

# The Experience of Health, Care and Community Services

A trends analysis report by Healthwatch Halton



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



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### Data Source

This report is based on the experience of 593 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.



59%

### Overall Satisfaction

*Overall satisfaction is at 59% positive, 40% negative and 1% neutral, according to feedback.*

Feedback suggests people receive good quality, compassionate treatment and care on the whole, with good levels of involvement. Service access (booking and waiting times) and communication are leading negative topics.



64%

### Information, Involvement and Support

*Satisfaction is at 64% positive, 35% negative and 1% neutral, comments suggest.*

This quarter, complaints are up by 12% on support, by 10% on communication and by 1% on user involvement. More on page 5.



79%

### Quality and Empathy

*According to comments, satisfaction is at 79% positive, 20% negative and 1% neutral.*

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



38%

### Access to Services

*Satisfaction is at 38% positive, 59% negative and 3% neutral.*

This quarter, complaints are down by 7% on telephone access and by 1% on ability to book appointments, while up by 4% on waiting times. 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."



98

### GP Services

*Satisfaction is at 36% positive, 63% negative and 1% neutral, according to feedback.*

98 people comment on GP services. Feedback suggests patients would like greater levels of access, empathy, involvement, communication and support. More on page 9.



60

### Dentists

*Comments suggest satisfaction is at 68% positive and 32% negative.*

60 people comment on dentists, with accounts of excellent treatment, care and customer service recorded. Good levels of information and involvement are also reported. NHS treatment is an issue, for some. More on page 10.



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### Hospitals (Halton General, St Helens, Warrington, Whiston)

*Satisfaction is at 61% positive, 38% negative and 1% neutral, comments suggest.*

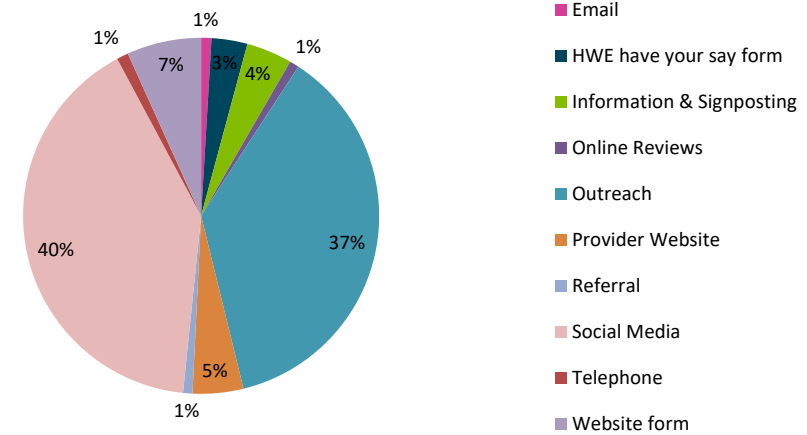
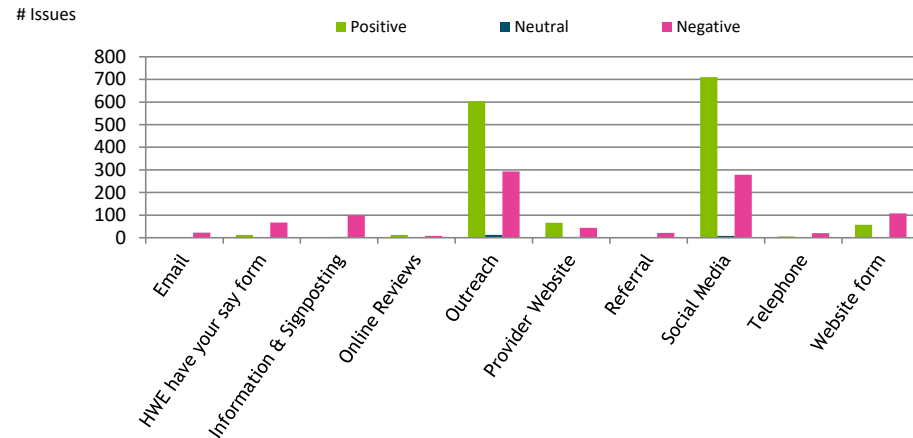
290 people comment this quarter. Experiences reflect good quality treatment and care, with good levels of involvement and support. Service access, particularly waiting times is a leading negative topic. Feedback suggests patients would also like greater levels of communication. More on page 11.

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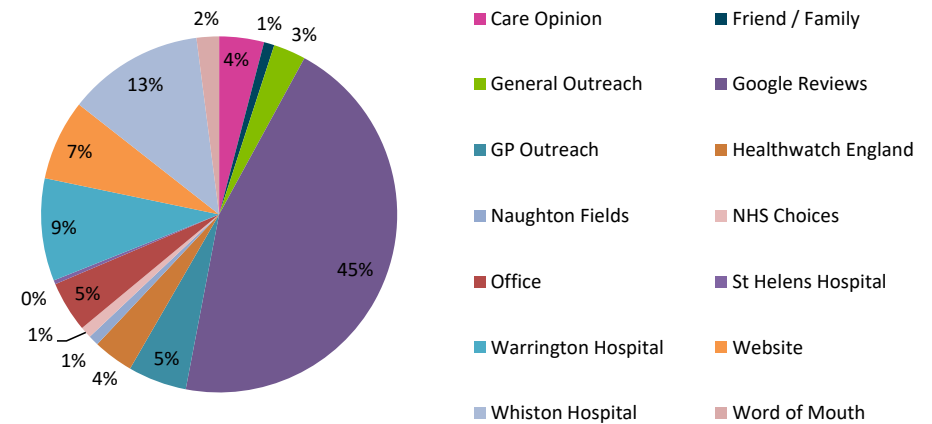
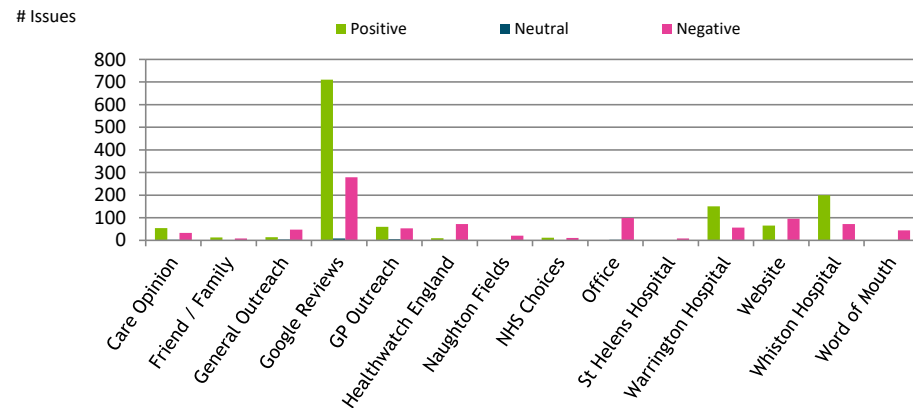


### 1.1 Source: 2465 issues from 593 people



Sources providing the most comments overall

### 1.2 Origin

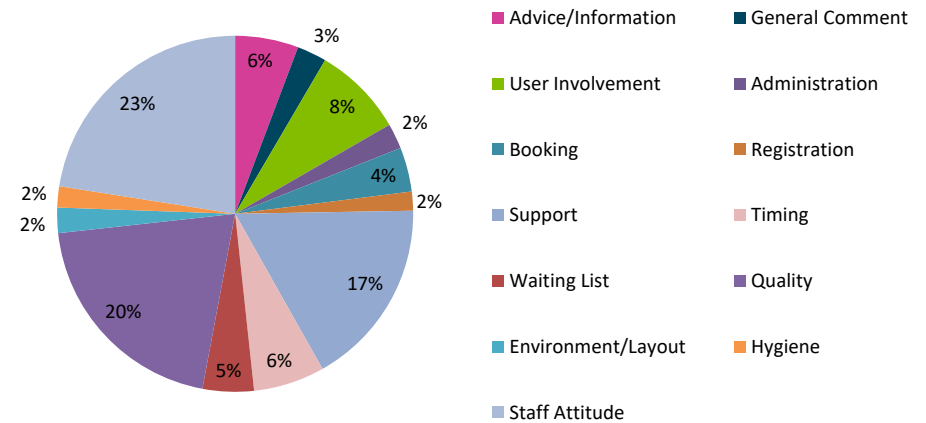
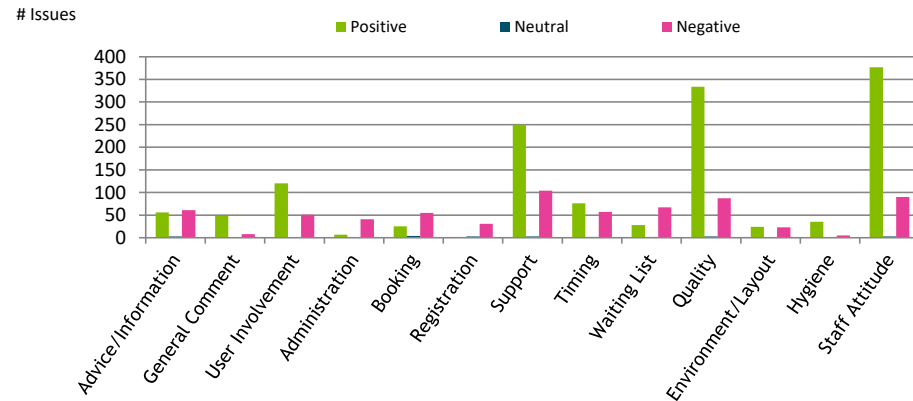


Origins providing the most comments overall

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

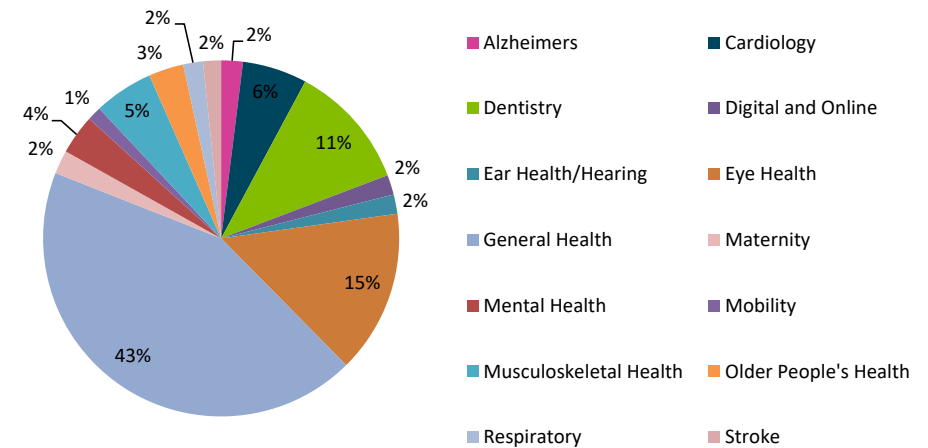
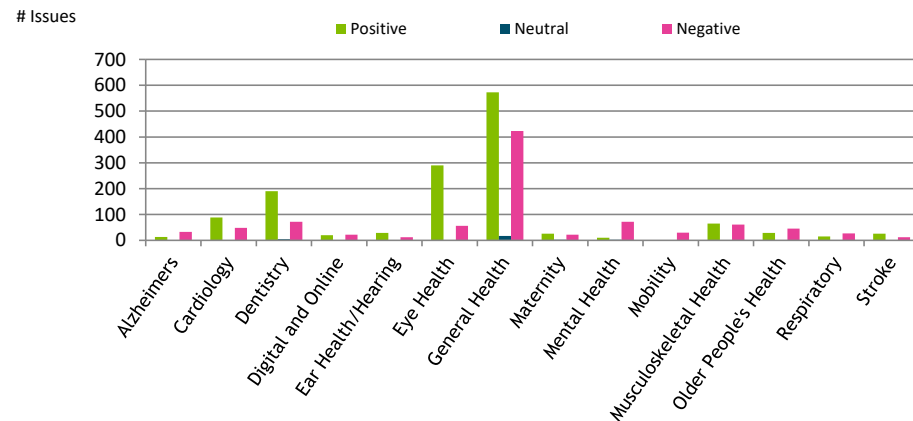


### 2.1 Top Trends: 2455 issues from 590 people



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

### 2.2 Stated medical conditions

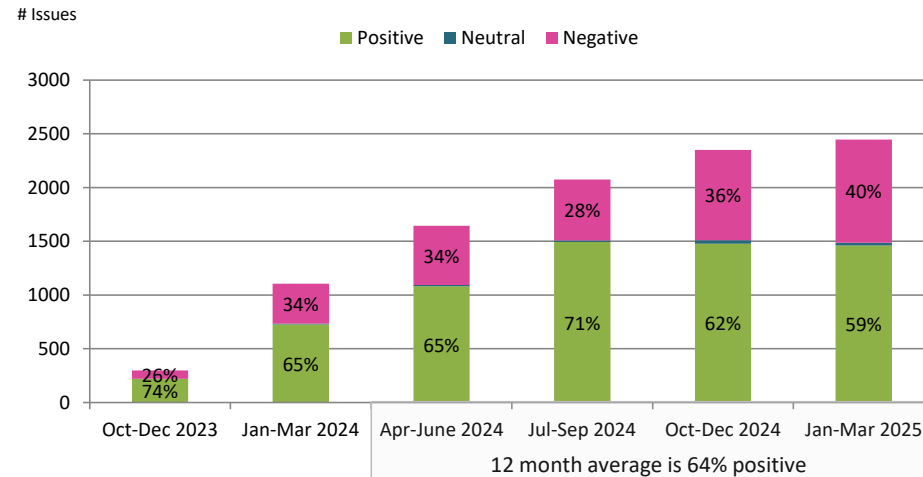


Medical conditions receiving the most comments overall

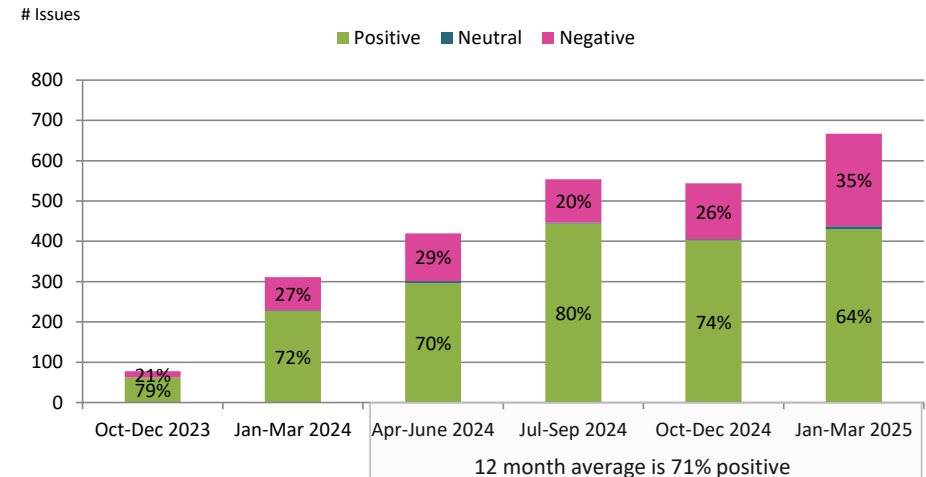
### 3. Timeline: On the whole, how do people feel about Health and Care services?



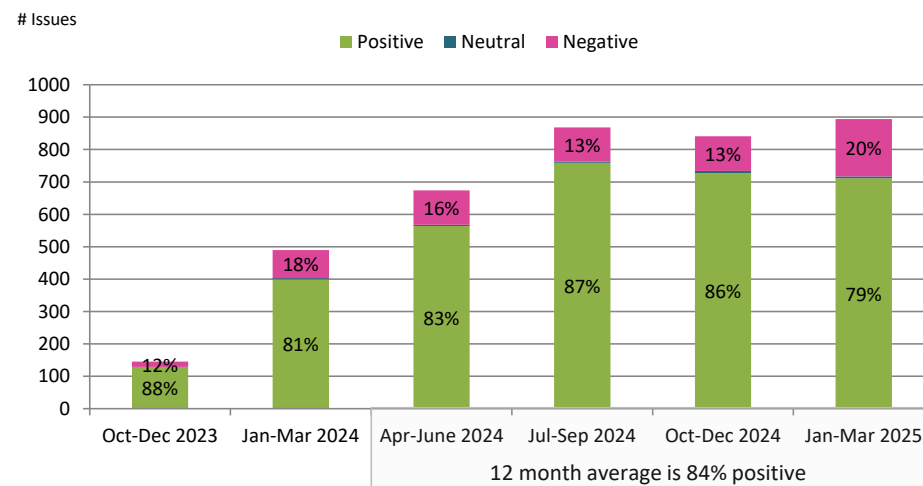
#### 3.1 How do people feel about services overall?



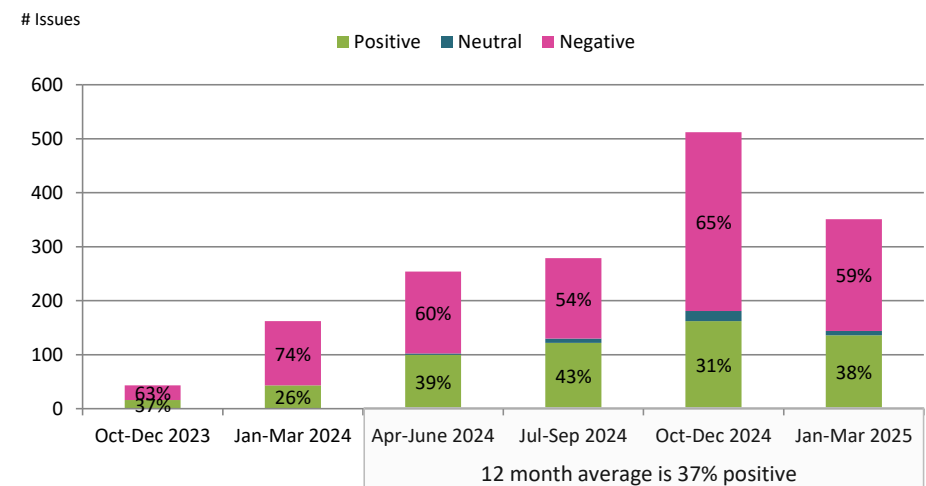
#### 3.2 How well informed, involved and supported do people feel?



#### 3.3 How do people feel about general quality and empathy?



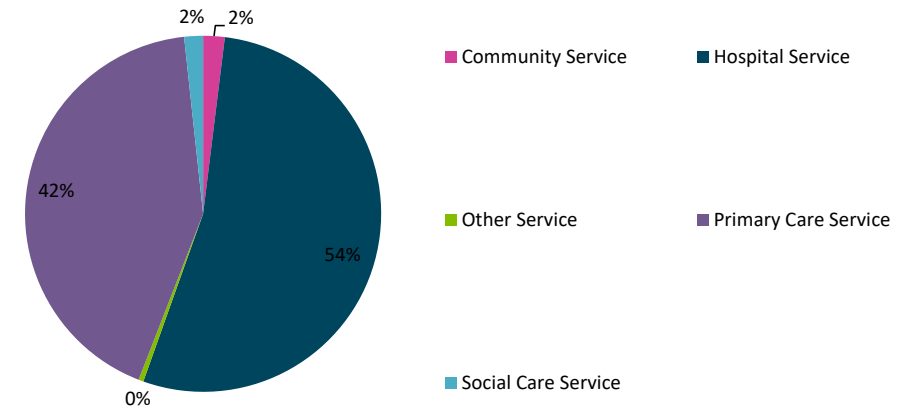
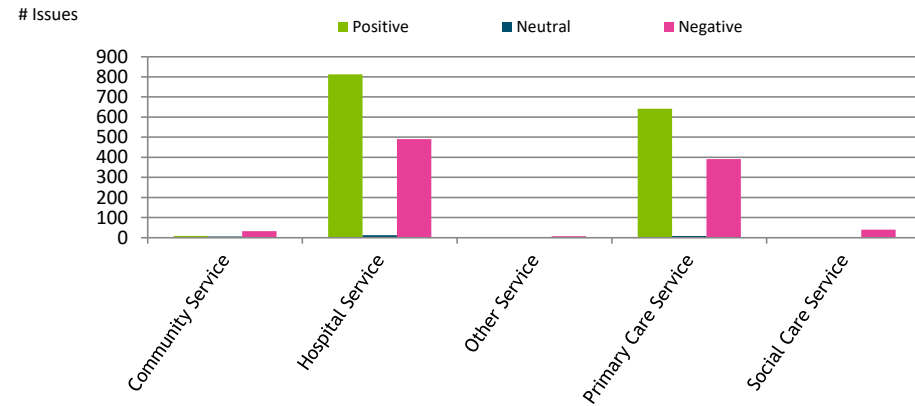
#### 3.4 How do people feel about access to services?



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

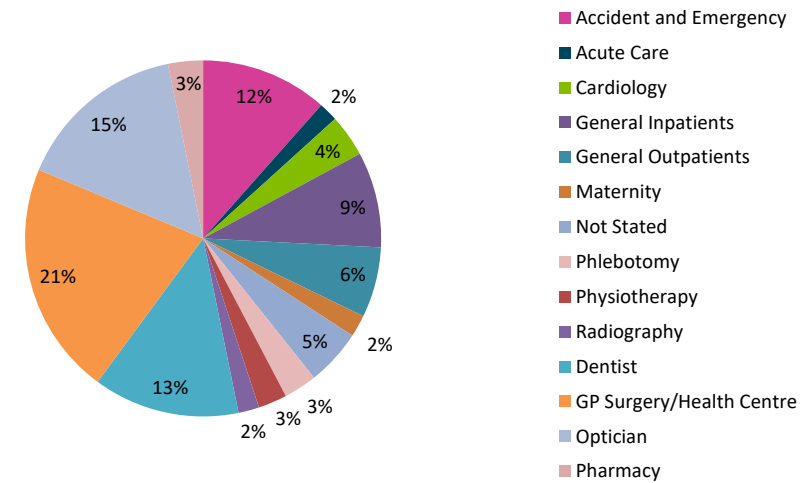
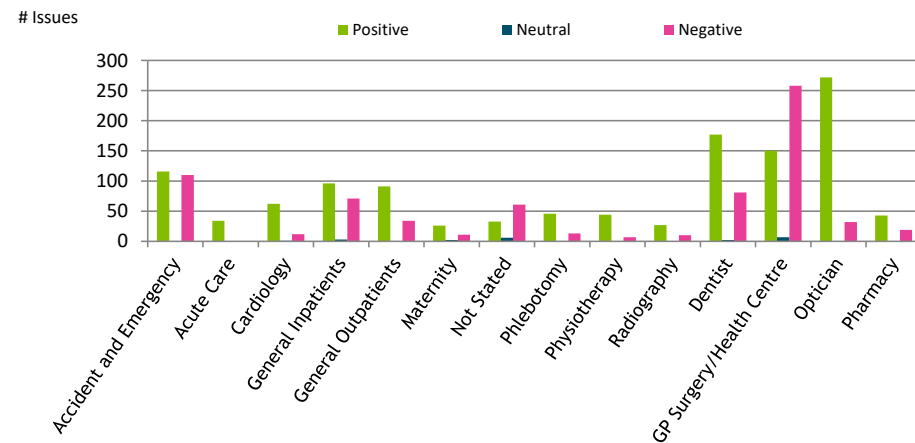


### 4.1 Service Sector



Service sectors receiving the most comments overall

### 4.2 Service Type

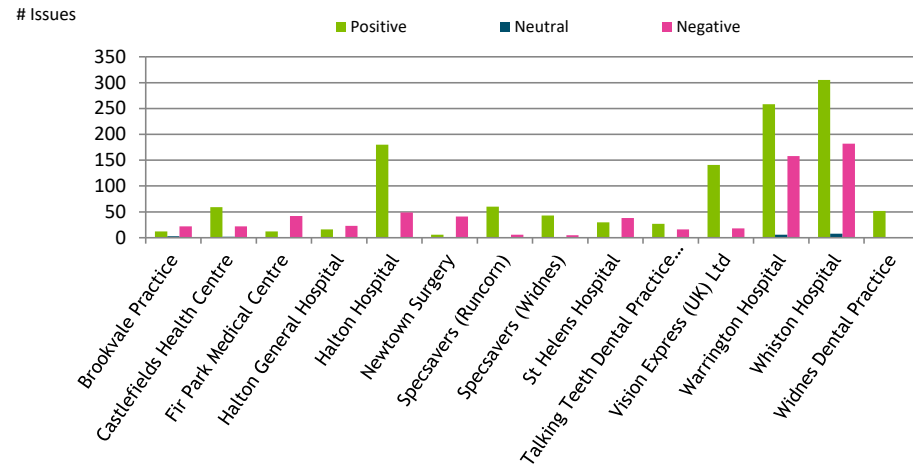


Service type receiving the most comments overall

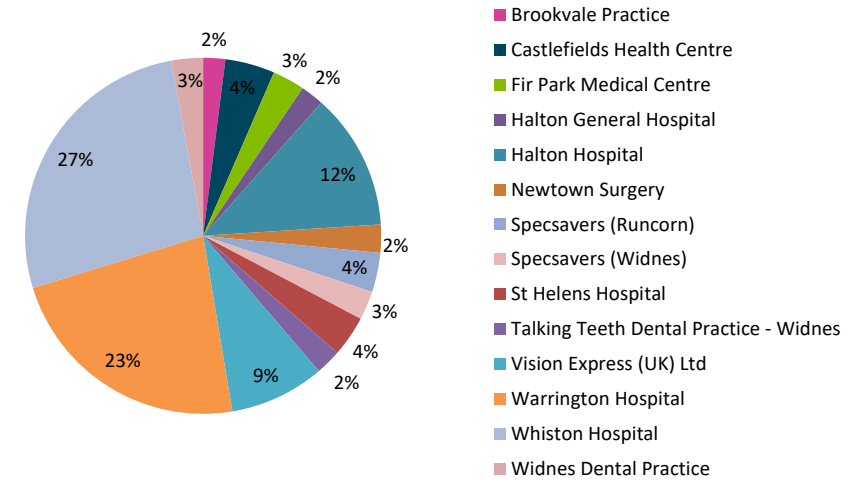
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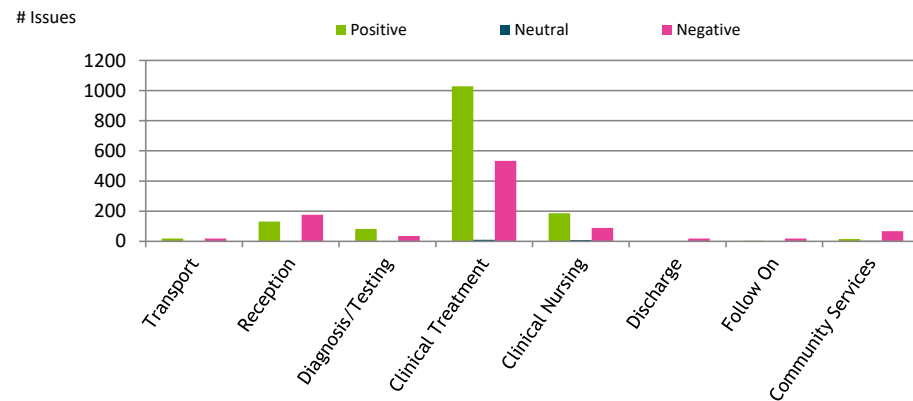
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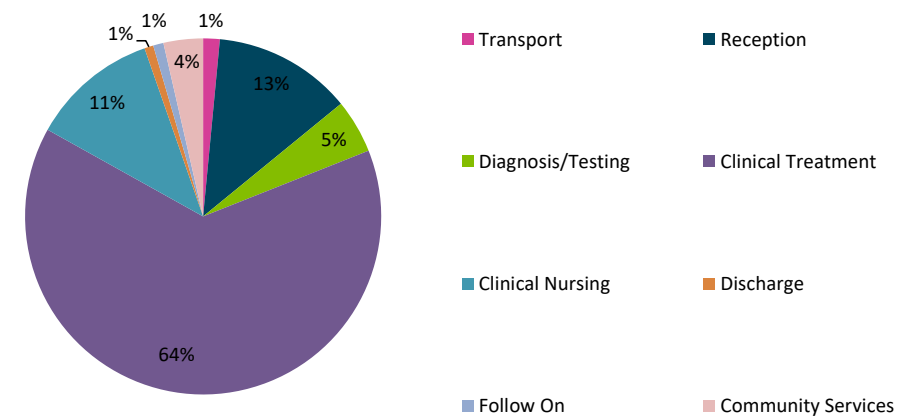
Services receiving the most comments overall



### 4.4 Breakdown of care pathway locations



Care pathway locations

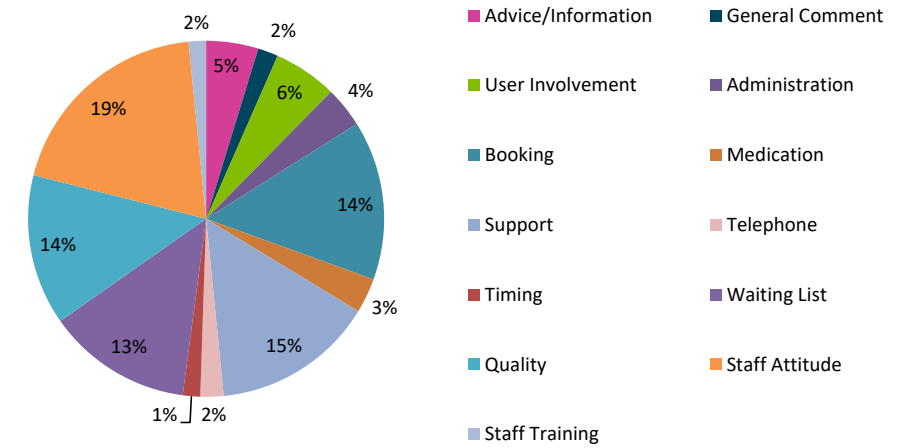
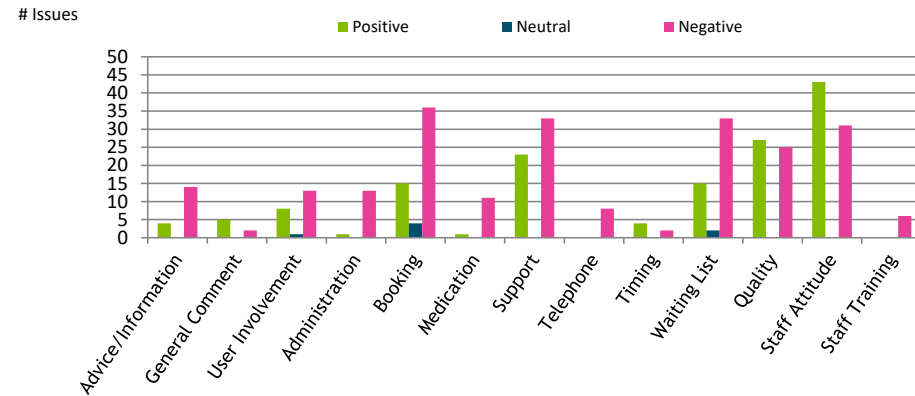




## 5. Trends: GP Services

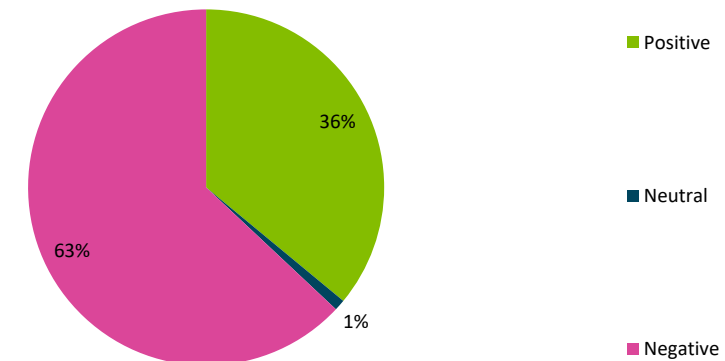
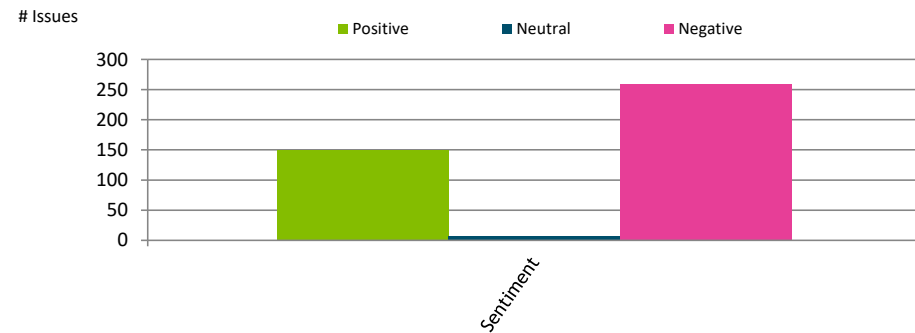


### 5.1 Trends, GP Services: 416 issues from 98 people



Issues receiving the most comments overall

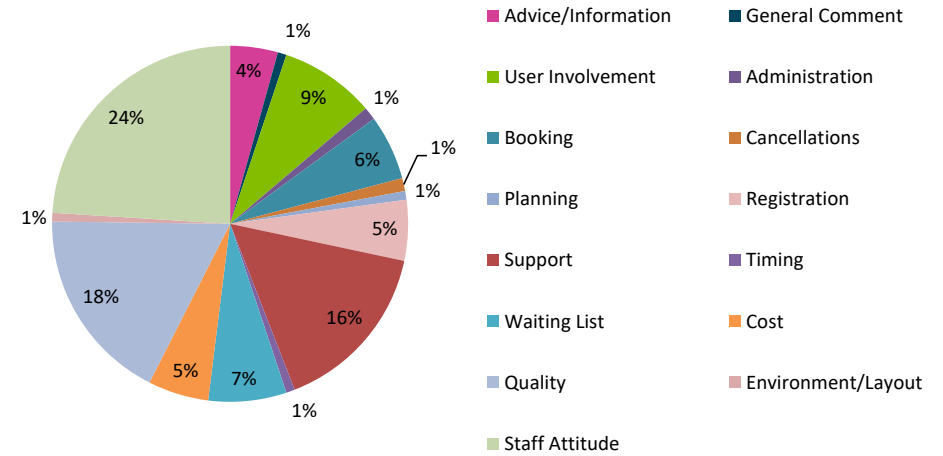
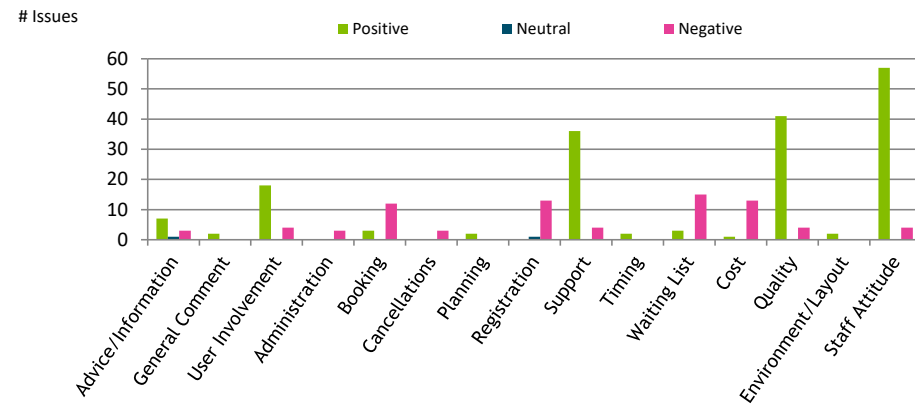
### 5.2 Sentiment, GP Services



## 5. Trends: Dentists

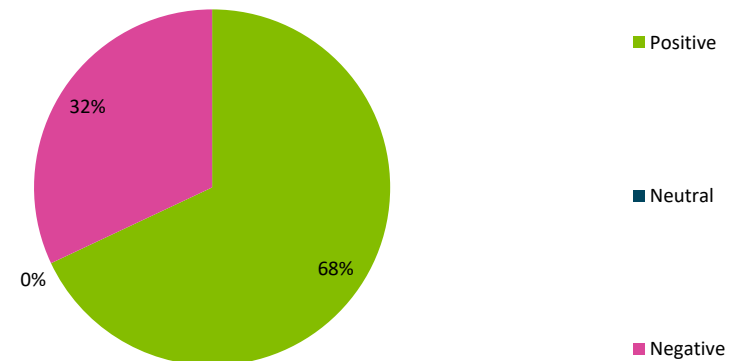
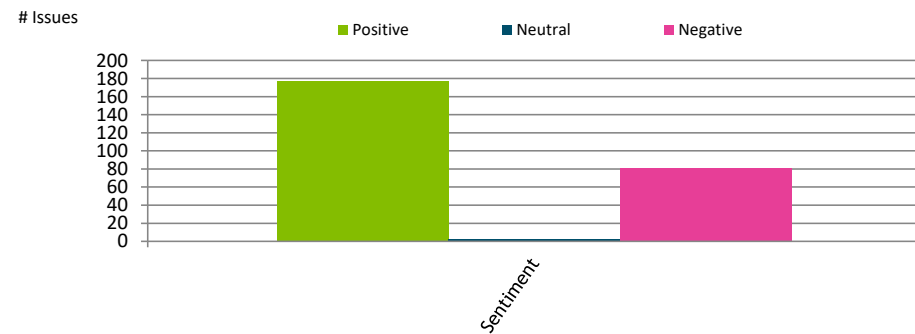


### 5.3 Trends, Dentists: 260 issues from 60 people



Issues receiving the most comments overall

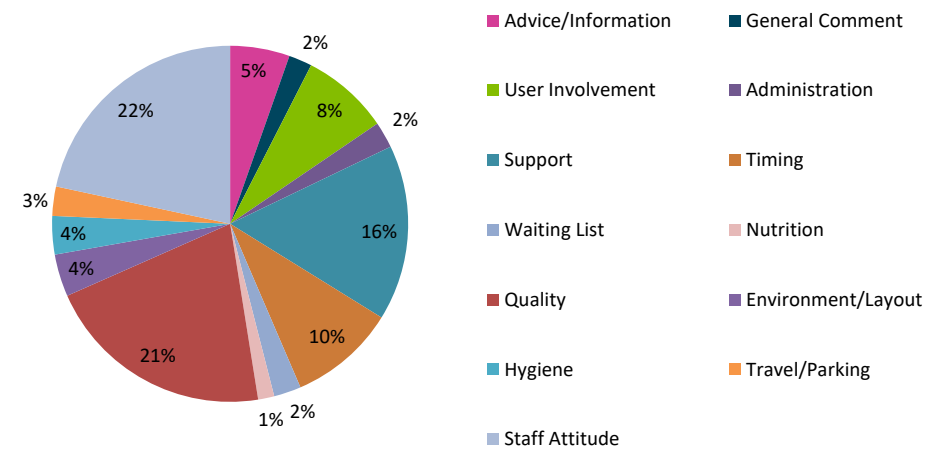
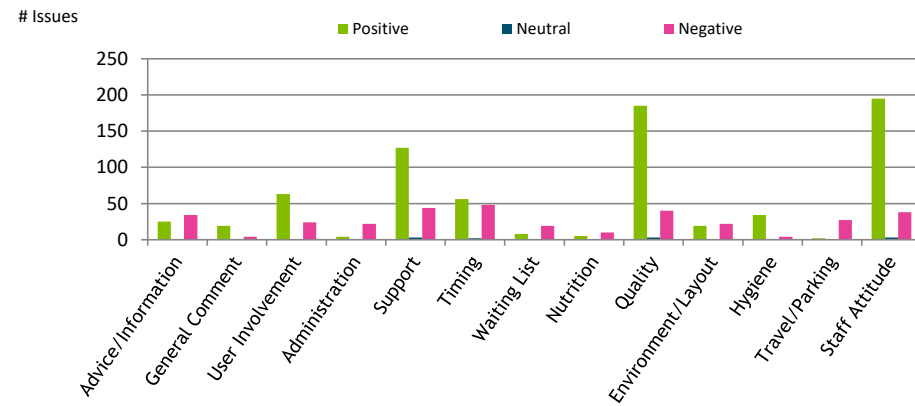
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## 5. Trends: Hospitals (Halton General, St Helens, Warrington, Whiston)

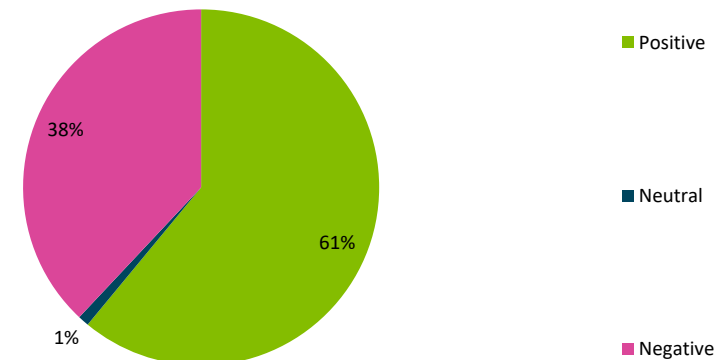
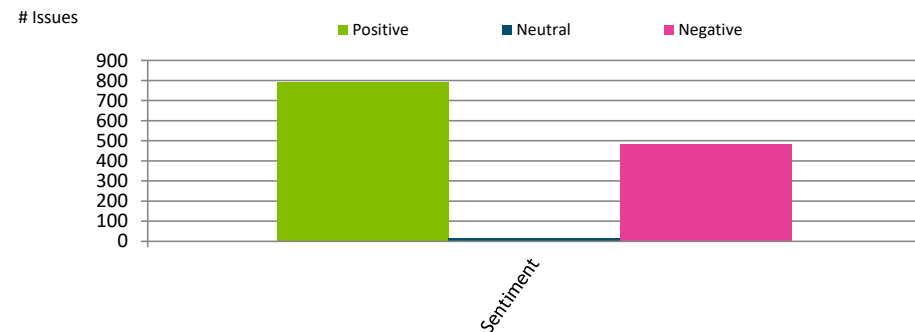


### 5.5 Trends: 1291 issues from 290 people



Issues receiving the most comments overall

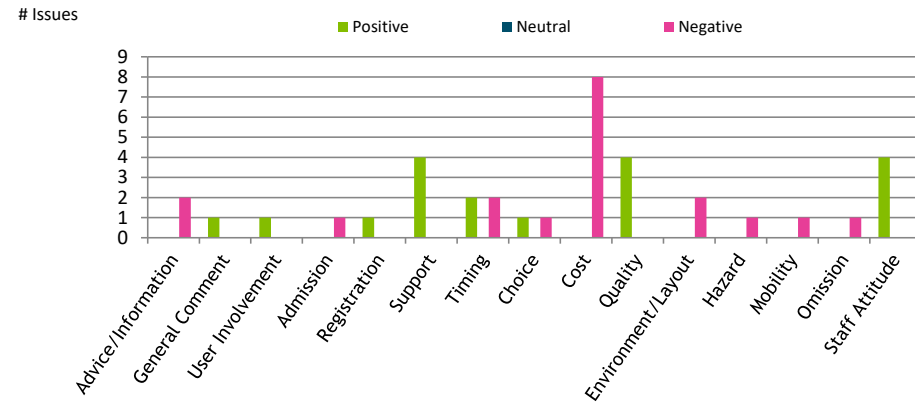
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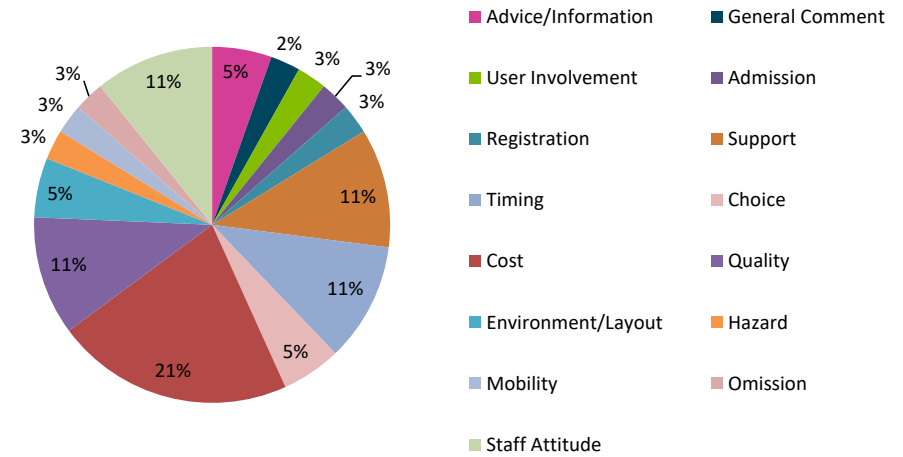
## 6. Care Pathway: Transport (ability to get to-and-from services)



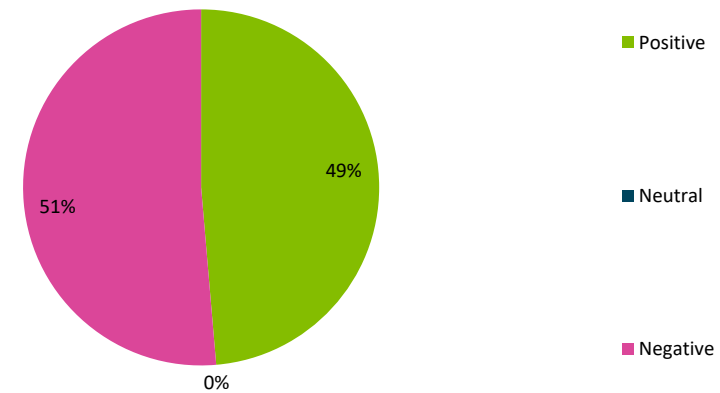
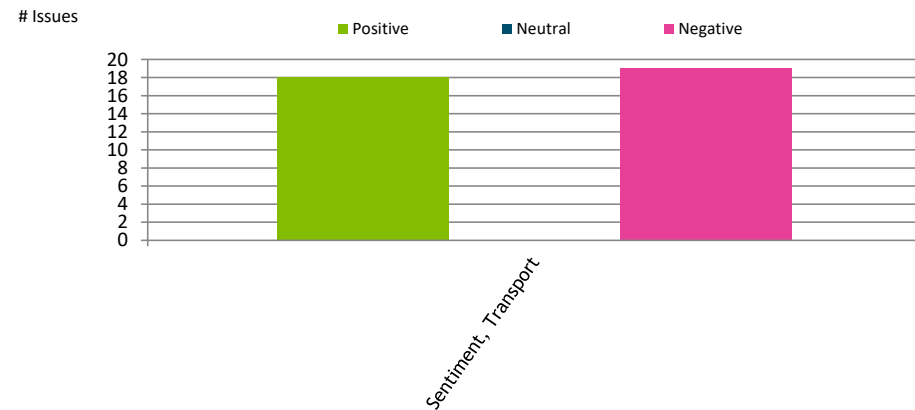
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Issues receiving the most comments overall



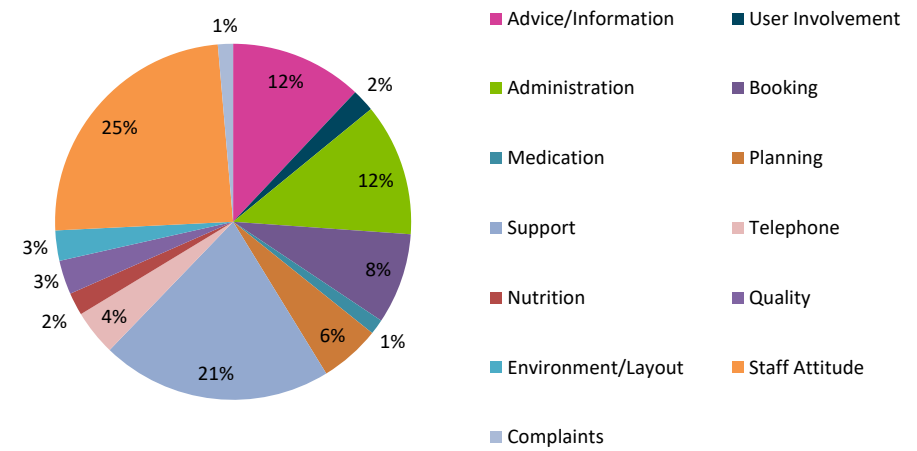
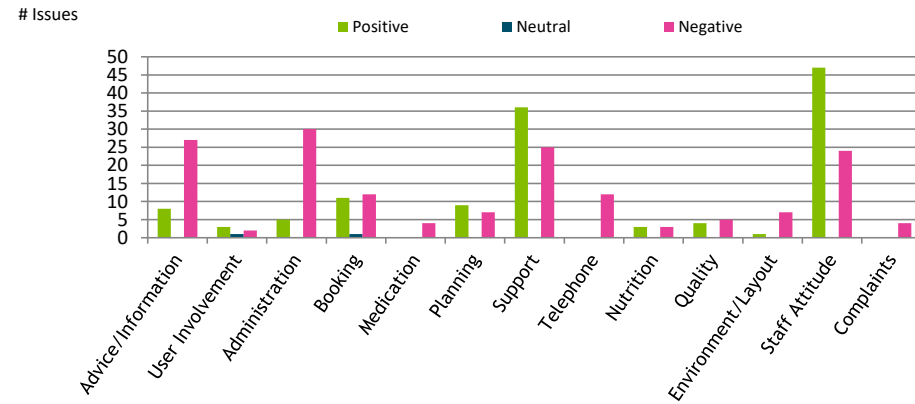
### 6.2 Sentiment, Transport



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

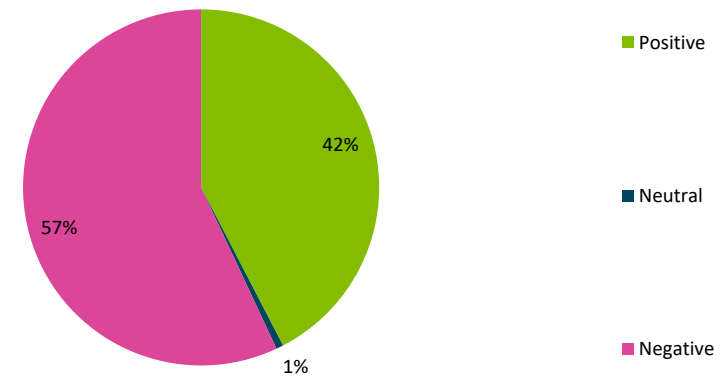
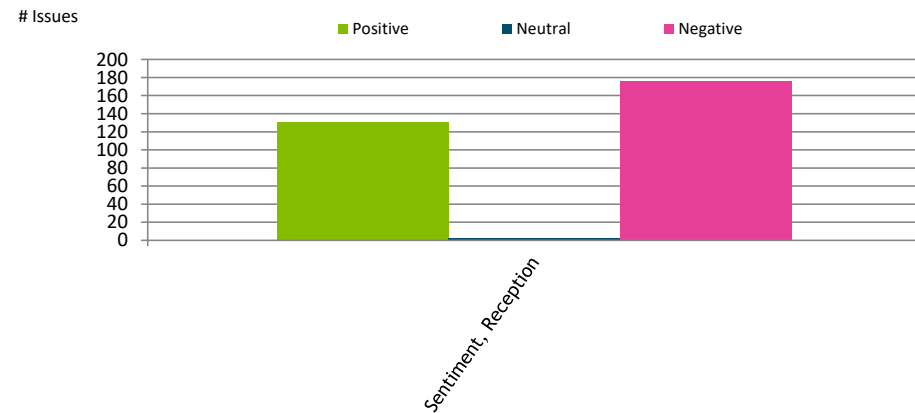


### 6.3 Trends, Reception (309 issues)



Issues receiving the most comments overall

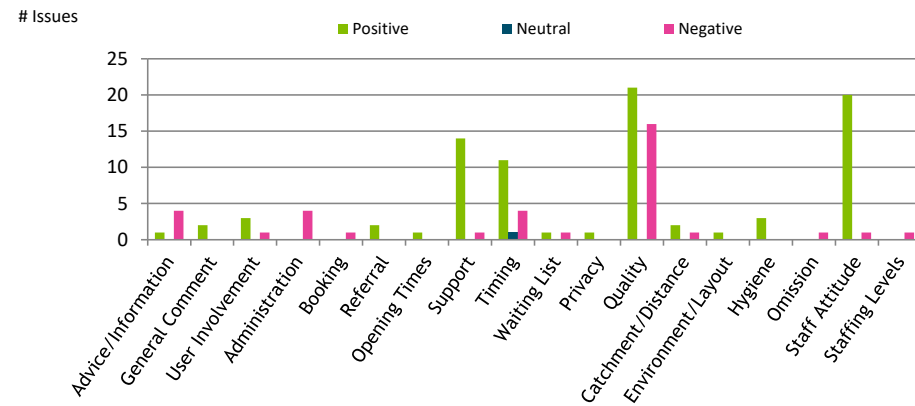
### 6.4 Sentiment, Reception



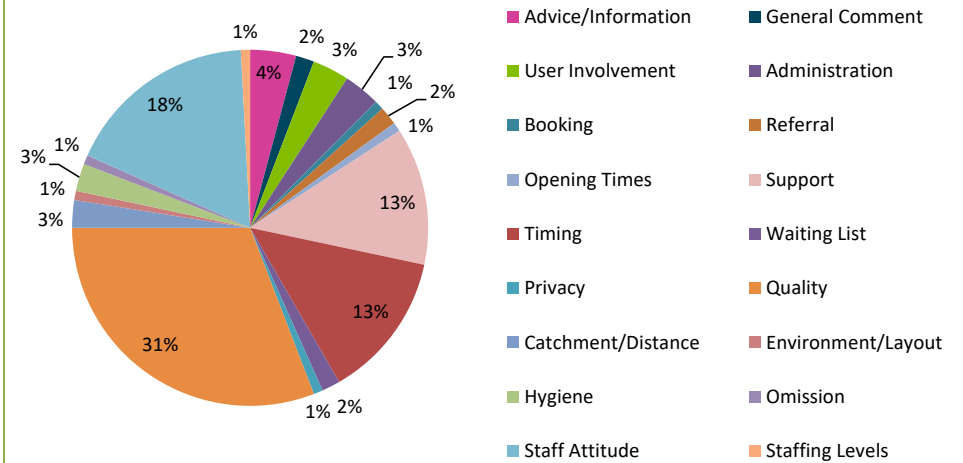
## 6. Care Pathway: Diagnosis/Testing (diagnosis of condition, including testing and scans)



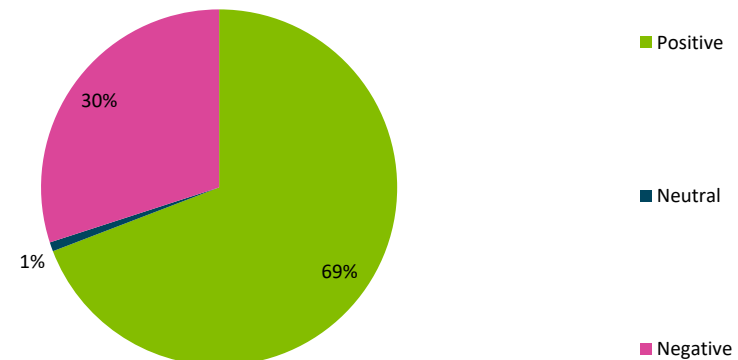
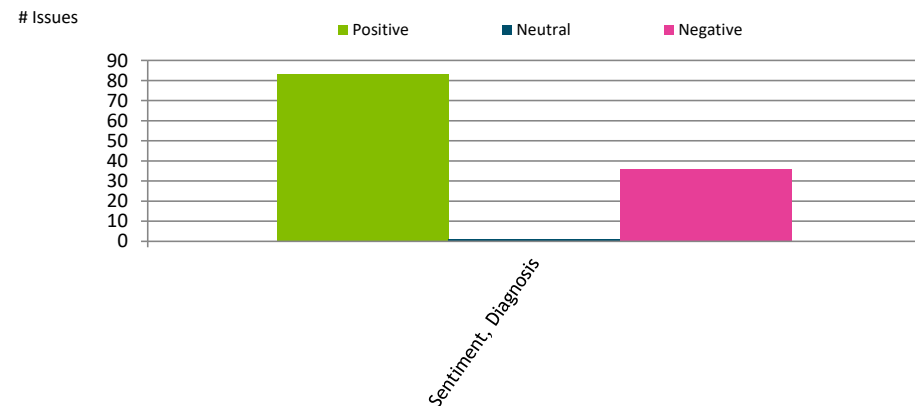
### 6.5 Trends, Diagnosis/Testing (120 issues)



Issues receiving the most comments overall



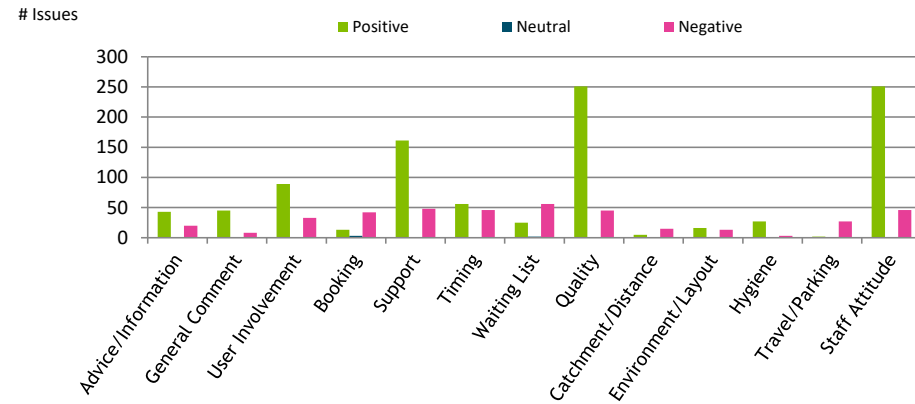
### 6.6 Sentiment, Diagnosis/Testing



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

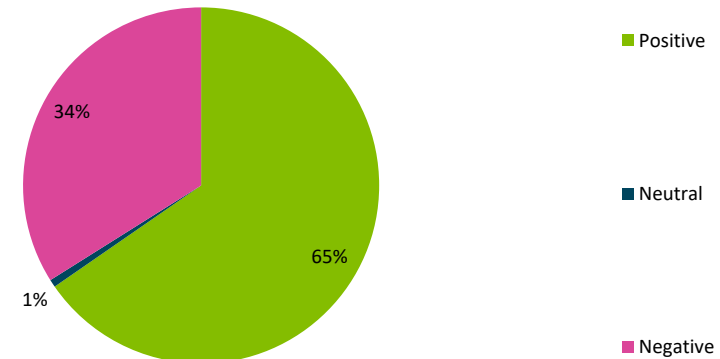
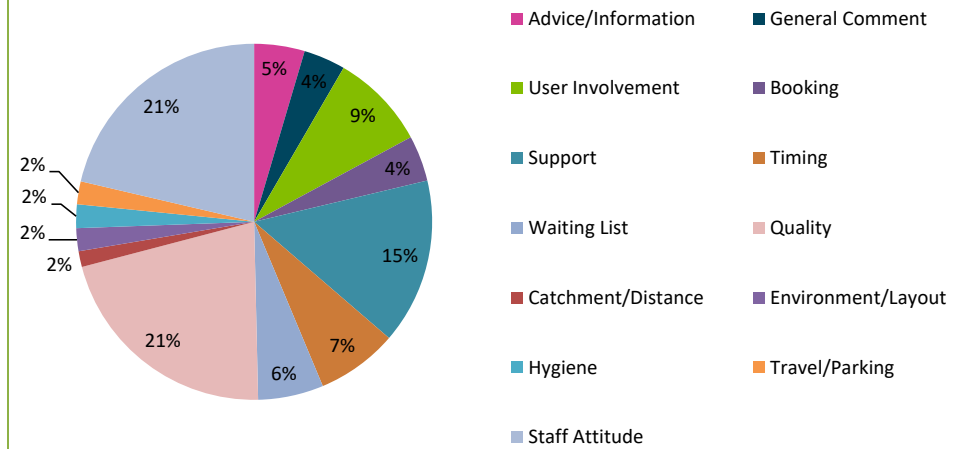
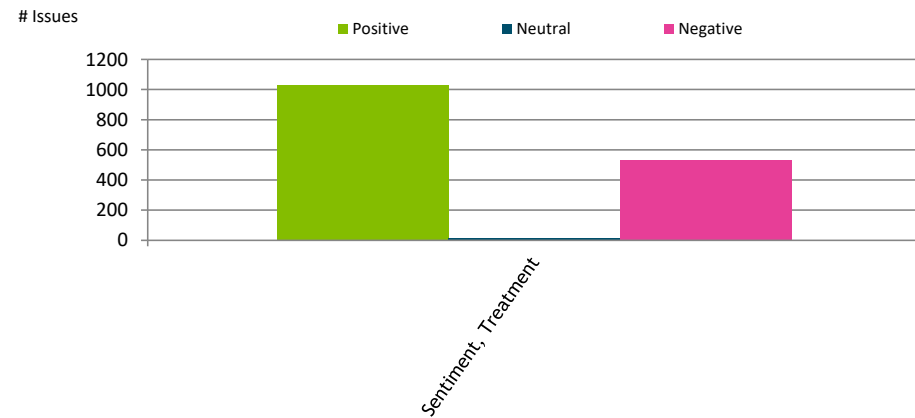


### 6.7 Trends, Clinical Treatment (1574 issues)



Issues receiving the most comments overall

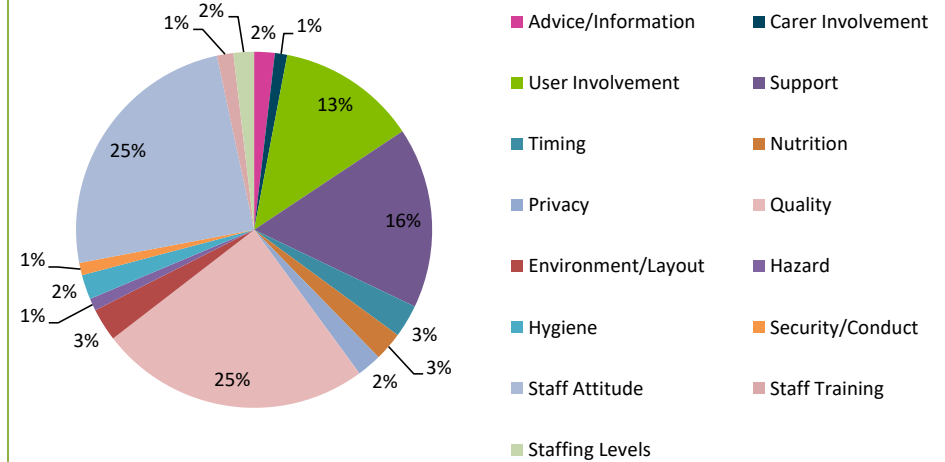
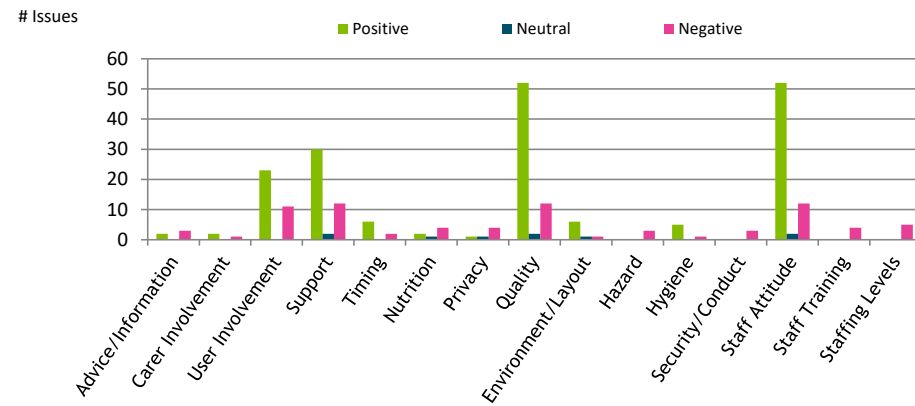
### 6.8 Sentiment, Clinical Treatment



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

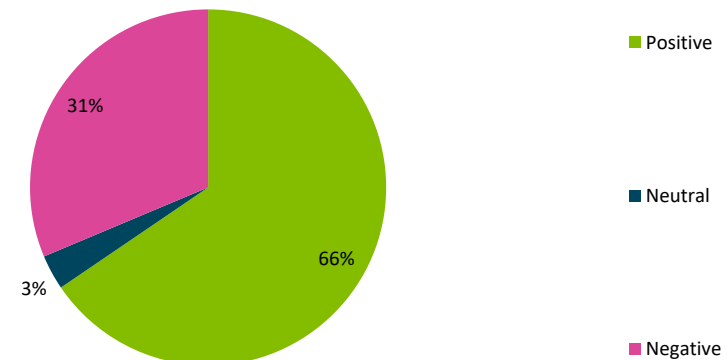
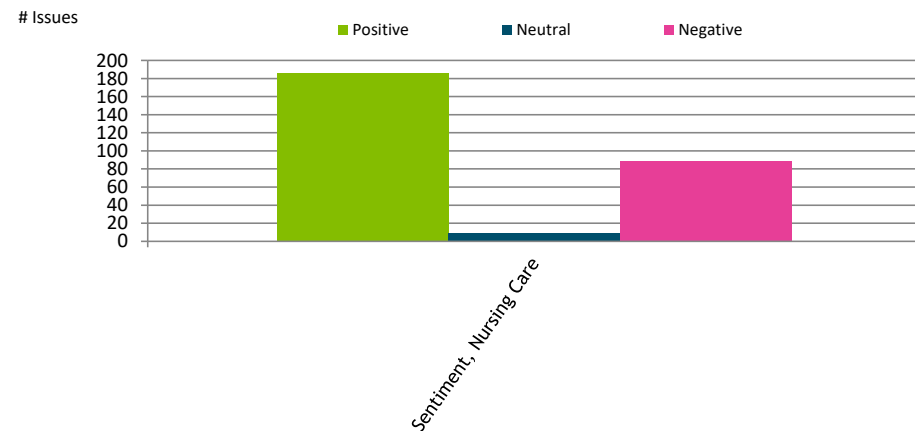


### 6.9 Trends, Clinical Nursing (284 issues)



Issues receiving the most comments overall

### 6.10 Sentiment, Clinical Nursing

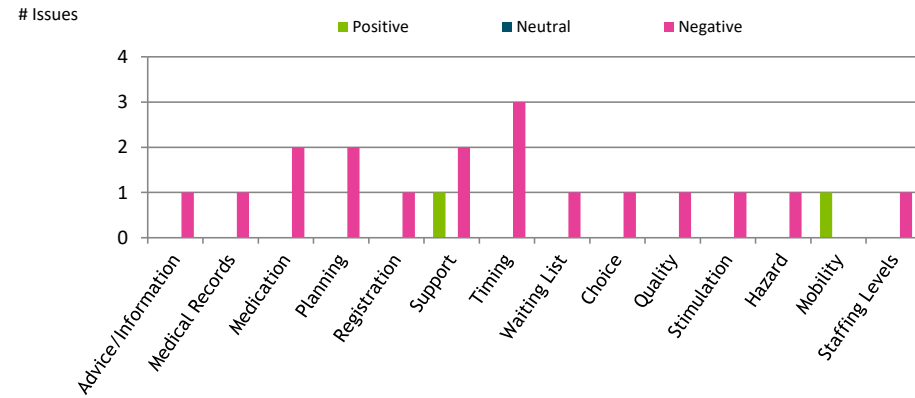




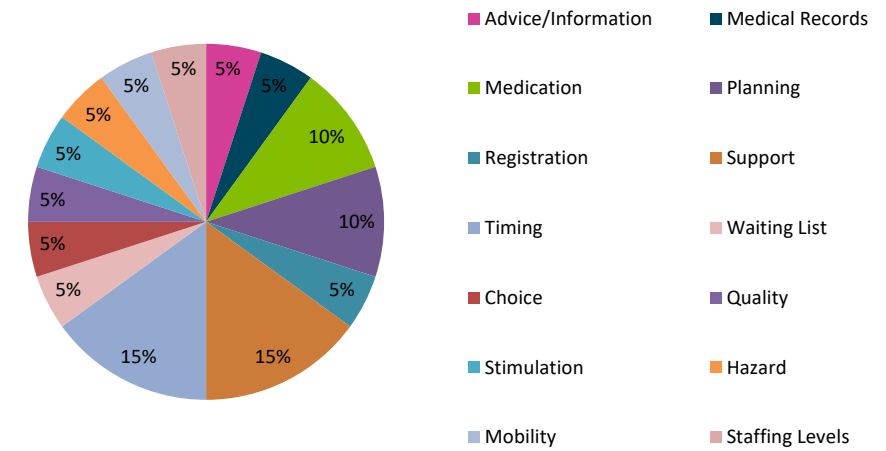
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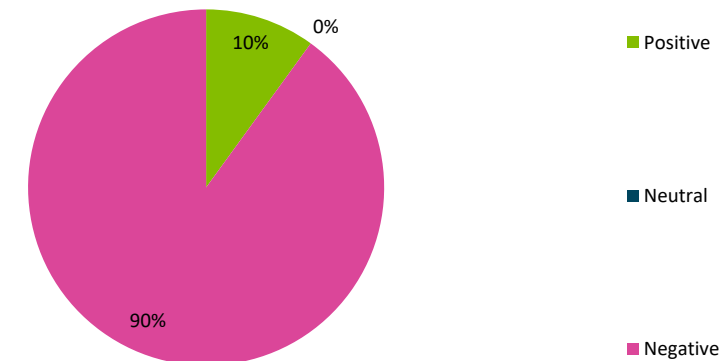
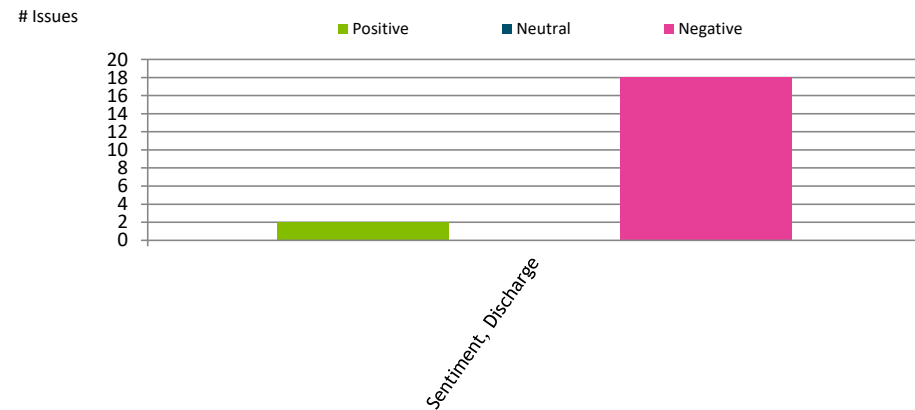
### 6.11 Trends, Discharge (20 issues)



Issues receiving the most comments overall



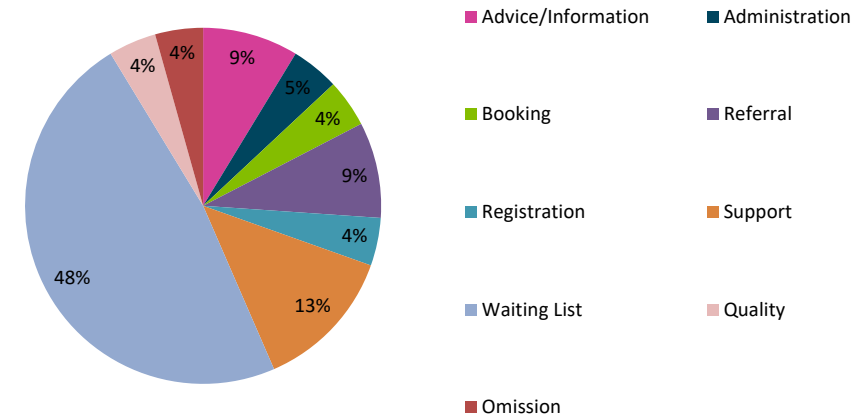
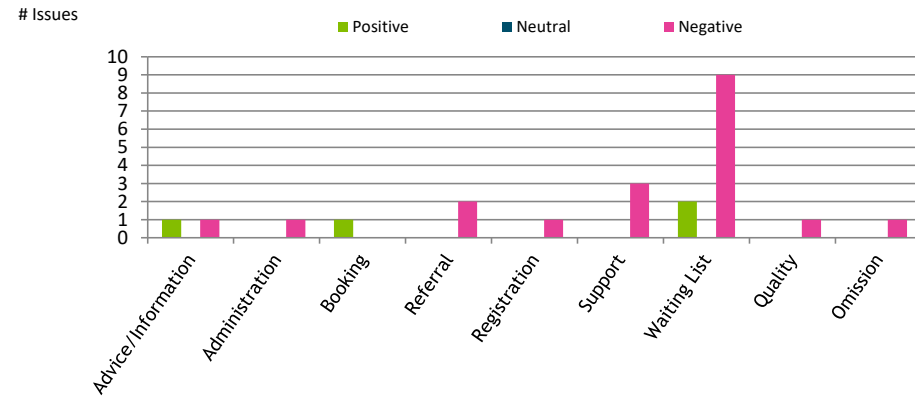
### 6.12 Sentiment, Discharge



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

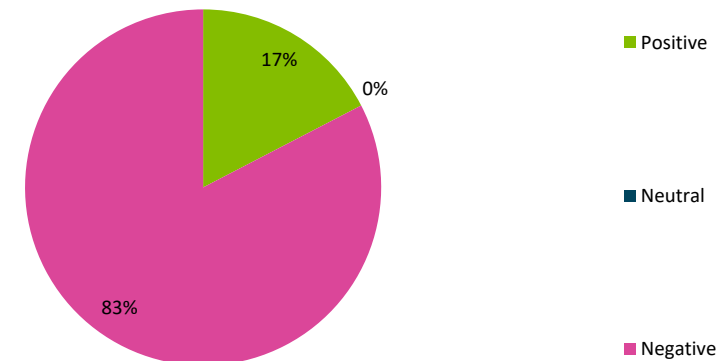
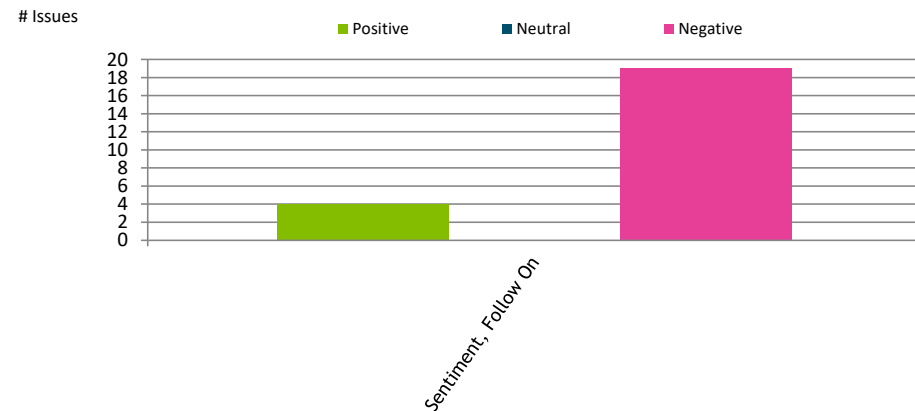


### 6.13 Trends, Follow On (23 issues)



Issues receiving the most comments overall

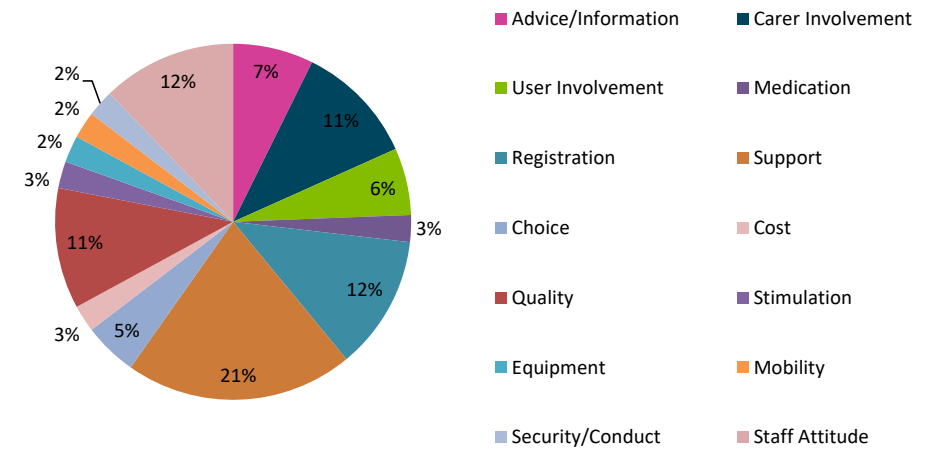
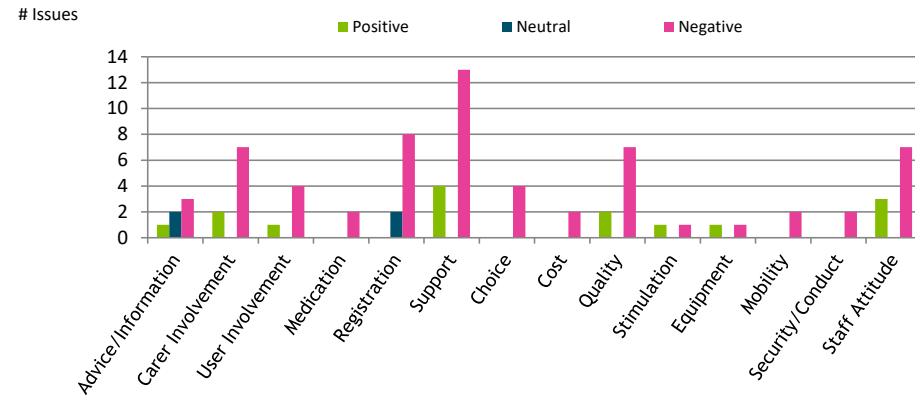
### 6.14 Sentiment, Follow On



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

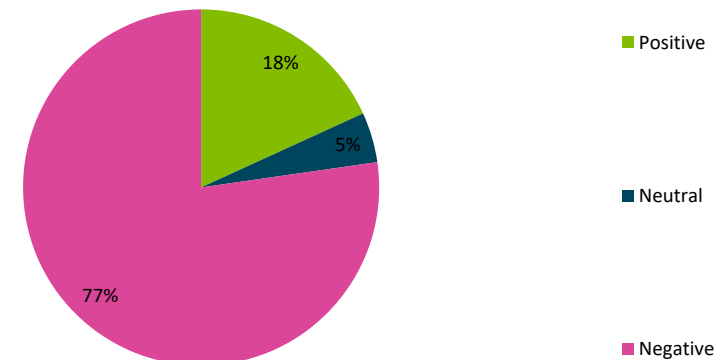
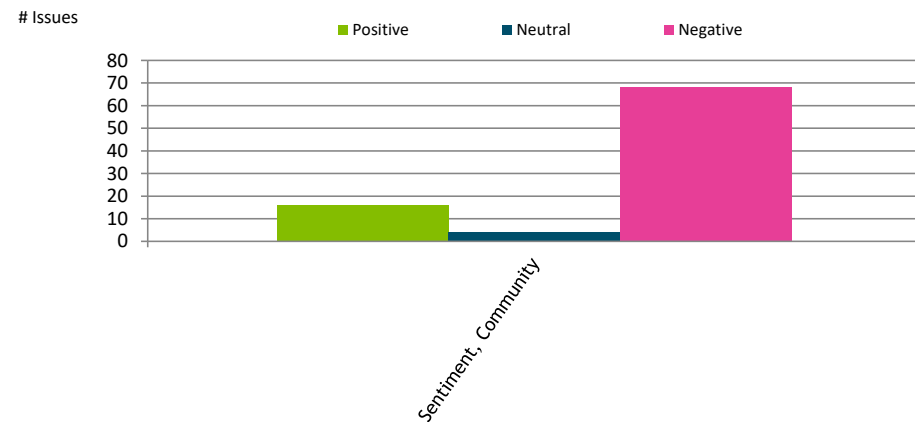


### 6.15 Trends, Community (88 issues)



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	Communication, including access to advice and information.	56	4	61	121
	Carer Involvement	Involvement or influence of carers and family members.	12	0	14	26
	Peer Involvement	Involvement or Influence of friends.	0	0	0	0
	General Comment	A generalised statement (ie; "The doctor was good.")	48	0	8	56
	User Involvement	Involvement or influence of the service user.	120	1	51	172
Systems	Administration	Administrative processes and delivery.	7	0	41	48
	Admission	Physical admission to a hospital ward, or other service.	5	0	8	13
	Booking	Ability to book, reschedule or cancel appointments.	25	4	55	84
	Cancellations	Cancellation of appointment by the service provider.	0	0	8	8
	Data Protection	General data protection (including GDPR).	0	0	0	0
	Referral	Referral to a service.	6	0	6	12
	Medical Records	Management of medical records.	0	0	7	7
	Medication	Prescription and management of medicines.	4	0	21	25
	Opening Times	Opening times of a service.	3	0	4	7
	Planning	Leadership and general organisation.	9	0	12	21
	Registration	Ability to register for a service.	2	3	32	37
	Support	Levels of support provided.	250	3	104	357
	Telephone	Ability to contact a service by telephone.	2	0	12	14
	Timing	Physical timing (ie; length of wait at appointments).	76	2	57	135
	Waiting List	Length of wait while on a list.	28	2	67	97
Values	Choice	General choice.	10	0	14	24
	Cost	General cost.	5	0	27	32
	Language	Language, including terminology.	0	0	4	4
	Nutrition	Provision of sustenance.	5	1	10	16
	Privacy	Privacy, personal space and property.	2	1	5	8
	Quality	General quality of a service, or staff.	334	3	87	424
	Sensory	Deaf/blind or other sensory issues.	0	0	2	2
	Stimulation	General stimulation, including access to activities.	4	0	6	10

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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>	7	0	17	24
	Environment/Layout	<i>Physical environment of a service.</i>	24	1	23	48
	Equipment	<i>General equipment issues.</i>	3	0	5	8
	Hazard	<i>General hazard to safety (ie; a hospital wide infection).</i>	2	0	7	9
	Hygiene	<i>Levels of hygiene and general cleanliness.</i>	35	0	5	40
	Mobility	<i>Physical mobility to, from and within services.</i>	3	0	16	19
	Travel/Parking	<i>Ability to travel or park.</i>	2	0	27	29
Staff	Omission	<i>General omission (ie; transport did not arrive).</i>	0	0	9	9
	Security/Conduct	<i>General security of a service, including conduct of staff.</i>	0	1	10	11
	Staff Attitude	<i>Attitude, compassion and empathy of staff.</i>	377	3	90	470
	Complaints	<i>Ability to log and resolve a complaint.</i>	1	0	6	7
	Staff Training	<i>Training of staff.</i>	2	0	13	15
	Staffing Levels	<i>General availability of staff.</i>	0	0	16	16
Total:			1469	29	967	2465