

The Experience of Health, Care and Community Services

A trends analysis report by Healthwatch Tower Hamlets



Healthwatch is the official consumer champion for users of health and social care services. 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 October - 31 December 2024

Index and overview of findings



821

Data Source

This report is based on the experience of 821 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.



73%

Overall Satisfaction

Overall satisfaction is at 73% positive and 27% negative, according to feedback.

Feedback suggests people receive good quality, compassionate treatment and care on the whole, with good levels of involvement and communication. Administration and service access remain as leading negative issues.



79%

Information, Involvement and Support

Satisfaction is at 79% positive and 21% negative, comments suggest.

This quarter, complaints are up by 4% on communication, and by 1% on user involvement and support. More on page 5.



86%

Quality and Empathy

According to comments, satisfaction is at 86% positive and 14% negative.

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



33%

Access to Services

Satisfaction is at 33% positive and 67% negative.

This quarter, complaints are up by 12% on ability to book appointments, by 10% on telephone access and by 9% on waiting times. More on page 5.

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"A very long wait at A&E, but the nurses on duty made me and my daughter feel welcome and comfortable."



336

GP Services

Satisfaction is at 57% positive and 43% negative, according to feedback.

336 people comment on GP services. Comments suggest good quality treatment and nursing care on the whole, with good levels of involvement. According to feedback, patients would like greater levels of service access, communication and support. More on page 9.



317

Dentists

Comments suggest satisfaction is at 90% positive and 10% negative.

317 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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Royal London Hospital

Satisfaction is at 39% positive, 59% negative and 2% neutral, comments suggest.

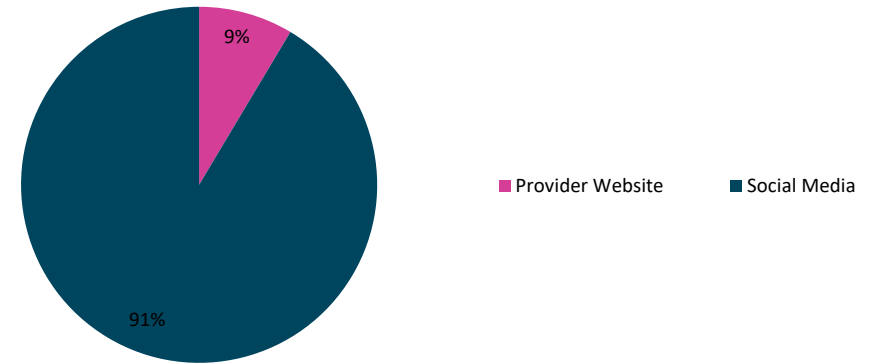
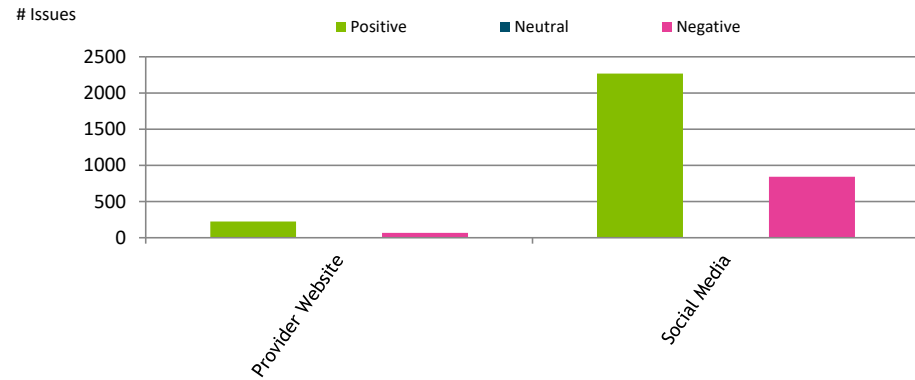
60 people comment this quarter. Experiences reflect good quality treatment and care, on the whole. Service access, particularly waiting times is a leading negative topic. Feedback suggests patients would also like greater levels of communication, involvement and support. More on page 11.

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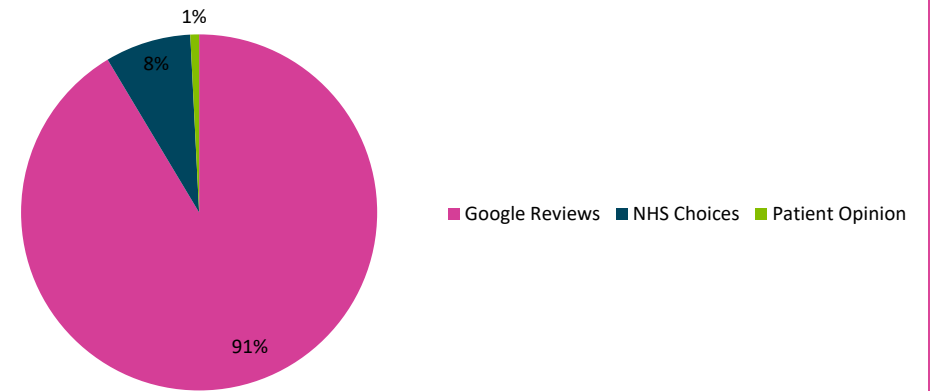
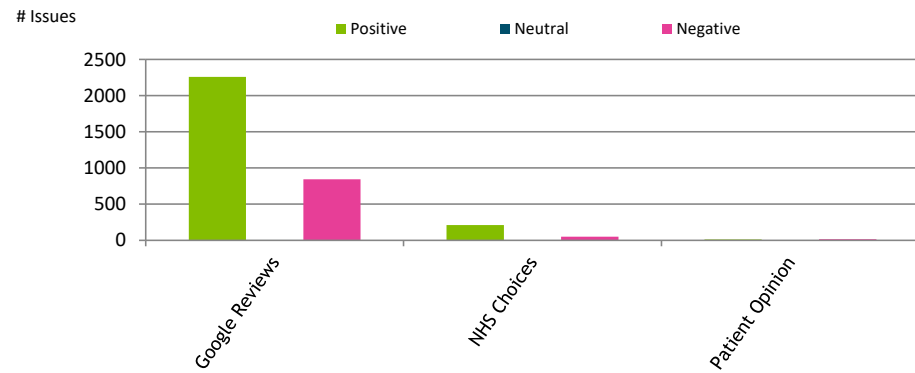


1.1 Source: 3407 issues from 821 people



Sources providing the most comments overall

1.2 Origin

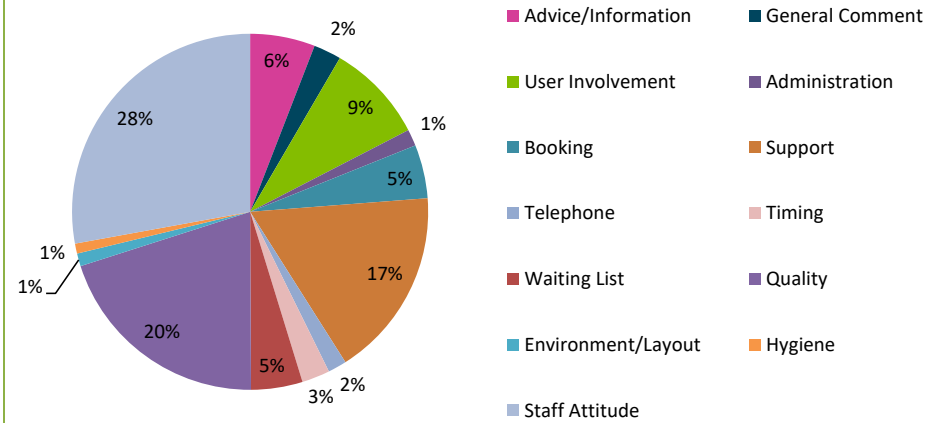
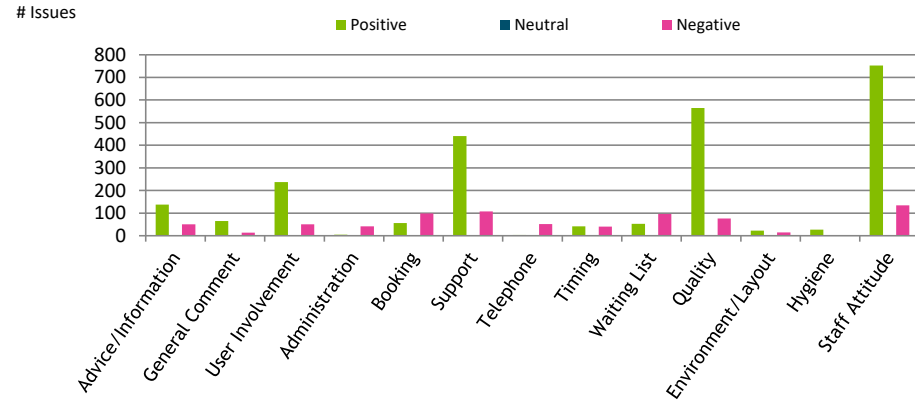


Origins providing the most comments overall

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

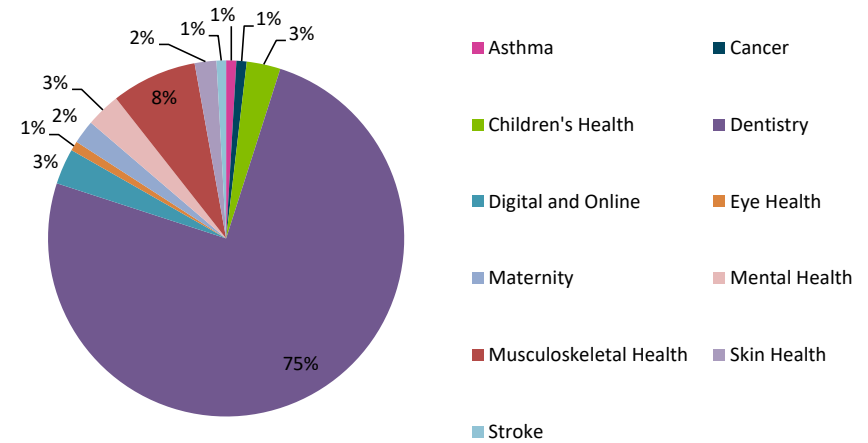
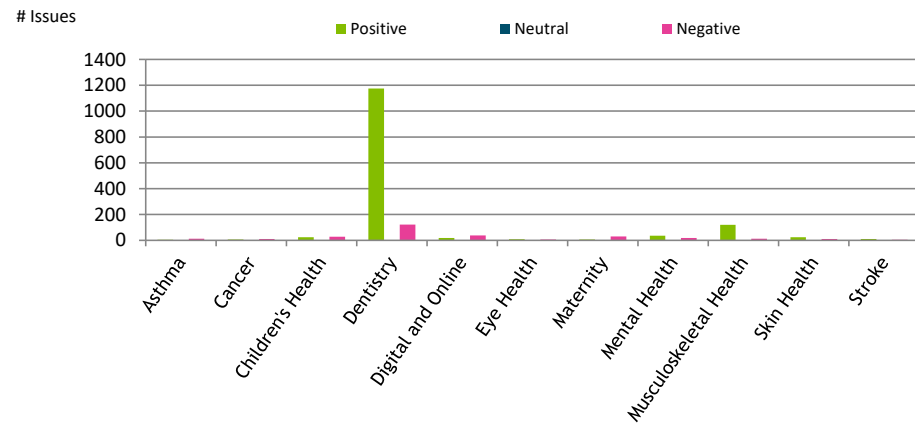


2.1 Top Trends: 3406 issues from 821 people



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

2.2 Stated medical conditions

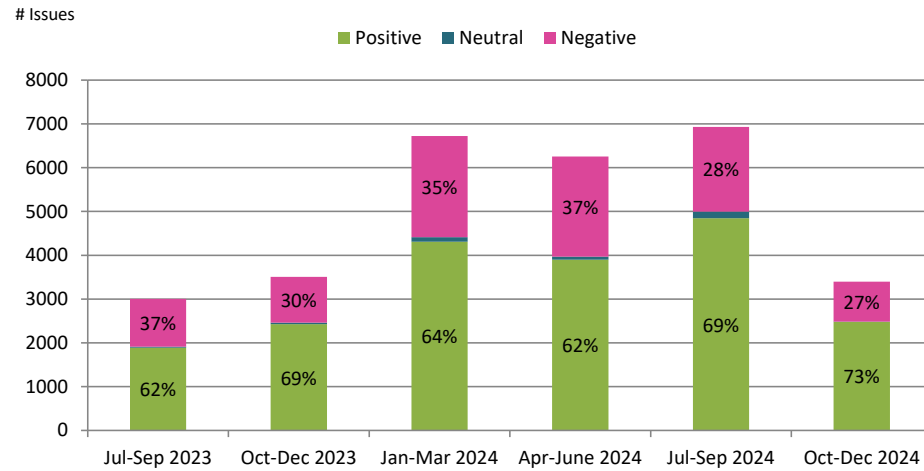


Medical conditions receiving the most comments overall

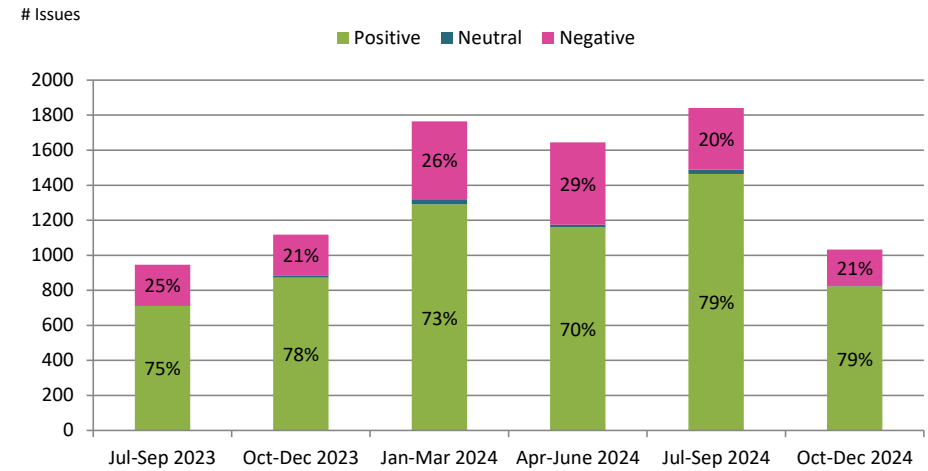
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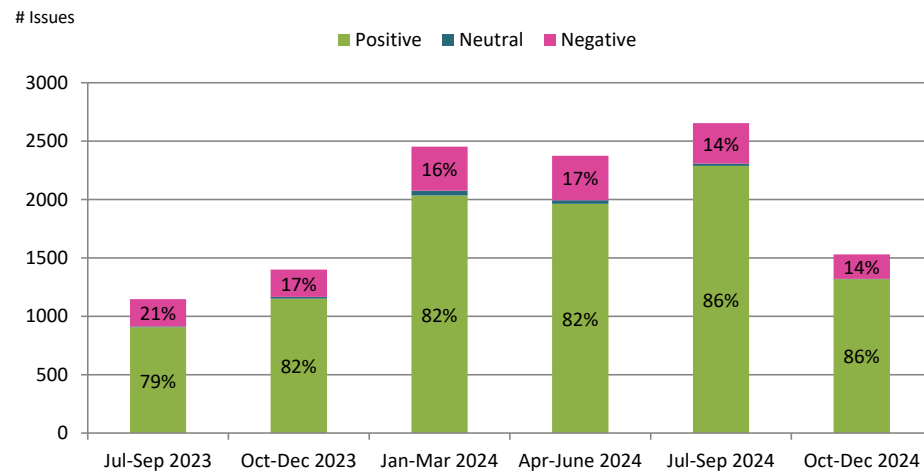
3.1 How do people feel about services overall?



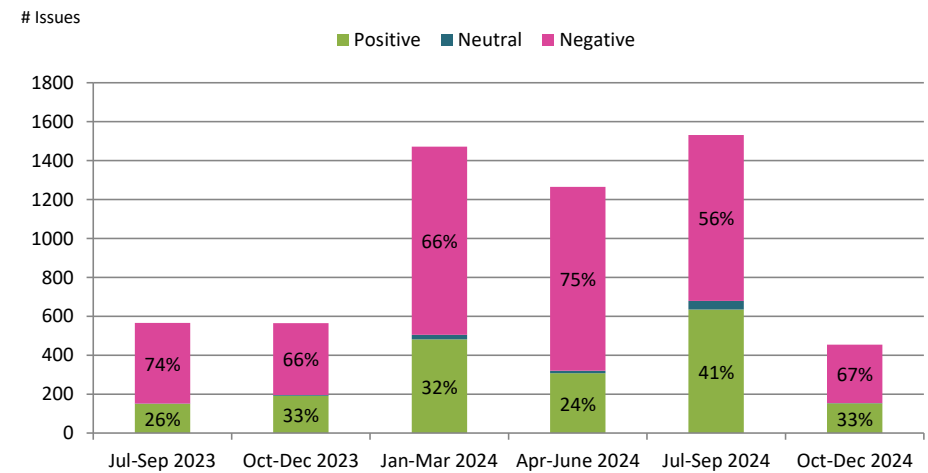
3.2 How well informed, involved and supported do people feel?



3.3 How do people feel about general quality and empathy?



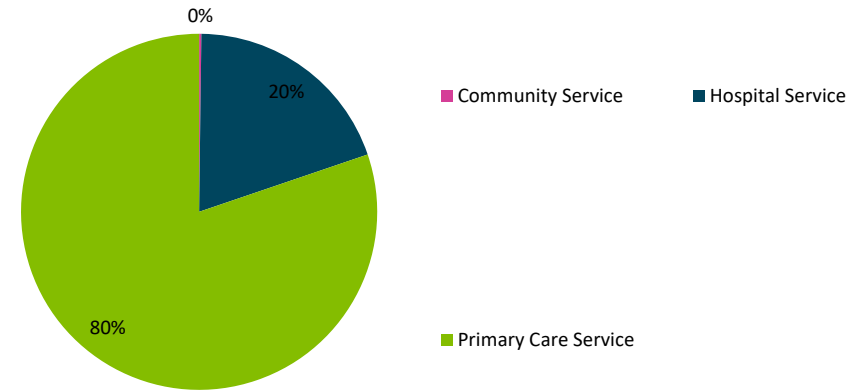
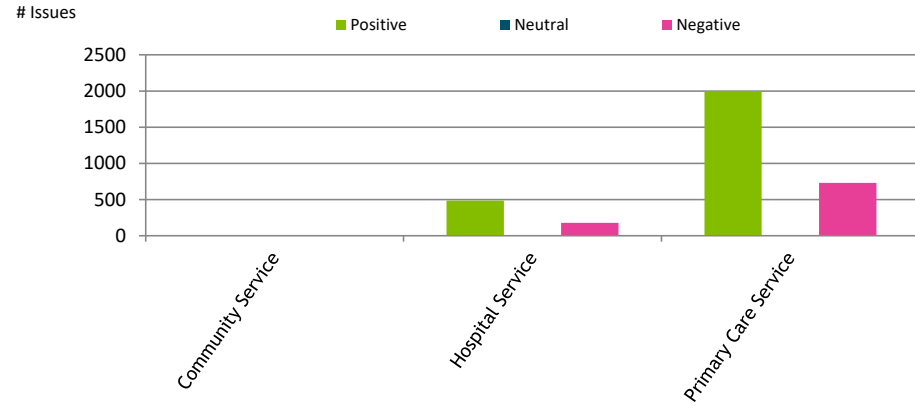
3.4 How do people feel about access to services?



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

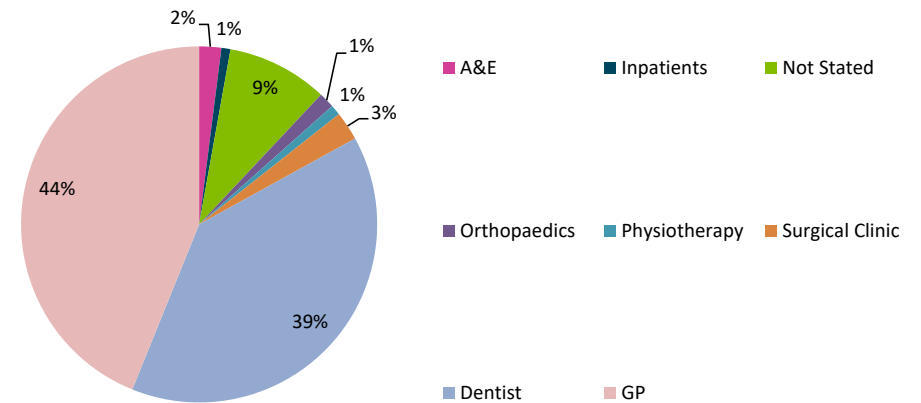
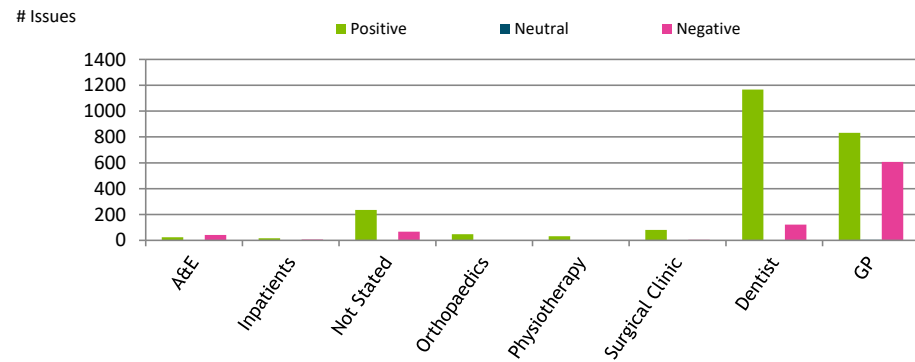


4.1 Service Sector



Service sectors receiving the most comments overall

4.2 Service Type

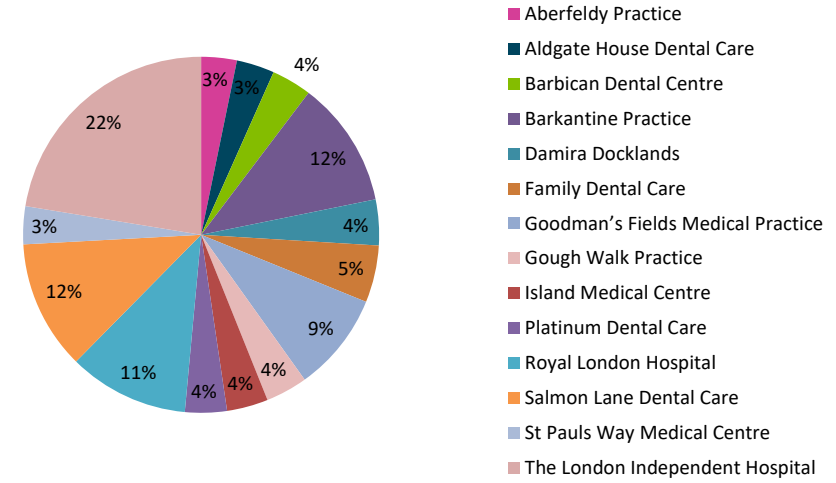
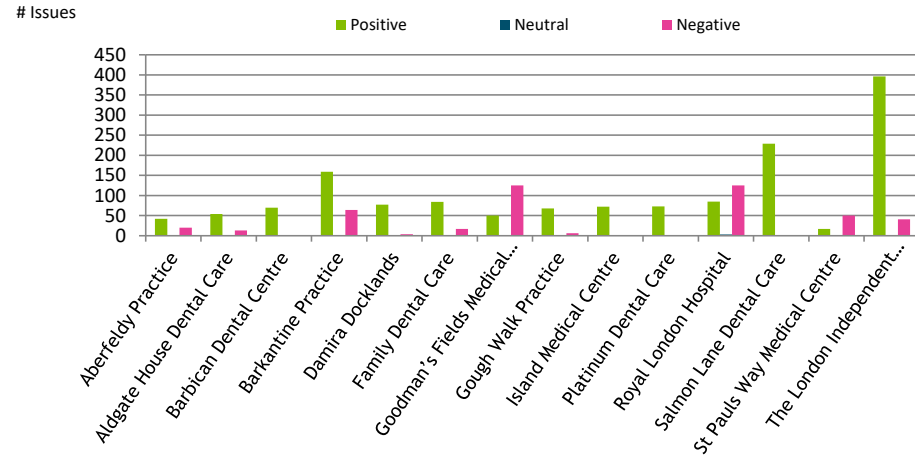


Service type receiving the most comments overall

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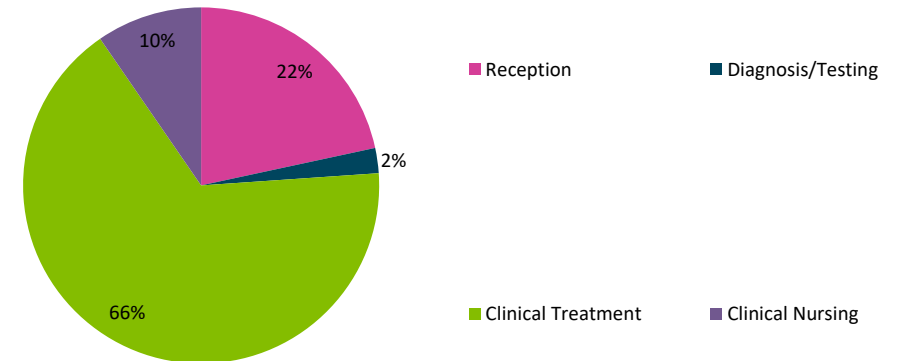
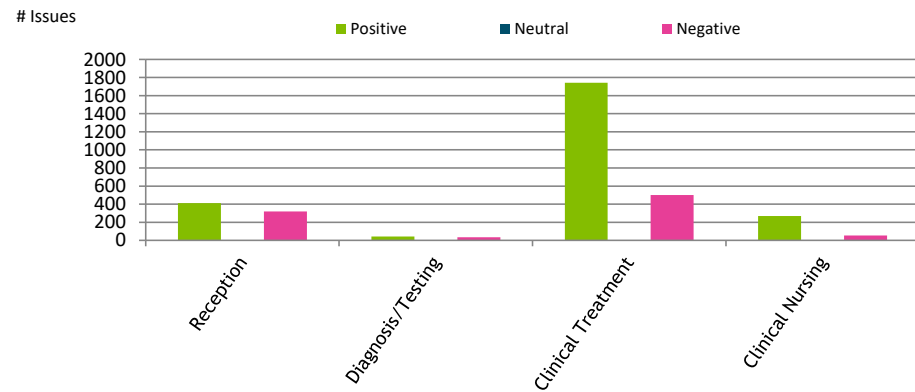


4.3 Services



Services receiving the most comments overall

4.4 Breakdown of care pathway locations

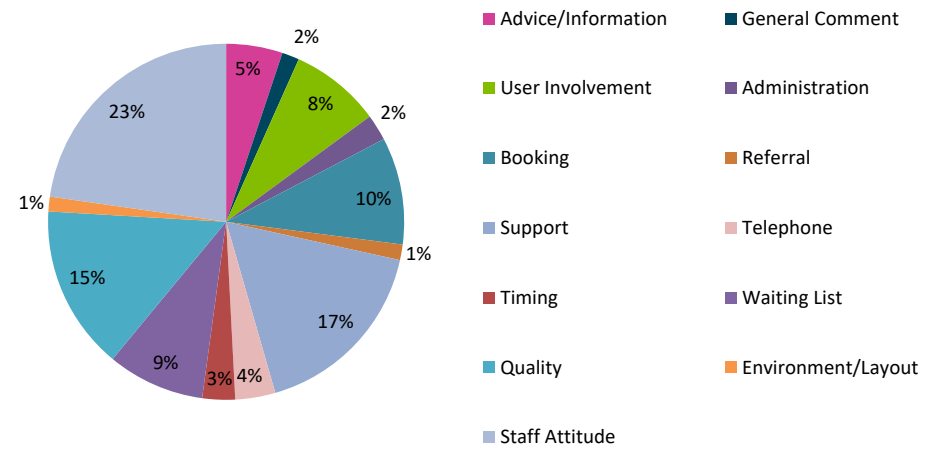
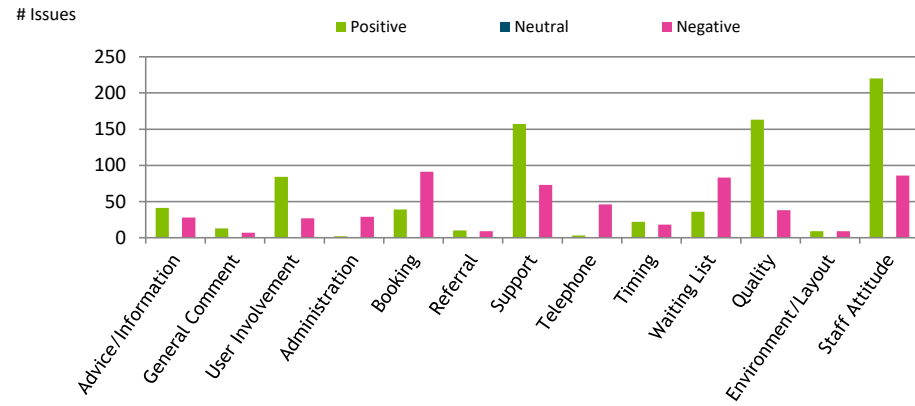


Care pathway locations

5. Trends: GP Services

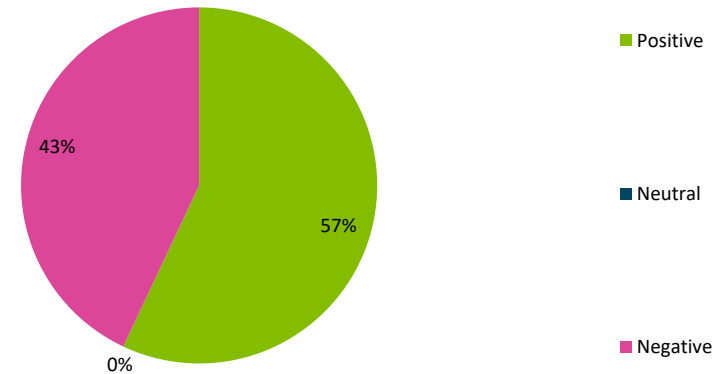
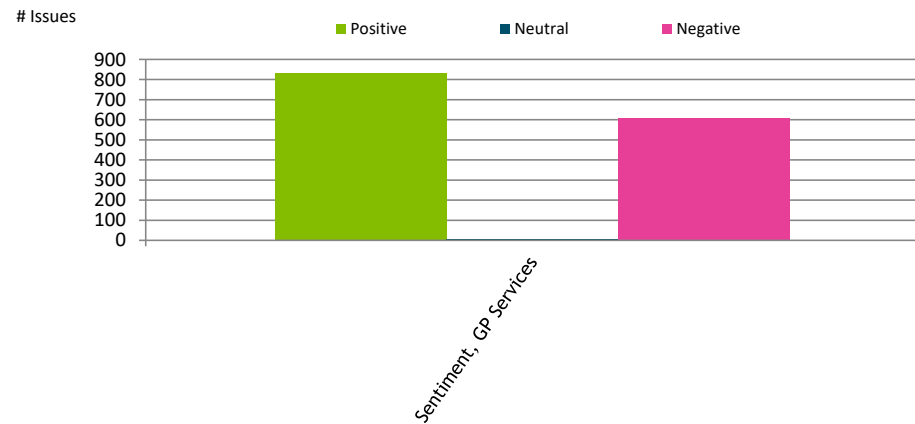


5.1 Trends, GP Services: 1445 issues from 336 people



Issues receiving the most comments overall

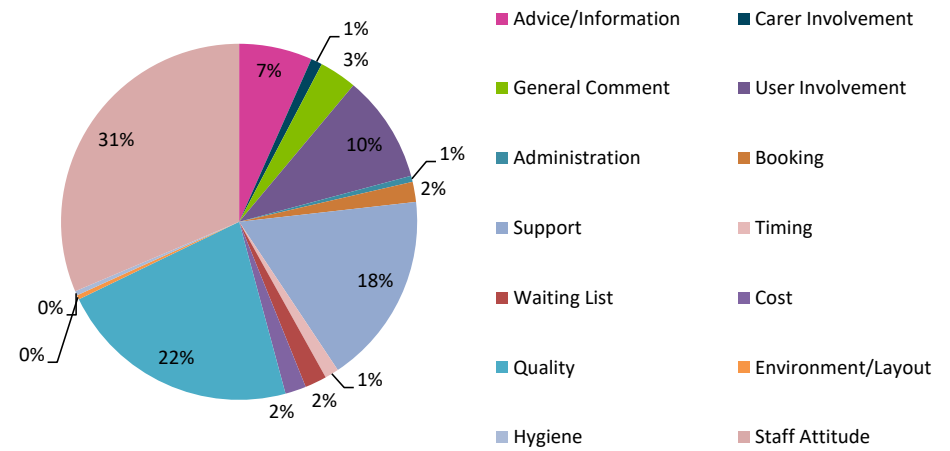
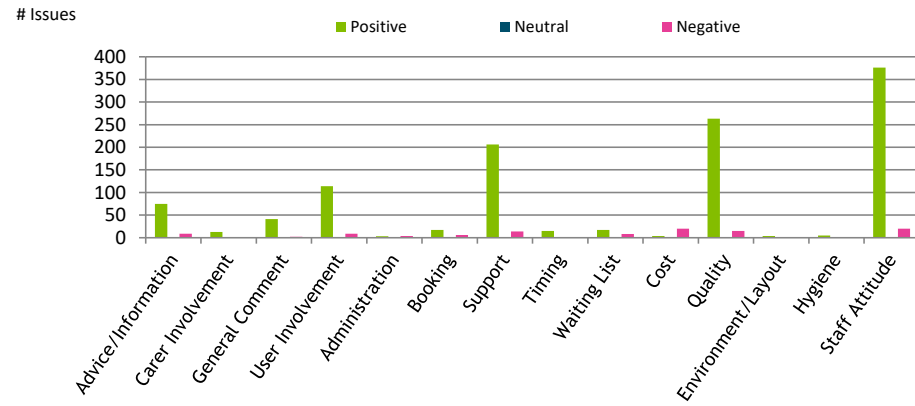
5.2 Sentiment, GP Services



5. Trends: Dentists

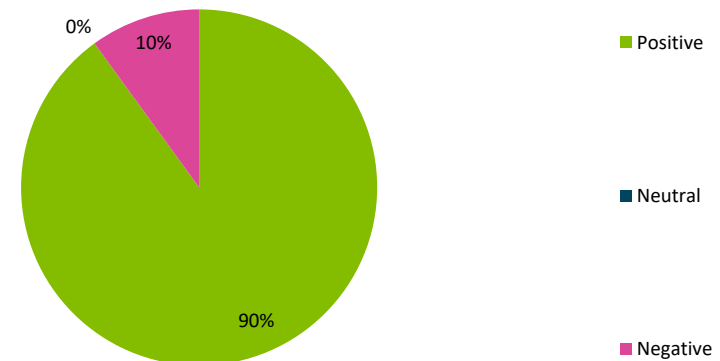
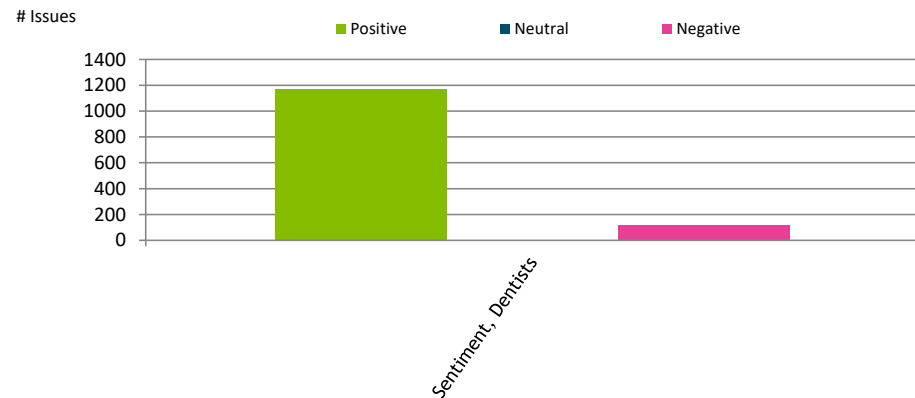


5.3 Trends, Dentists: 1288 issues from 317 people



Issues receiving the most comments overall

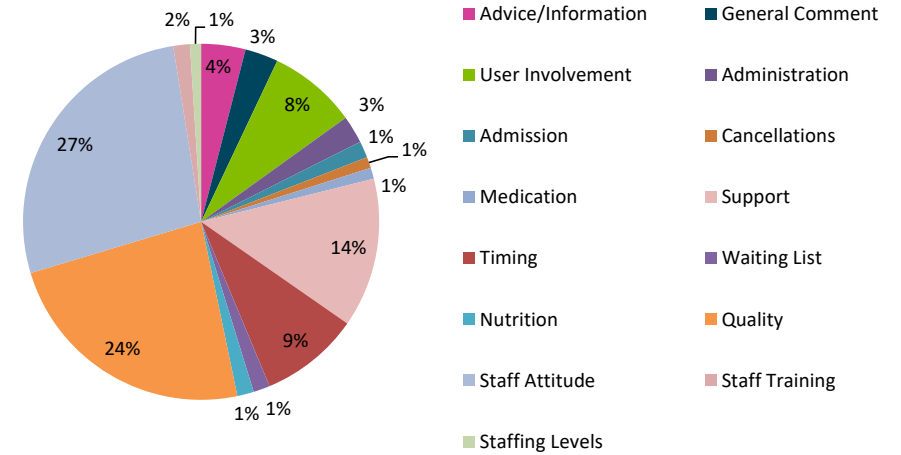
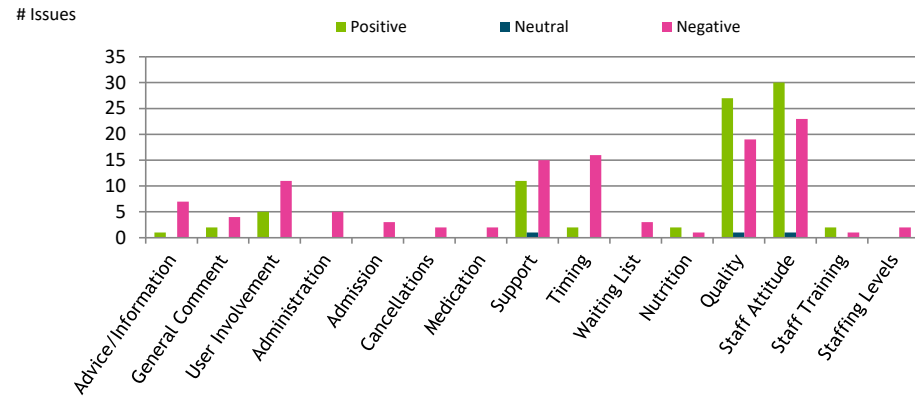
5.4 Sentiment, GP Services



5. Trends: Royal London Hospital

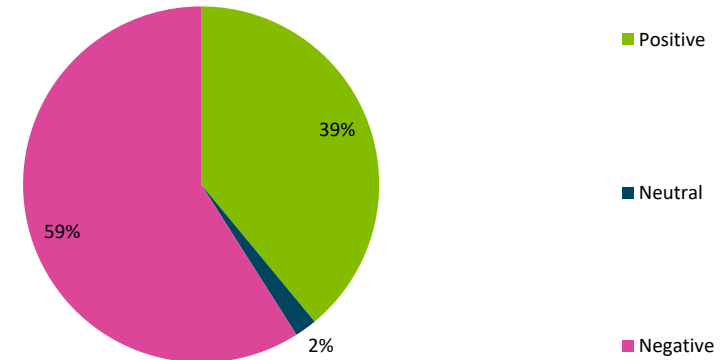
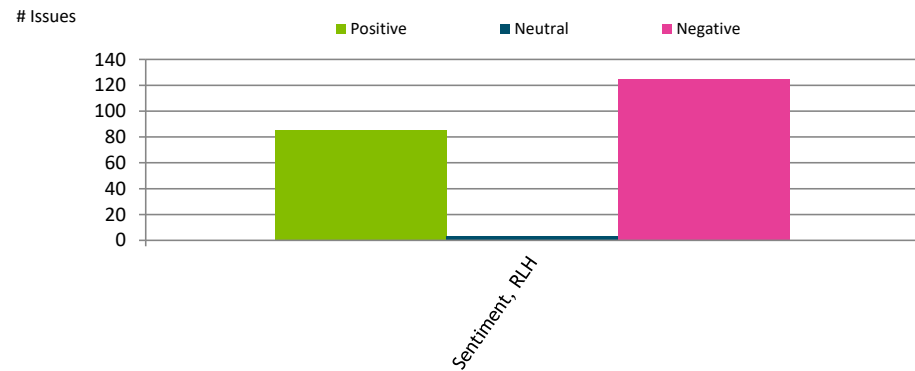


5.5 Trends, Royal London Hospital: 213 issues from 60 people



Issues receiving the most comments overall

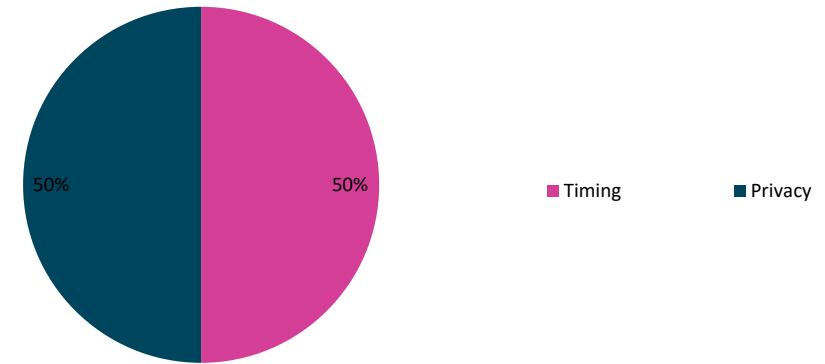
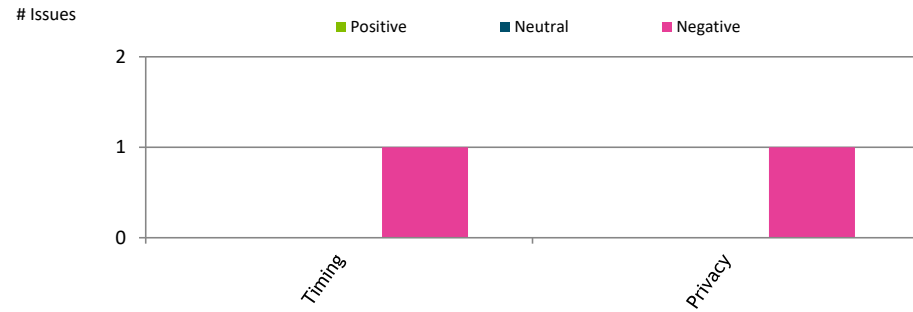
5.6 Sentiment, Royal London Hospital



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

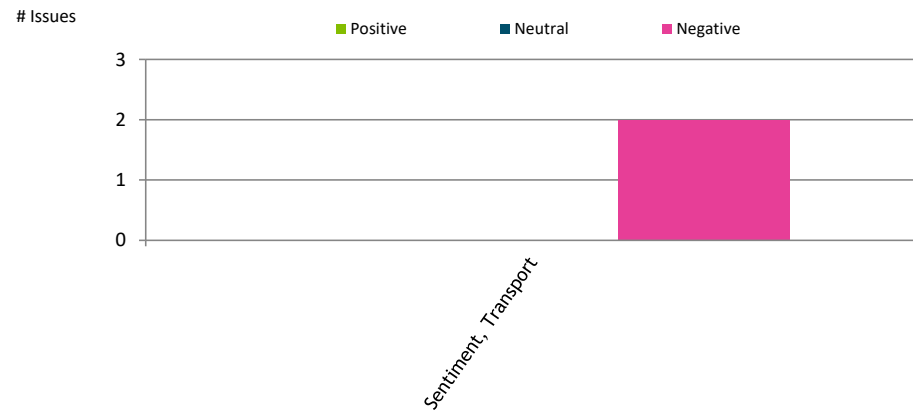


6.1 Trends, Transport (2 issues)



Issues receiving the most comments overall

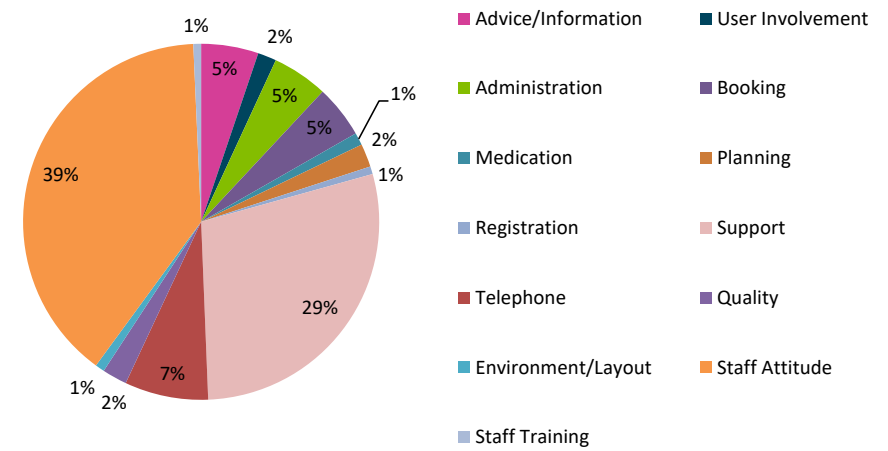
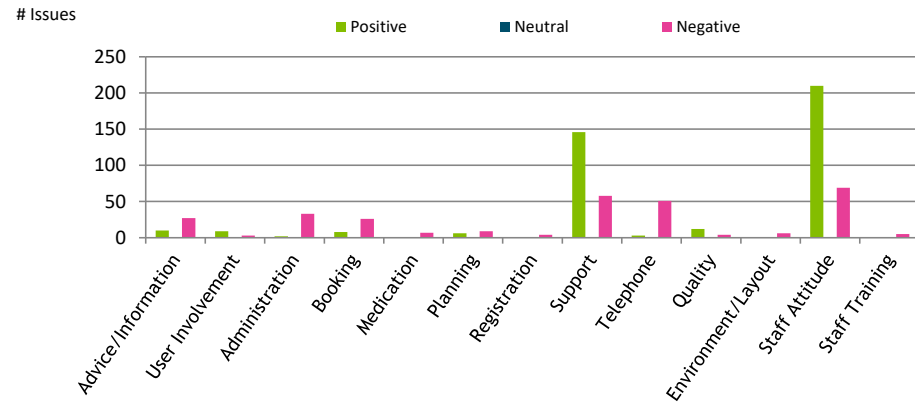
6.2 Sentiment, Transport



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

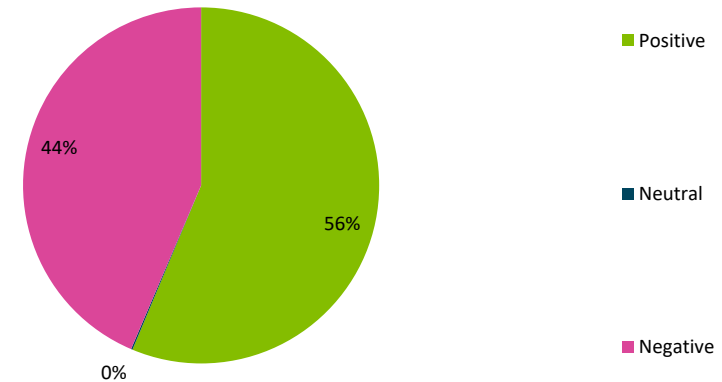
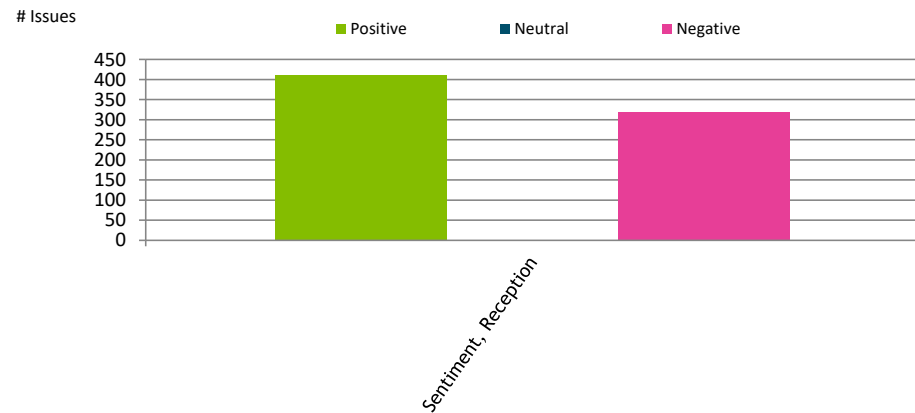


6.3 Trends, Reception (730 issues)



Issues receiving the most comments overall

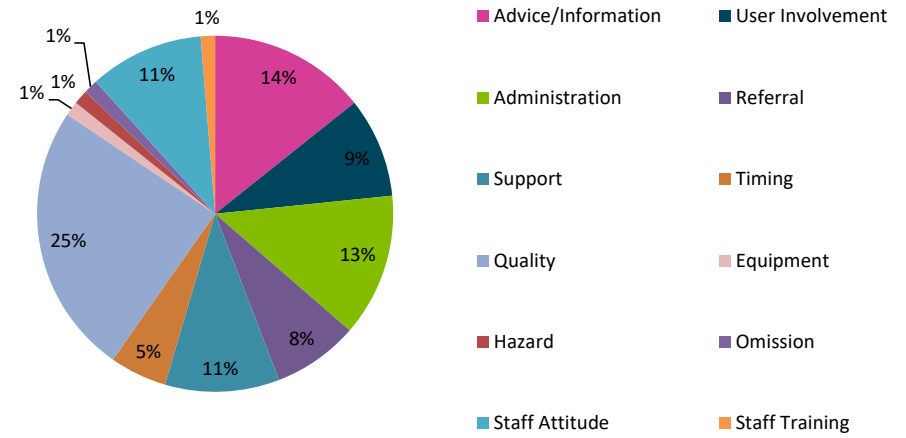
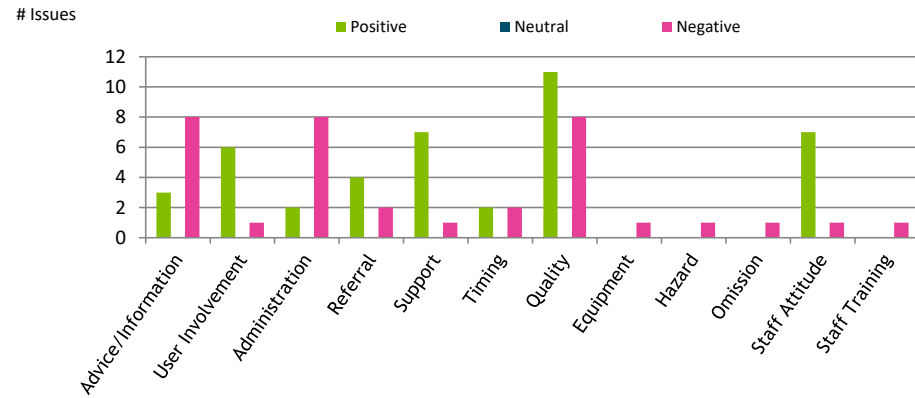
6.4 Sentiment, Reception



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

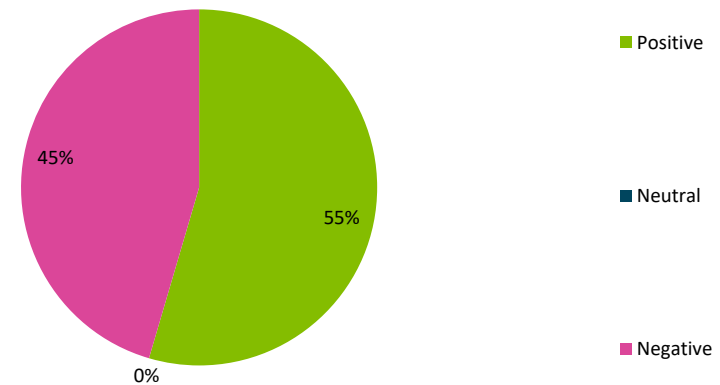
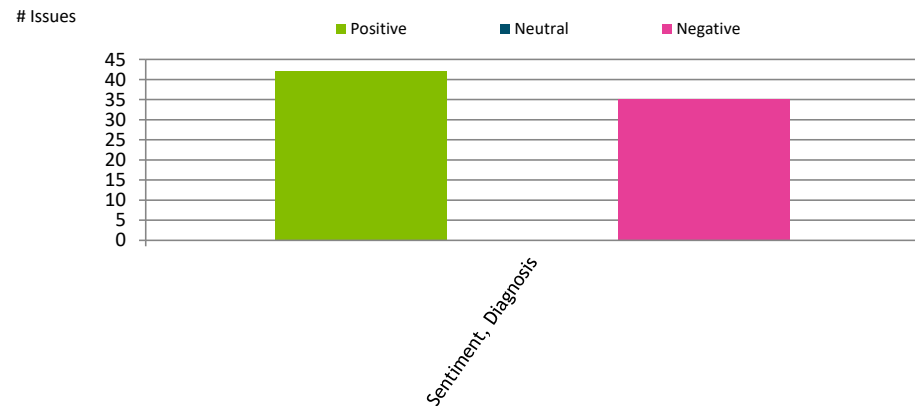


6.5 Trends, Diagnosis/Testing (77 issues)



Issues receiving the most comments overall

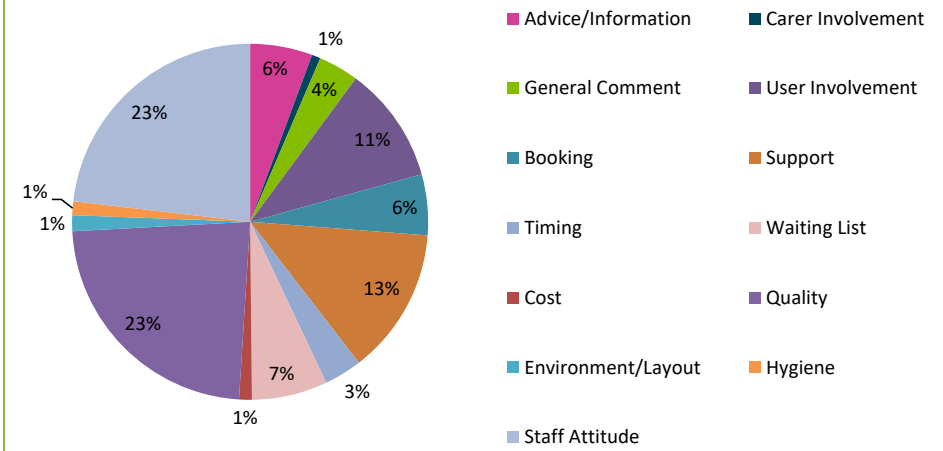
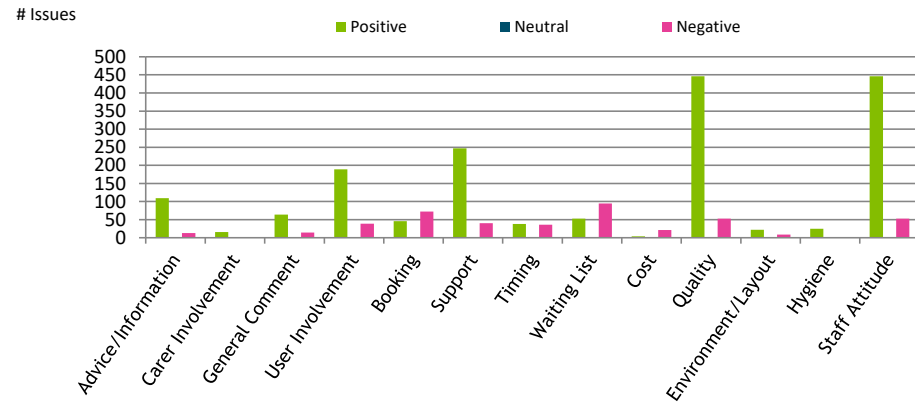
6.6 Sentiment, Diagnosis/Testing



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

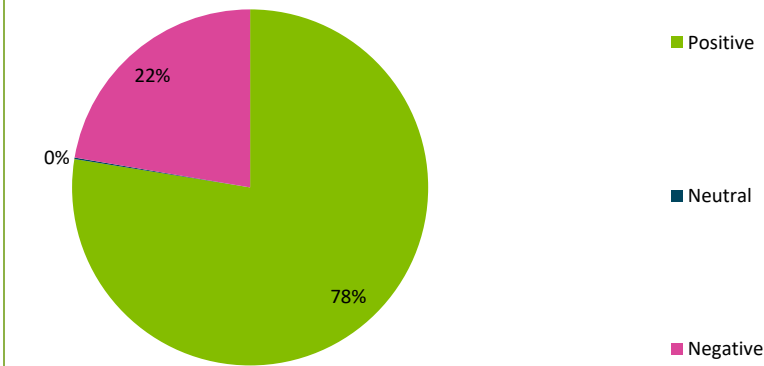
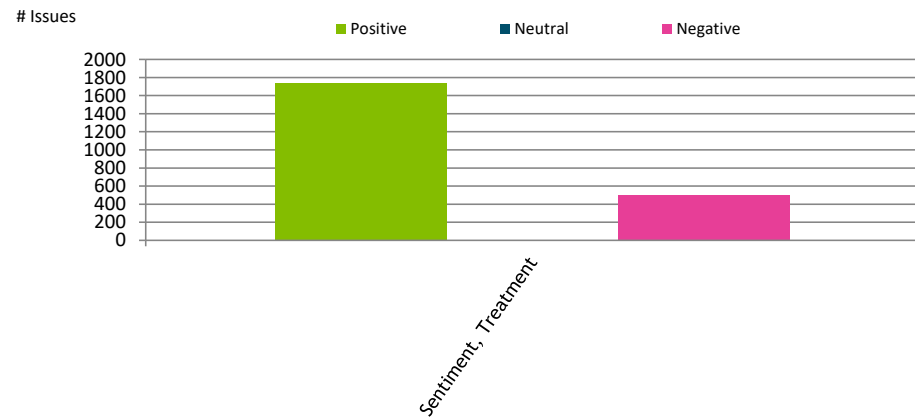


6.7 Trends, Clinical Treatment (2245 issues)



Issues receiving the most comments overall

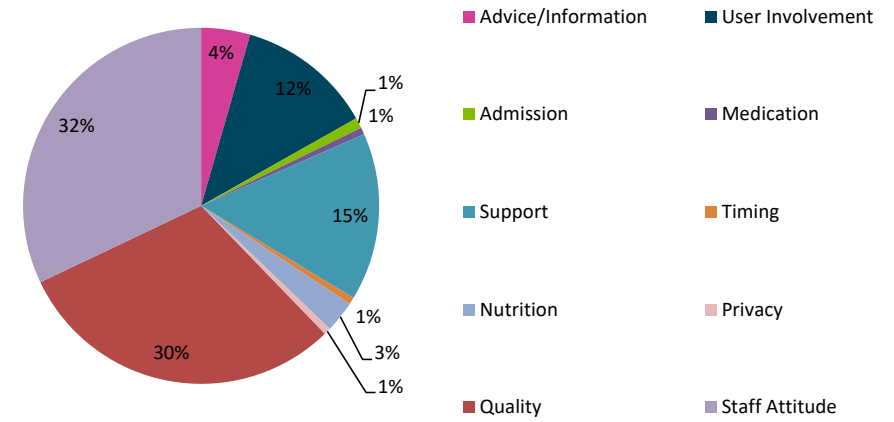
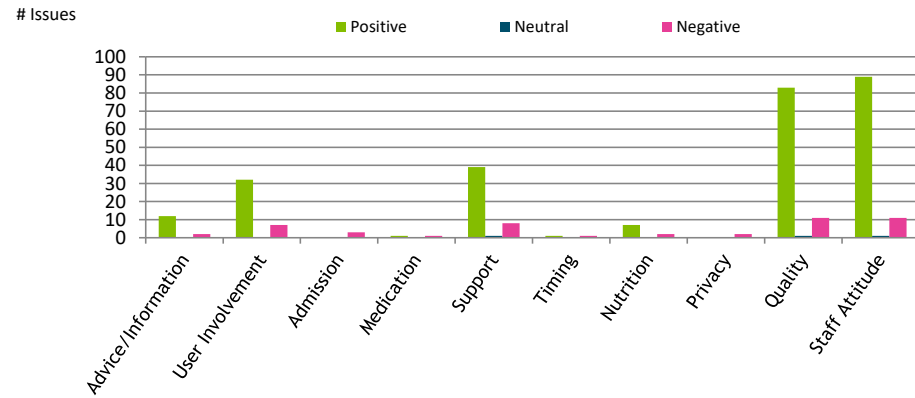
6.8 Sentiment, Clinical Treatment



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

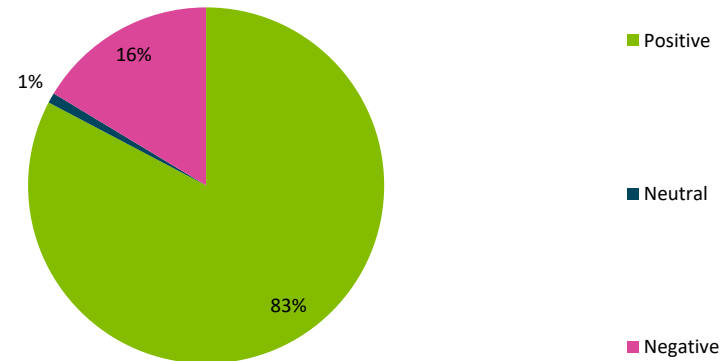
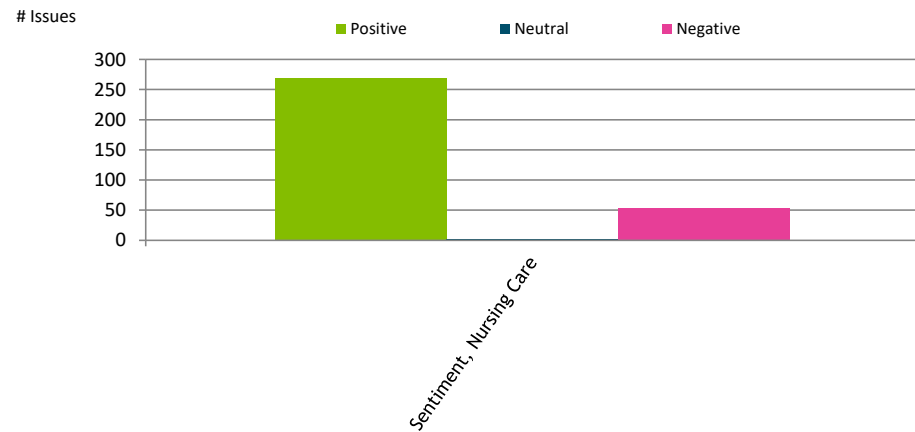


6.9 Trends, Clinical Nursing (324 issues)



Issues receiving the most comments overall

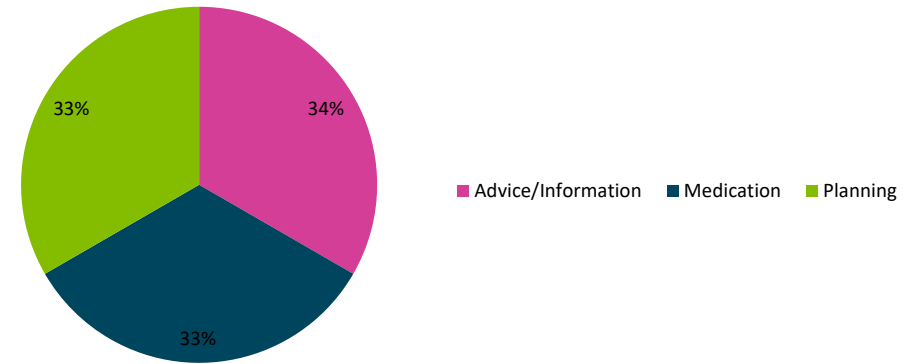
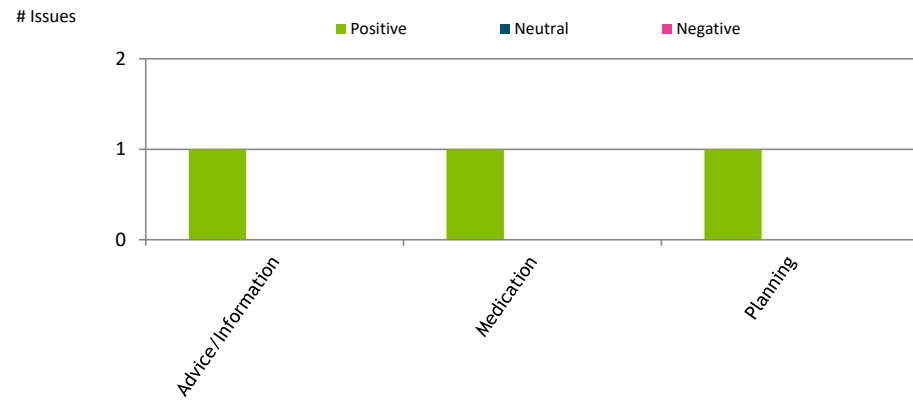
6.10 Sentiment, Clinical Nursing



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

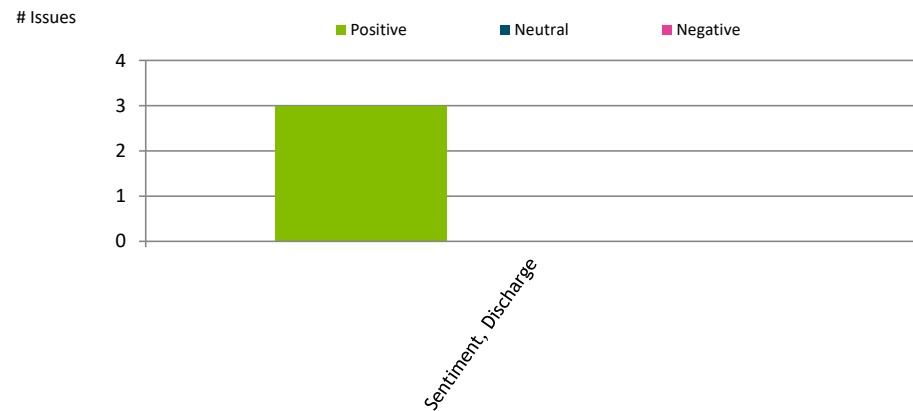


6.11 Trends, Discharge (3 issues)



Issues receiving the most comments overall

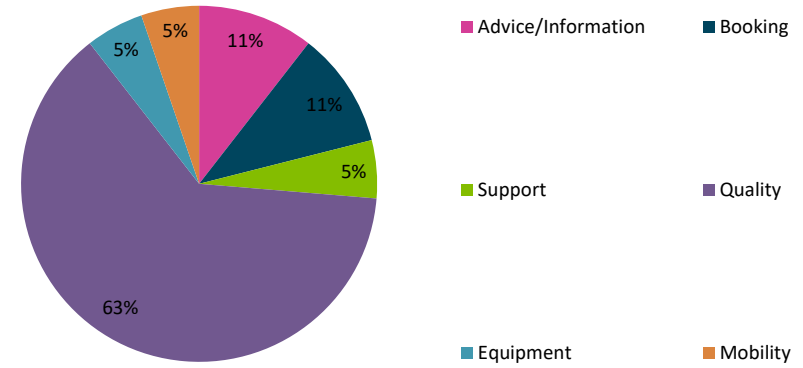
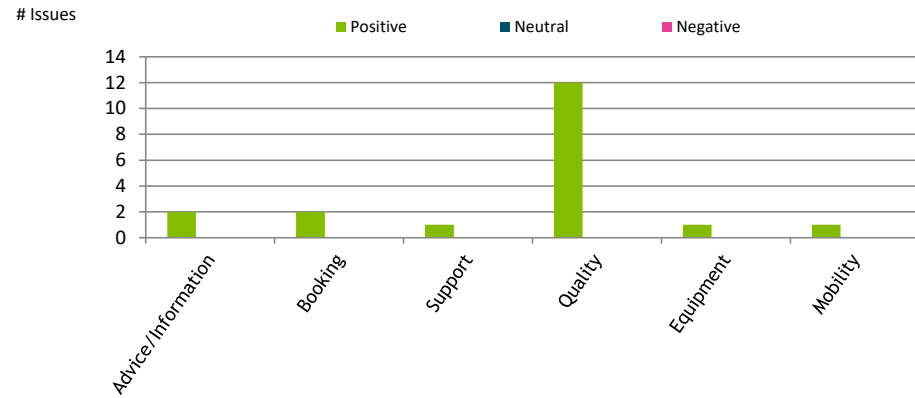
6.12 Sentiment, Discharge



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

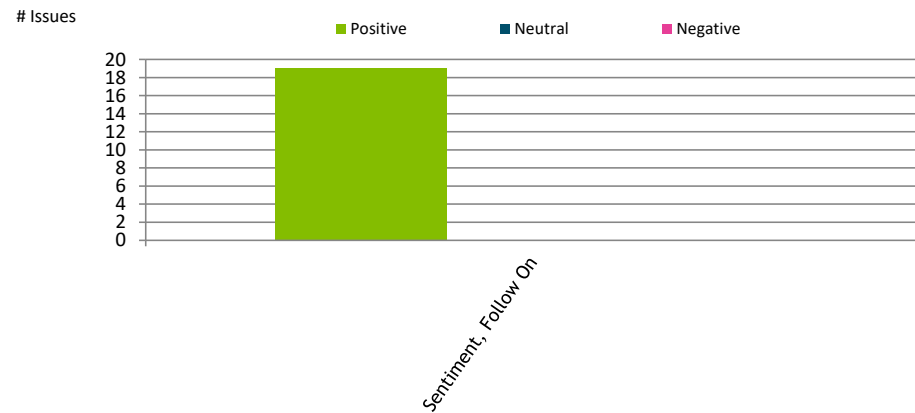


6.13 Trends, Follow On (19 issues)



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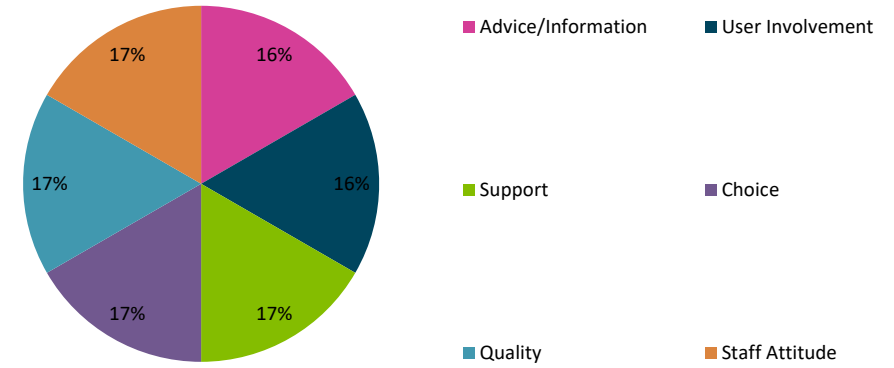
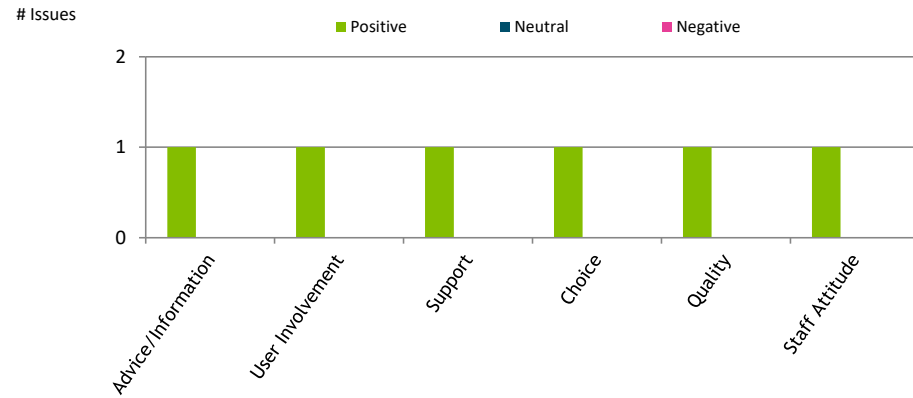
6.14 Sentiment, Follow On



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

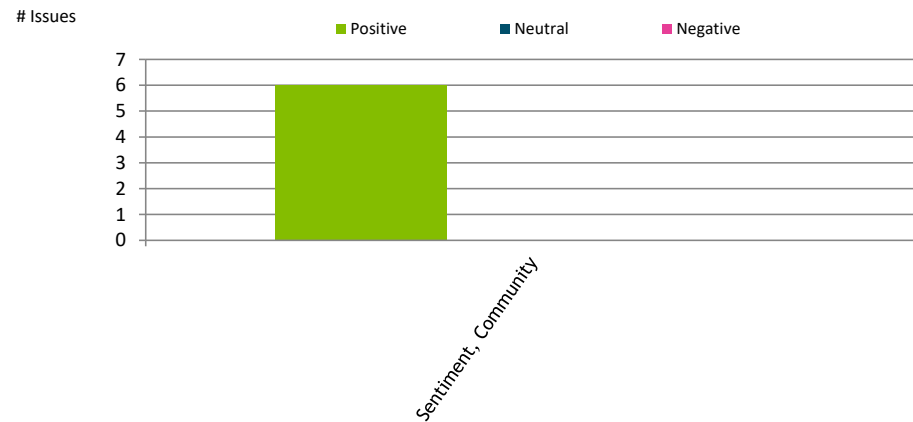


6.15 Trends, Community (6 issues)



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>	138	0	50	188
	Carer Involvement	<i>Involvement or influence of carers and family members.</i>	17	0	2	19
	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>	65	1	14	80
	User Involvement	<i>Involvement or influence of the service user.</i>	237	0	50	287
Systems	Administration	<i>Administrative processes and delivery.</i>	5	1	43	49
	Admission	<i>Physical admission to a hospital ward, or other service.</i>	0	0	3	3
	Booking	<i>Ability to book, reschedule or cancel appointments.</i>	56	1	98	155
	Cancellations	<i>Cancellation of appointment by the service provider.</i>	0	0	12	12
	Data Protection	<i>General data protection (including GDPR).</i>	0	0	3	3
	Referral	<i>Referral to a service.</i>	10	0	9	19
	Medical Records	<i>Management of medical records.</i>	0	0	2	2
	Medication	<i>Prescription and management of medicines.</i>	7	1	12	20
	Opening Times	<i>Opening times of a service.</i>	1	0	2	3
	Planning	<i>Leadership and general organisation.</i>	7	0	9	16
	Registration	<i>Ability to register for a service.</i>	1	0	8	9
	Support	<i>Levels of support provided.</i>	441	1	107	549
	Telephone	<i>Ability to contact a service by telephone.</i>	3	0	51	54
	Timing	<i>Physical timing (ie; length of wait at appointments).</i>	41	0	40	81
	Waiting List	<i>Length of wait while on a list.</i>	53	0	96	149
Values	Choice	<i>General choice.</i>	5	0	7	12
	Cost	<i>General cost.</i>	4	0	21	25
	Language	<i>Language, including terminology.</i>	4	0	3	7
	Nutrition	<i>Provision of sustenance.</i>	8	0	2	10
	Privacy	<i>Privacy, personal space and property.</i>	1	0	3	4
	Quality	<i>General quality of a service, or staff.</i>	565	1	76	642
	Sensory	<i>Deaf/blind or other sensory issues.</i>	0	0	0	0
	Stimulation	<i>General stimulation, including access to activities.</i>	2	0	0	2

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	Issue Name	Descriptor	# Issues			
			Positive	Neutral	Negative	Total
Environment	Catchment/Distance	<i>Distance to a service (and catchment area for eligibility).</i>	3	0	0	3
	Environment/Layout	<i>Physical environment of a service.</i>	22	0	15	37
	Equipment	<i>General equipment issues.</i>	6	0	3	9
	Hazard	<i>General hazard to safety (ie; a hospital wide infection).</i>	0	0	2	2
	Hygiene	<i>Levels of hygiene and general cleanliness.</i>	27	0	2	29
	Mobility	<i>Physical mobility to, from and within services.</i>	1	0	3	4
	Travel/Parking	<i>Ability to travel or park.</i>	0	0	1	1
Staff	Omission	<i>General omission (ie; transport did not arrive).</i>	0	0	4	4
	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>	753	1	134	888
	Complaints	<i>Ability to log and resolve a complaint.</i>	0	0	3	3
	Staff Training	<i>Training of staff.</i>	7	0	12	19
	Staffing Levels	<i>General availability of staff.</i>	0	0	3	3
	Total:			2490	7	910