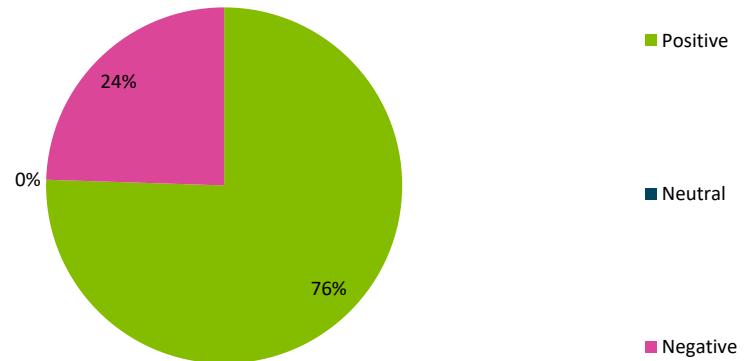
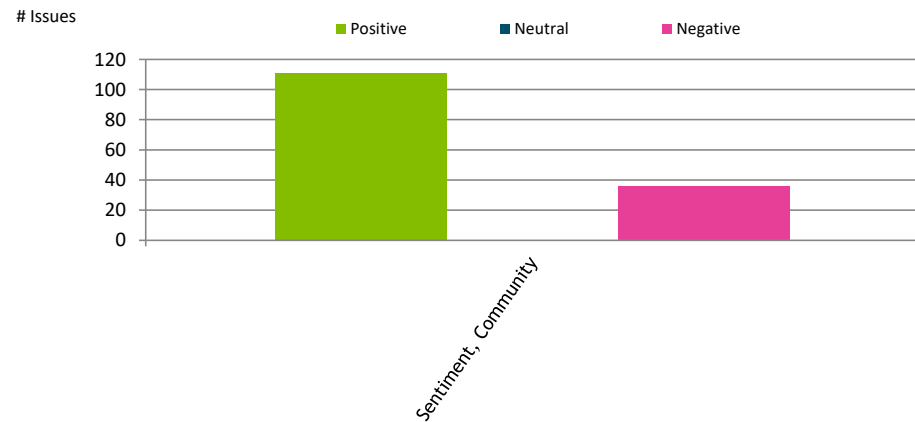


6.15 Trends, Community (147 issues)



Issues receiving the most comments overall

6.16 Sentiment, Community



7. Data Table: Number of issues



	Issue Name	Descriptor	# Issues			
			Positive	Neutral	Negative	Total
Patients/Carers	Advice/Information	<i>Communication, including access to advice and information.</i>	304	1	72	377
	Carer Involvement	<i>Involvement or influence of carers and family members.</i>	26	0	6	32
	Peer Involvement	<i>Involvement or Influence of friends.</i>	0	0	0	0
	General Comment	<i>A generalised statement (ie; "The doctor was good.")</i>	143	2	14	159
	User Involvement	<i>Involvement or influence of the service user.</i>	526	3	64	593
Systems	Administration	<i>Administrative processes and delivery.</i>	13	0	51	64
	Admission	<i>Physical admission to a hospital ward, or other service.</i>	0	0	2	2
	Booking	<i>Ability to book, reschedule or cancel appointments.</i>	108	2	65	175
	Cancellations	<i>Cancellation of appointment by the service provider.</i>	0	0	14	14
	Data Protection	<i>General data protection (including GDPR).</i>	0	0	1	1
	Referral	<i>Referral to a service.</i>	23	4	6	33
	Medical Records	<i>Management of medical records.</i>	1	1	5	7
	Medication	<i>Prescription and management of medicines.</i>	17	0	23	40
	Opening Times	<i>Opening times of a service.</i>	5	0	9	14
	Planning	<i>Leadership and general organisation.</i>	23	2	15	40
	Registration	<i>Ability to register for a service.</i>	5	0	10	15
	Support	<i>Levels of support provided.</i>	915	4	134	1053
	Telephone	<i>Ability to contact a service by telephone.</i>	5	0	38	43
	Timing	<i>Physical timing (ie; length of wait at appointments).</i>	138	3	45	186
	Waiting List	<i>Length of wait while on a list.</i>	115	2	80	197
Values	Choice	<i>General choice.</i>	36	0	4	40
	Cost	<i>General cost.</i>	27	0	21	48
	Language	<i>Language, including terminology.</i>	4	0	2	6
	Nutrition	<i>Provision of sustenance.</i>	2	0	2	4
	Privacy	<i>Privacy, personal space and property.</i>	1	0	4	5
	Quality	<i>General quality of a service, or staff.</i>	1058	5	108	1171
	Sensory	<i>Deaf/blind or other sensory issues.</i>	2	0	0	2
	Stimulation	<i>General stimulation, including access to activities.</i>	7	0	1	8

7. Data Table: Number of issues



	Issue Name	Descriptor	# Issues			
			Positive	Neutral	Negative	Total
Environment	Catchment/Distance	<i>Distance to a service (and catchment area for eligibility).</i>	13	0	3	16
	Environment/Layout	<i>Physical environment of a service.</i>	36	0	16	52
	Equipment	<i>General equipment issues.</i>	10	0	3	13
	Hazard	<i>General hazard to safety (ie; a hospital wide infection).</i>	1	0	3	4
	Hygiene	<i>Levels of hygiene and general cleanliness.</i>	27	0	5	32
	Mobility	<i>Physical mobility to, from and within services.</i>	4	0	2	6
	Travel/Parking	<i>Ability to travel or park.</i>	2	0	0	2
Staff	Omission	<i>General omission (ie; transport did not arrive).</i>	1	0	8	9
	Security/Conduct	<i>General security of a service, including conduct of staff.</i>	0	0	5	5
	Staff Attitude	<i>Attitude, compassion and empathy of staff.</i>	1287	5	138	1430
	Complaints	<i>Ability to log and resolve a complaint.</i>	1	0	6	7
	Staff Training	<i>Training of staff.</i>	8	0	11	19
	Staffing Levels	<i>General availability of staff.</i>	0	0	10	10
	Total:			4894	34	1006