# The Experience of Health, Care and Community Services

A trends analysis report by Healthwatch Harrow



Healthwatch is the official consumer champion for users of health and social care services. We listen to people's stories, go od and bad, and report on their collective experience. In this report, we examine the experience of health, social care and community services in Harrow.

Reporting Period: 1 January - 31 March 2024



# Index and overview of findings



#### **Data Source**

This report is based on the experience of 979 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.



# **Overall Satisfaction**

Satisfaction has improved by 2% this quarter, standing at 83% positive and 17% negative.

Feedback suggests people receive good quality, compassionate treatment and care on the whole, with good levels of involvement, communication and support. Service access remains as a leading negative topic. More on page 5.



# Information, Involvement and Support

Satisfaction has improved marginally by 1%, standing at 86% positive, 13% negative and 1% neutral.

Complaints are down by 4% on user involvement and by 3% on support, while up by 1% on communication. More on page 5.



# **Quality and Empathy**

Comments suggest satisfaction has improved by 1%, standing at 90% positive and 10% negative.

People continue to report good levels of quality and empathy across services. More on page 5.



### **Access to Services**

Satisfaction has improved by 3% this quarter, standing at 66% positive, 33%negative and 1% neutral.

Complaints are down by 5% on ability to book appointments, while up by 2% on telephone access. More on page 5.

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"I completed the online form and expected a long wait, but I was called within the hour and seen in-person, the same day."

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### **GP Services**

Satisfaction is at 81% positive, 18% negative and 1% neutral, comments suggest.

541 people comment on GP services. Feedback suggests good quality, compassionate treatment and care, with good levels of involvement and support. Ability to book appointments, waiting times, telephones and administration remain as leading access related issues. More on page 9.



### **Dentists**

According to comments, sentiment is 92% positive and 8% negative.

333 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.



# Northwick Park Hospital

Feedback suggests sentiment is 52% positive, 47% negaitve and 1% neutral.

83 people comment this quarter, with compliments on the levels of involvement and support received. According to feedback, patients would like greater levels of communication and reduced waiting times.

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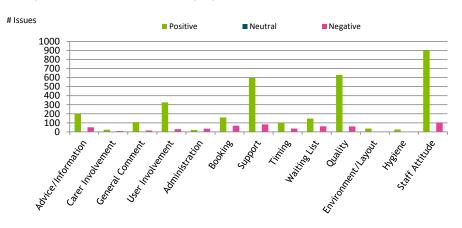
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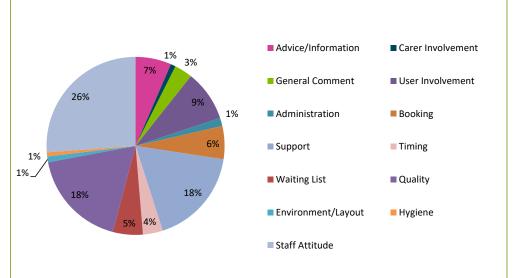


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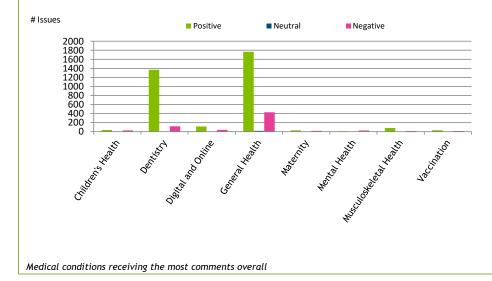
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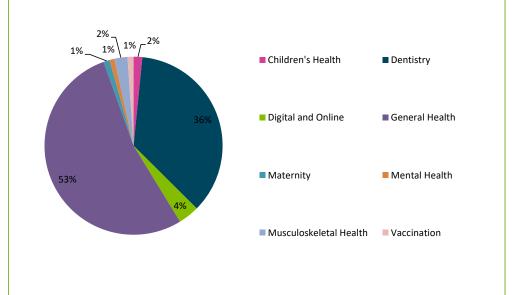




Issues receiving the most comments overall. See pages 20-21 for issue descriptions.

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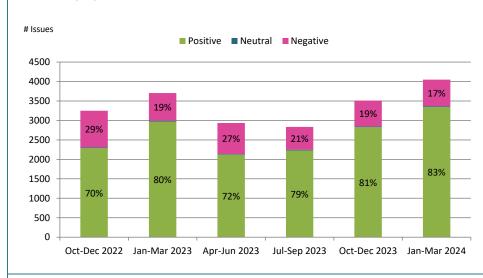




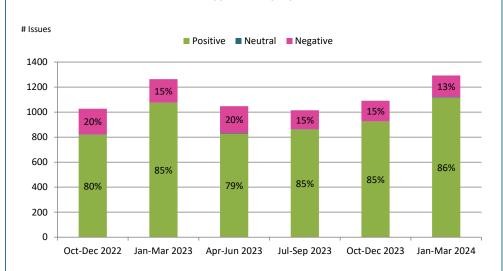
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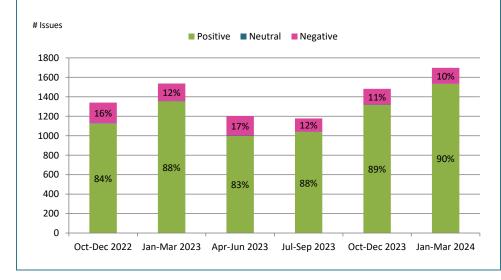
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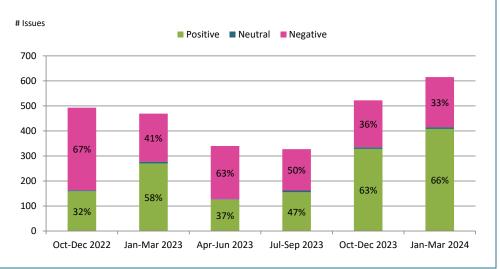
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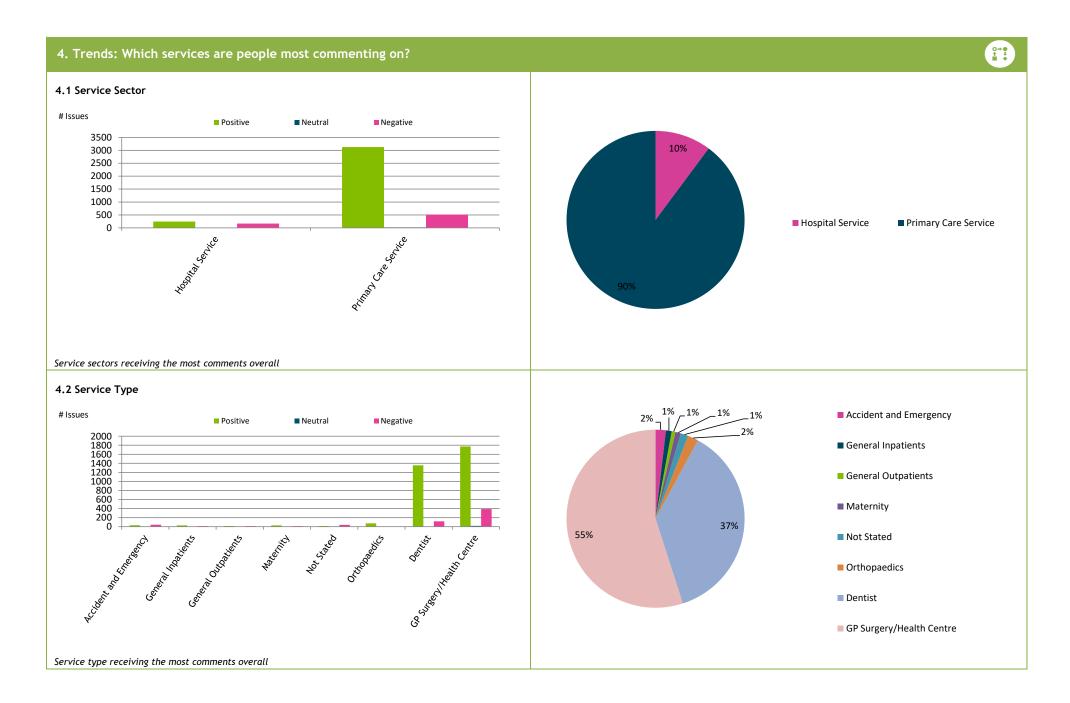


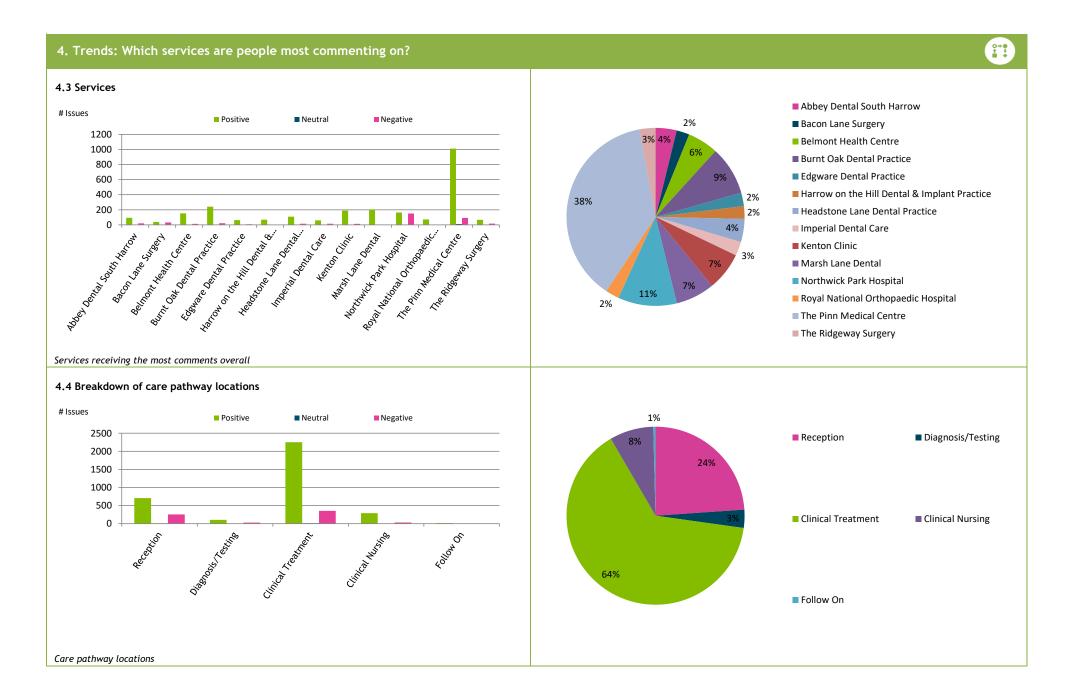
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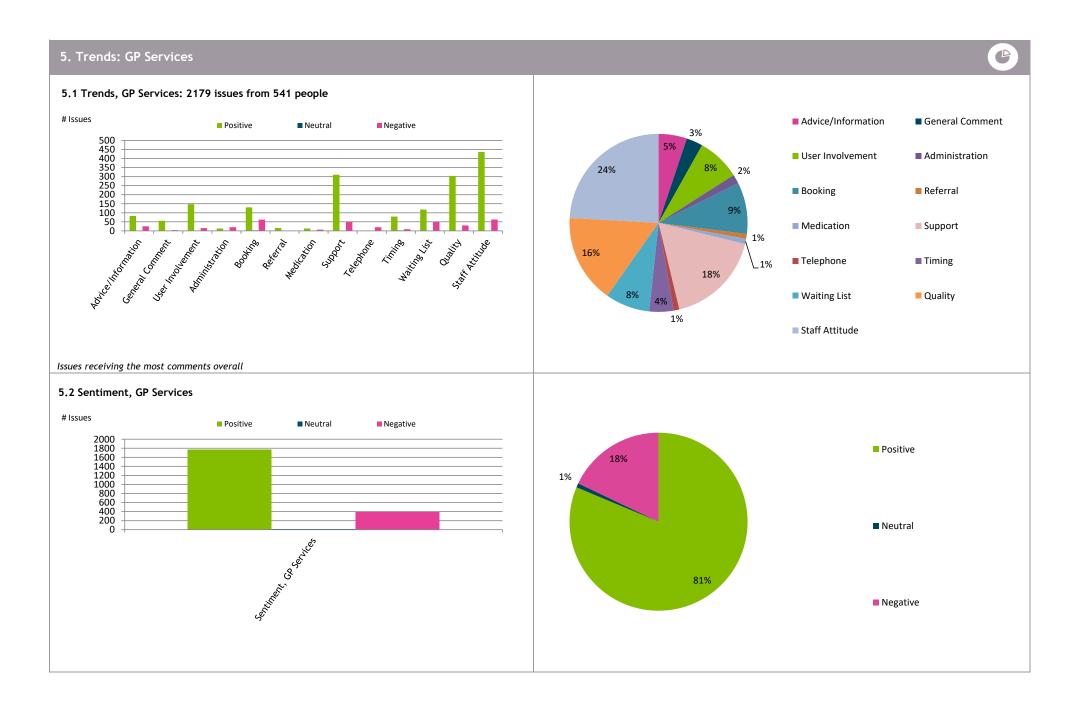


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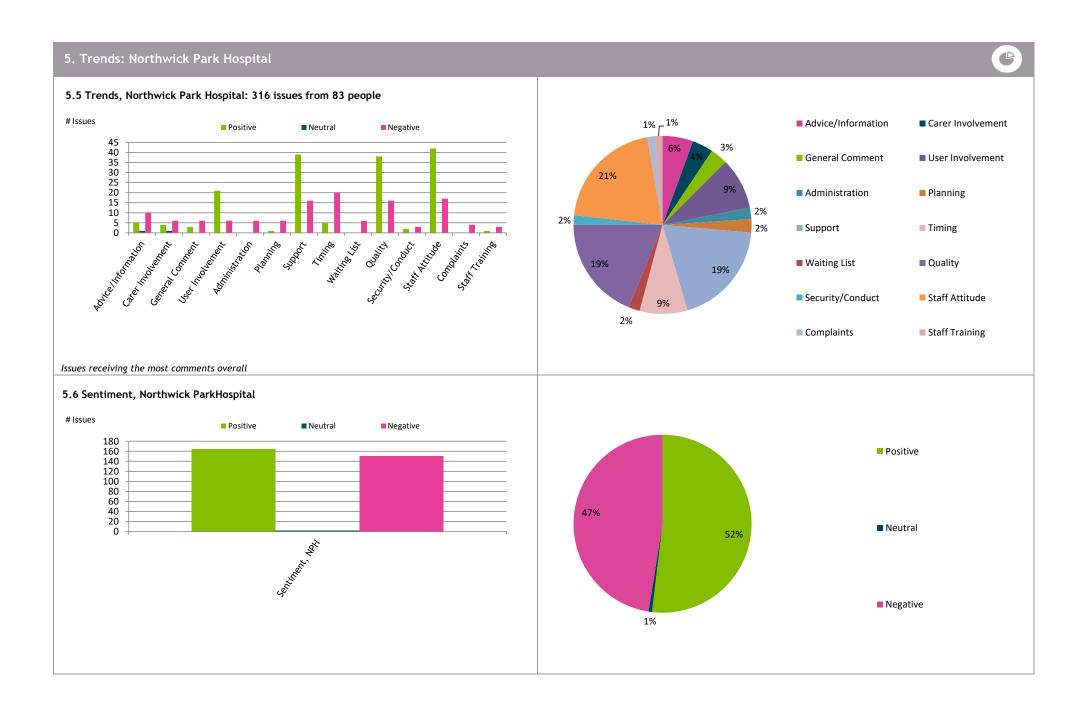




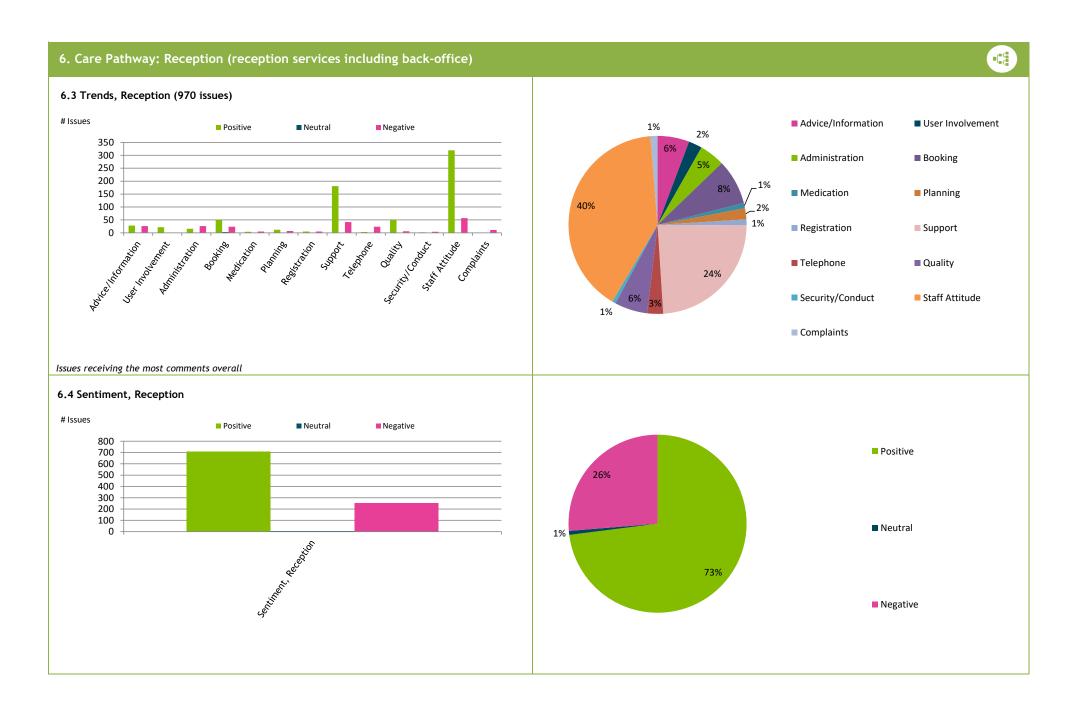


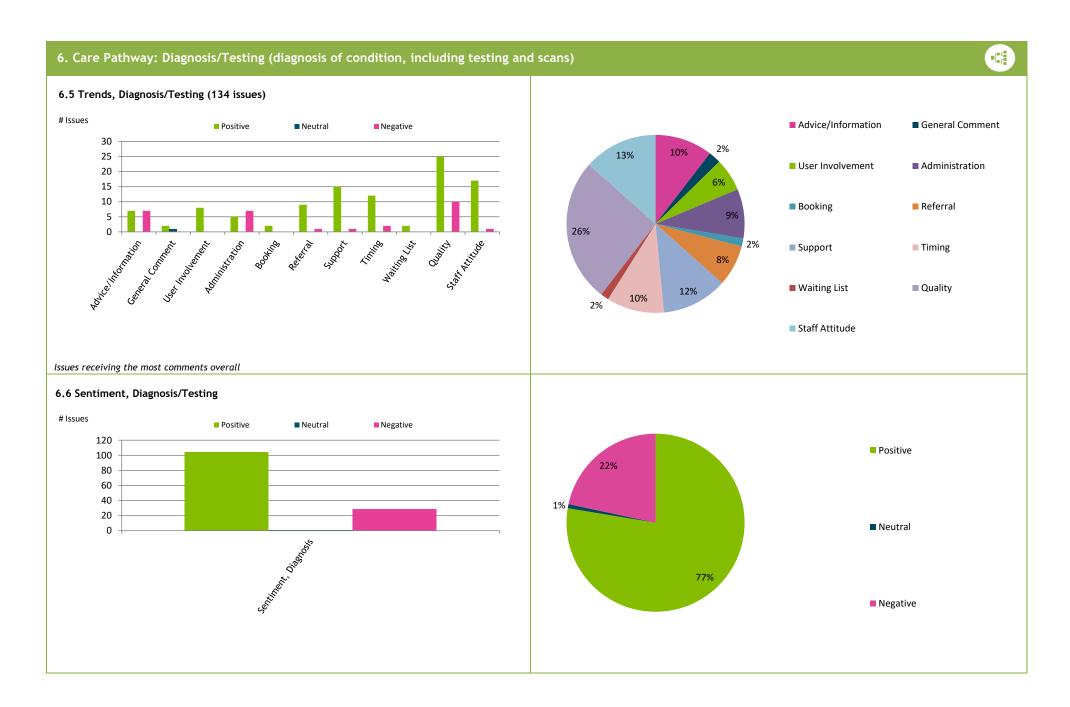


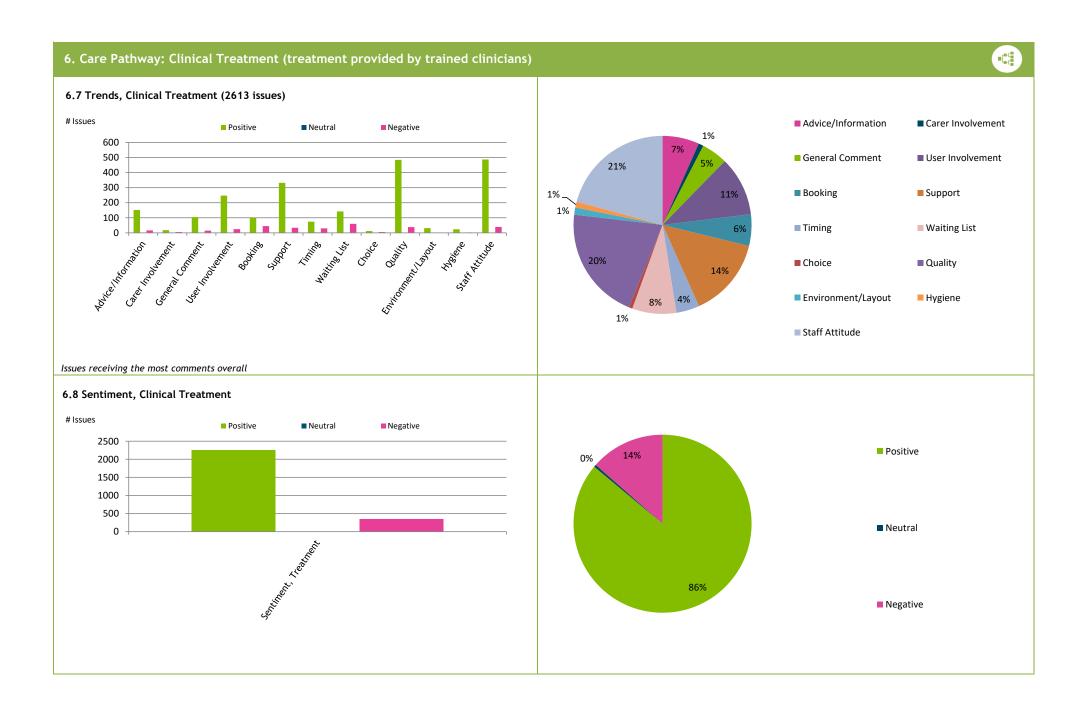


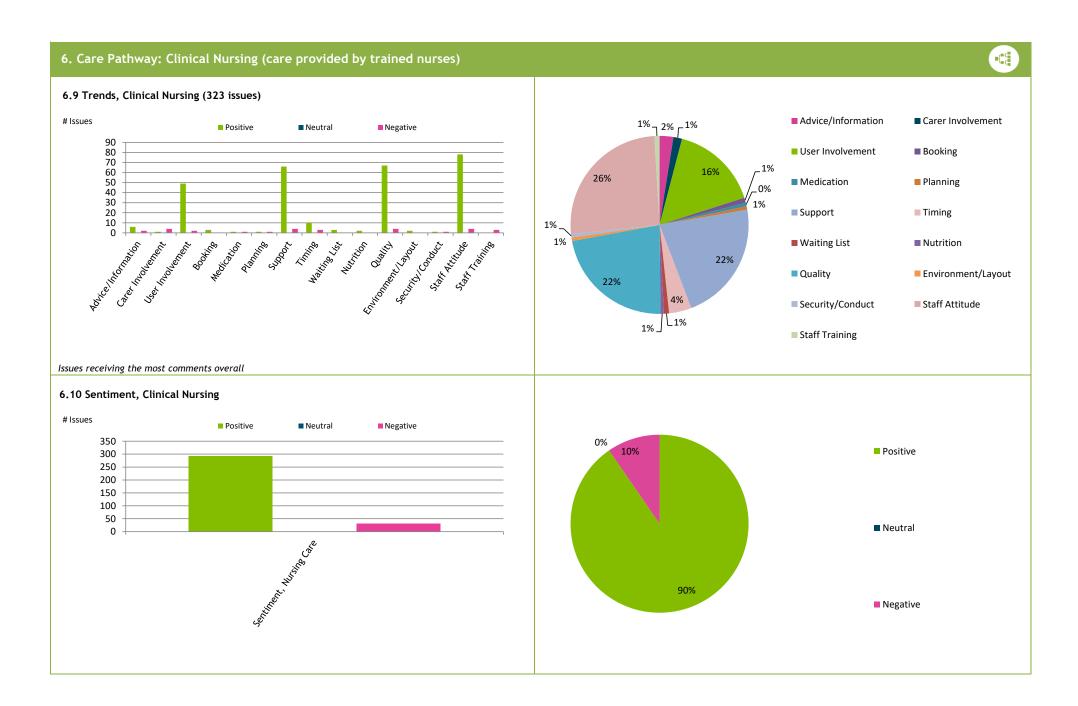




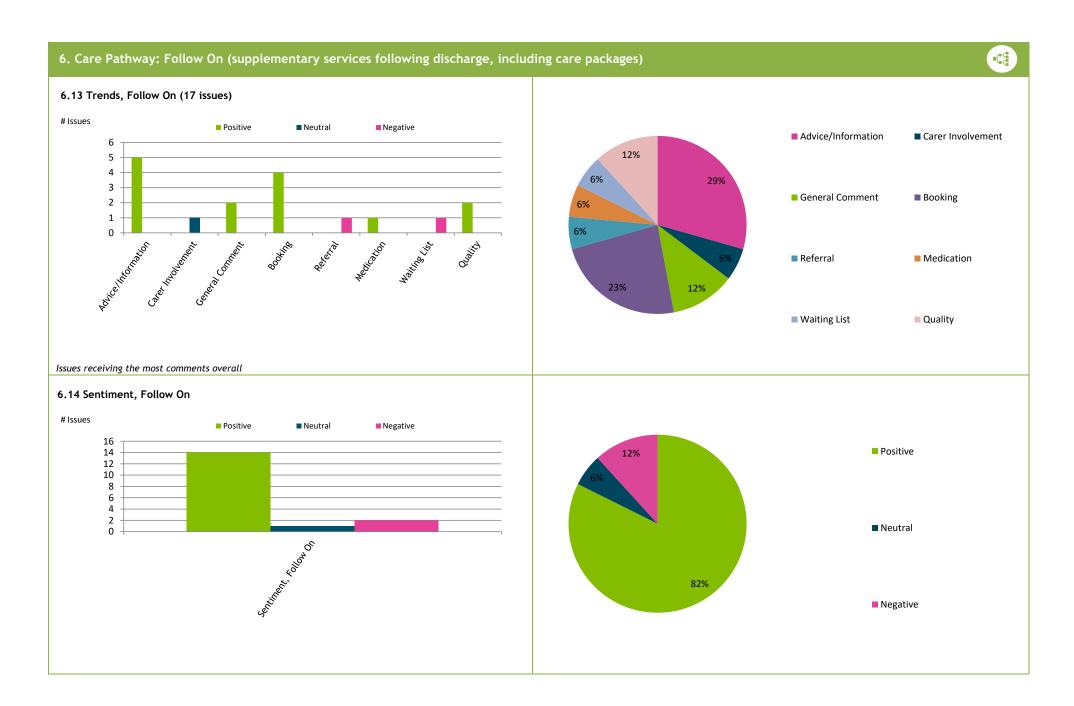


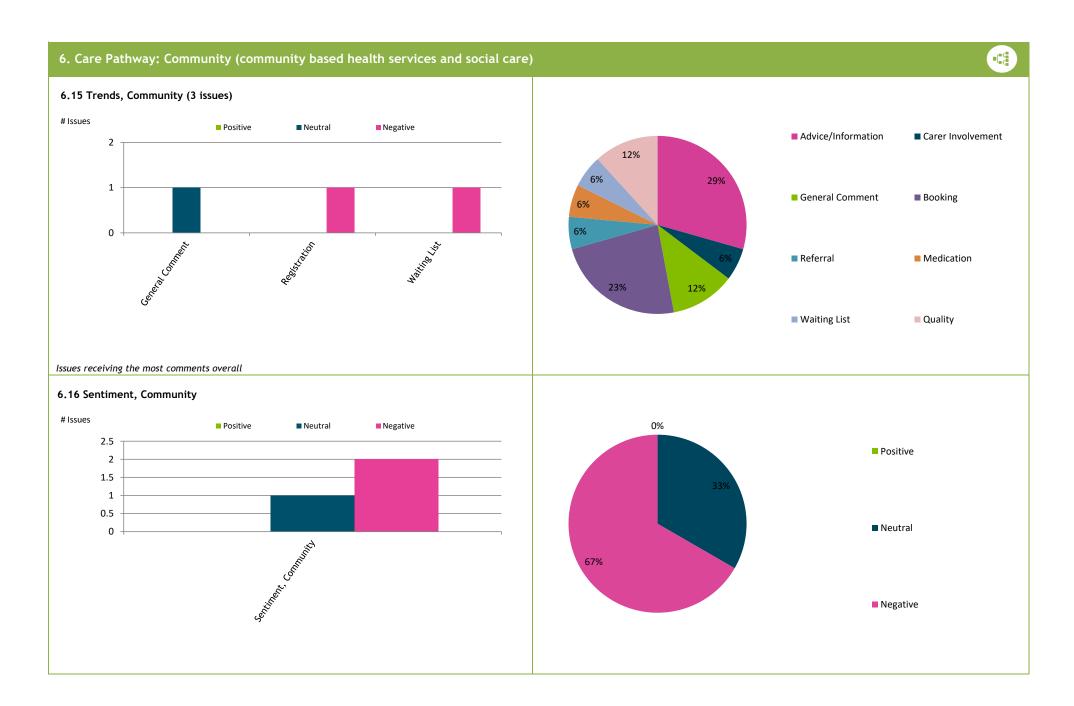












### 7. Data Table: Number of issues



|                 | Issue Name         | Descriptor   |          | # Issu  | es       |       |
|-----------------|--------------------|--|----------|---------|----------|-------|
|                 |                    |  | Positive | Neutral | Negative | Total |
| ē               | Advice/Information | Communication, including access to advice and information. | 198      | 1       | 51       | 250   |
| Patients/Carers | Carer Involvement  | Involvement or influence of carers and family members.     | 24       | 1       | 10       | 35    |
|                 | Peer Involvement   | Involvement or Influence of friends.                       | 0        | 0       | 0        | 0     |
|                 | General Comment    | A generalised statement (ie; "The doctor was good.")       | 108      | 3       | 15       | 126   |
| Pa Pa           | User Involvement   | Involvement or influence of the service user.              | 326      | 1       | 29       | 356   |
|                 | Administration     | Administrative processes and delivery.                     | 21       | 1       | 35       | 57    |
|                 | Admission          | Physical admission to a hospital ward, or other service.   | 0        | 0       | 1        | 1     |
|                 | Booking            | Ability to book, reschedule or cancel appointments.        | 159      | 3       | 69       | 231   |
|                 | Cancellations      | Cancellation of appointment by the service provider.       | 0        | 0       | 6        | 6     |
|                 | Data Protection    | General data protection (including GDPR).                  | 0        | 0       | 0        | 0     |
| 2               | Referral           | Referral to a service.                                     | 16       | 0       | 3        | 19    |
| Systems         | Medical Records    | Management of medical records.                             | 1        | 0       | 2        | 3     |
| yst             | Medication         | Prescription and management of medicines.                  | 13       | 0       | 11       | 24    |
| 0,              | Opening Times      | Opening times of a service.                                | 2        | 0       | 3        | 5     |
|                 | Planning           | Leadership and general organisation.                       | 13       | 0       | 8        | 21    |
|                 | Registration       | Ability to register for a service.                         | 7        | 0       | 8        | 15    |
|                 | Support            | Levels of support provided.                                | 595      | 2       | 83       | 680   |
|                 | Telephone          | Ability to contact a service by telephone.                 | 3        | 0       | 25       | 28    |
|                 | Timing             | Physical timing (ie; length of wait at appointments).      | 99       | 3       | 37       | 139   |
|                 | Waiting List       | Length of wait while on a list.                            | 147      | 1       | 62       | 210   |
|                 | Choice             | General choice.  | 12       | 0       | 5        | 17    |
|                 | Cost               | General cost.  | 6        | 0       | 11       | 17    |
| S               | Language           | Language, including terminology.                           | 1        | 0       | 5        | 6     |
| Values          | Nutrition          | Provision of sustainance.                                  | 4        | 0       | 1        | 5     |
| >               | Privacy            | Privacy, personal space and property.                      | 1        | 0       | 0        | 1     |
|                 | Quality            | General quality of a service, or staff.                    | 629      | 1       | 60       | 690   |
|                 | Sensory            | Deaf/blind or other sensory issues.                        | 0        | 0       | 1        | 1     |
|                 | Stimulation        | General stimulation, including access to activities.       | 3        | 0       | 1        | 4     |
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|             |                    |   | Positive | Neutral | Negative | Total |
| Environment | Catchment/Distance | Distance to a service (and catchment area for eligability). | 2        | 0       | 0        | 2     |
|             | Environment/Layout | Physical environment of a service.                          | 36       | 0       | 4        | 40    |
|             | Equipment          | General equipment issues.                                   | 5        | 0       | 3        | 8     |
|             | Hazard             | General hazard to safety (ie; a hospital wide infection).   | 0        | 1       | 1        | 2     |
|             | Hygiene            | Levels of hygiene and general cleanliness.                  | 26       | 0       | 3        | 29    |
|             | Mobility           | Physical mobility to, from and within services.             | 1        | 0       | 0        | 1     |
|             | Travel/Parking     | Ability to travel or park.                                  | 2        | 0       | 2        | 4     |
|             | Omission           | General omission (ie; transport did not arrive).            | 0        | 0       | 2        | 2     |
| Staff       | Security/Conduct   | General security of a service, including conduct of staff.  | 4        | 0       | 5        | 9     |
|             | Staff Attitude     | Attitude, compassion and empathy of staff.                  | 902      | 2       | 103      | 1007  |
|             | Complaints         | Ability to log and resolve a complaint.                     | 0        | 1       | 11       | 12    |
|             | Staff Training     | Training of staff.  | 6        | 0       | 6        | 12    |
|             | Staffing Levels    | General availability of staff.                              | 0        | 0       | 1        | 1     |
|             |                    |   |          |         |          |       |

Total:

| Community Insight | CRM |
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