

# 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, good 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 July - 30 September 2024**

## Index and overview of findings



865

### Data Source

This report is based on the experience of 865 people. Feedback has been obtained from a variety of sources, including general engagement and comments posted online (including Care Opinion, NHS and social media).  
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84%

### Overall Satisfaction

*Satisfaction has improved by 7% this quarter, standing at 84% positive and 16% 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.



85%

### Information, Involvement and Support

*Satisfaction has improved by 4%, standing at 85% positive and 15% negative, according to feedback.*

Complaints are down by 5% on support, by 4% on communication and by 2% on user involvement.  
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92%

### Quality and Empathy

*Comments suggest satisfaction has improved by 6%, standing at 92% positive and 8% negative.*

People continue to report good levels of quality and empathy across services.  
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69%

### Access to Services

*Satisfaction has improved by 13% this quarter, standing at 69% positive, 30% negative and 1% neutral.*

Complaints are down by 14% on ability to book appointments, by 12% on waiting times and by 5% on telephone access.  
More on page 5.

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"A smile at reception makes all the difference. I came in feeling anxious, but left feeling much better."



472

### GP Services

*Satisfaction is at 82% positive, 17% negative and 1% neutral, comments suggest.*

472 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 and administration remain as leading access related issues. More on page 9.



319

### Dentists

*According to comments, sentiment is 93% positive and 7% negative.*

319 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.



59

### Northwick Park Hospital

*Feedback suggests sentiment is 39% positive and 61% negative.*

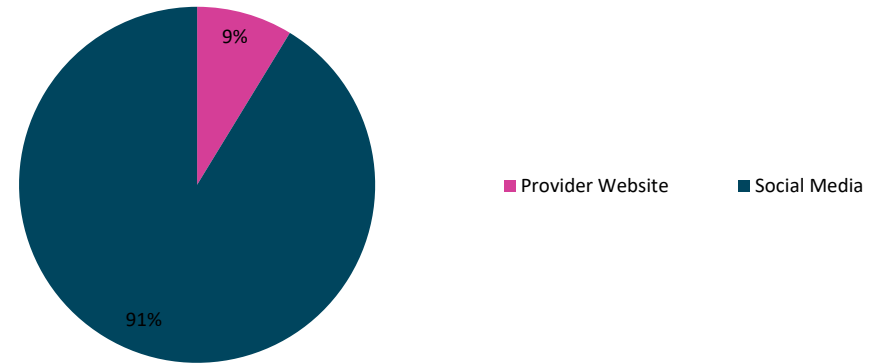
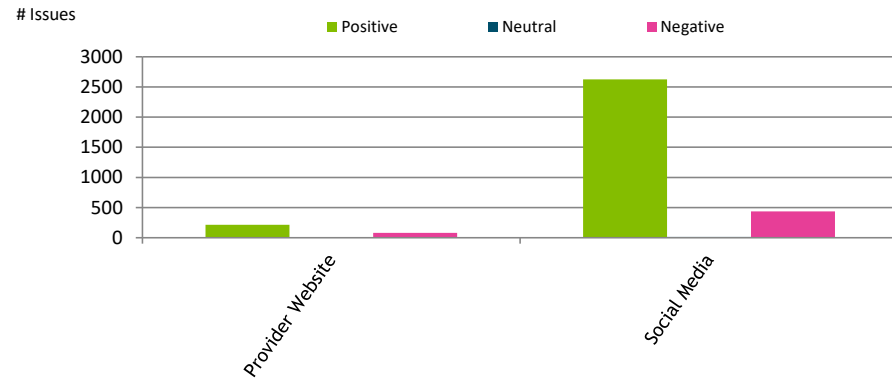
59 people comment this quarter. Service access, particularly waiting times is a leading negative topic. Feedback suggests patients would also like greater levels of empathy, communication, involvement and support. More on page 11.

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

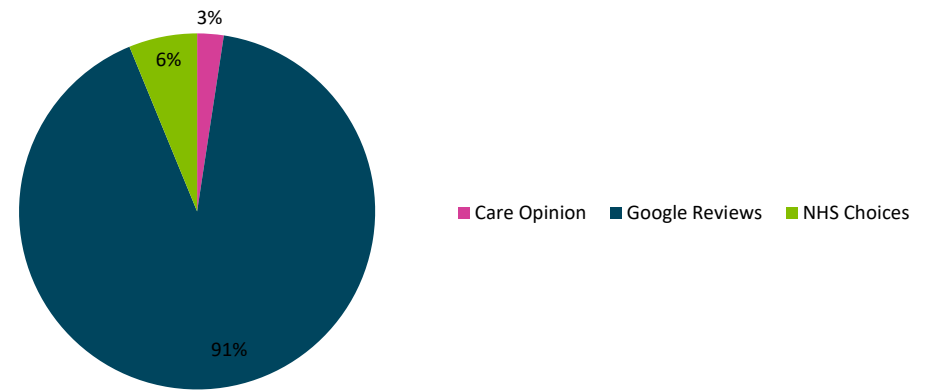
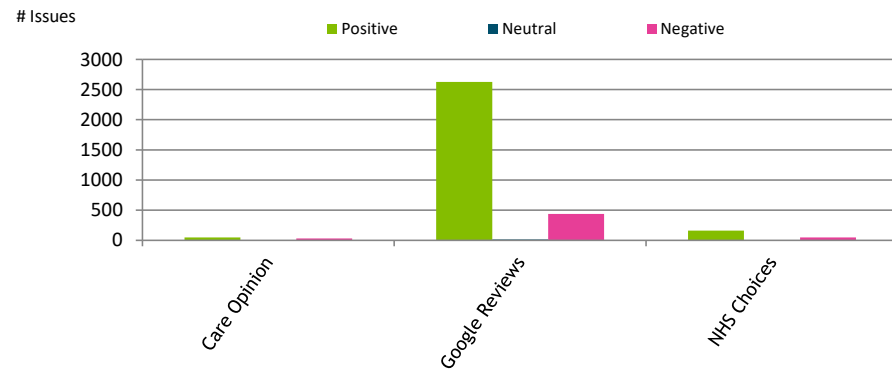


## 1.1 Source: 3392 issues from 865 people



Sources providing the most comments overall

## 1.2 Origin

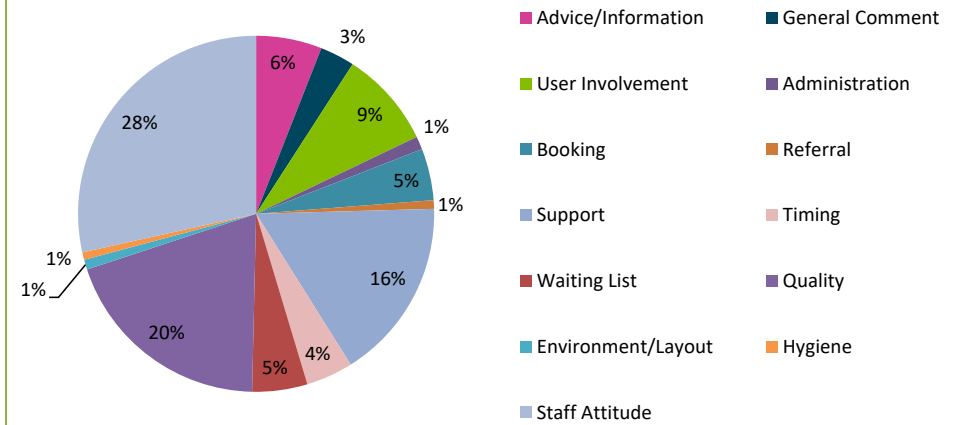
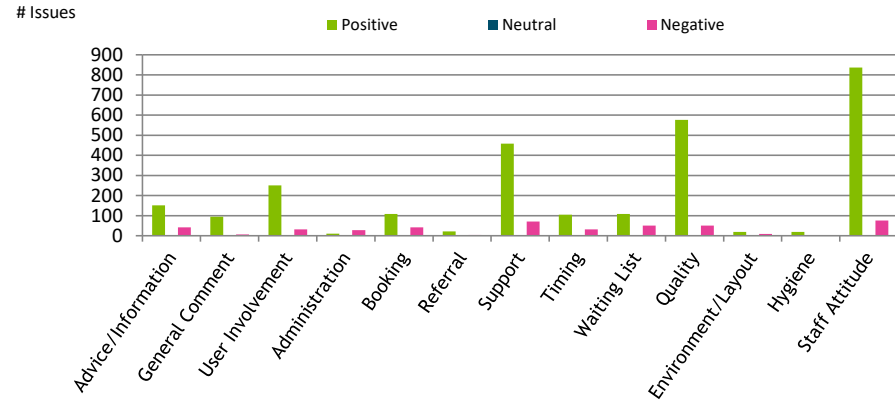


Origins providing the most comments overall

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

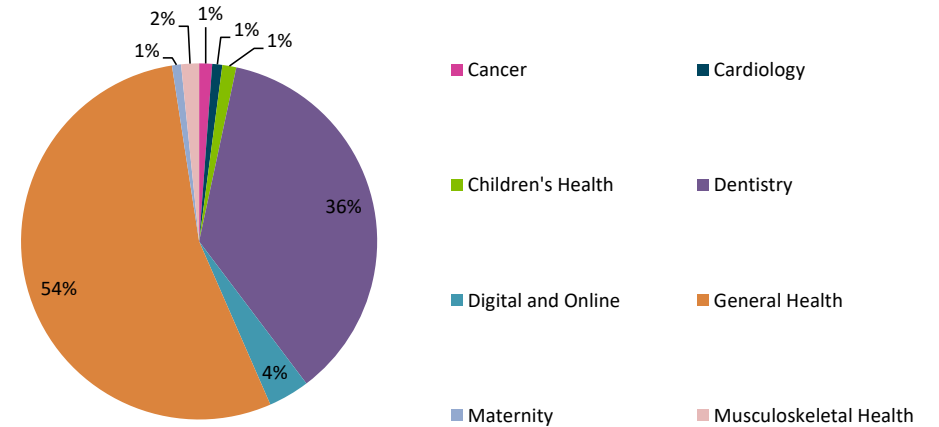
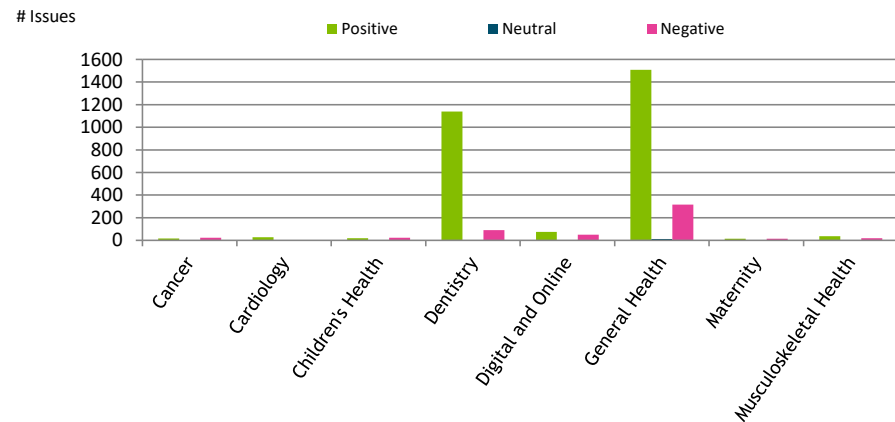


### 2.1 Top Trends: 3392 issues from 865 people



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

### 2.2 Stated medical conditions

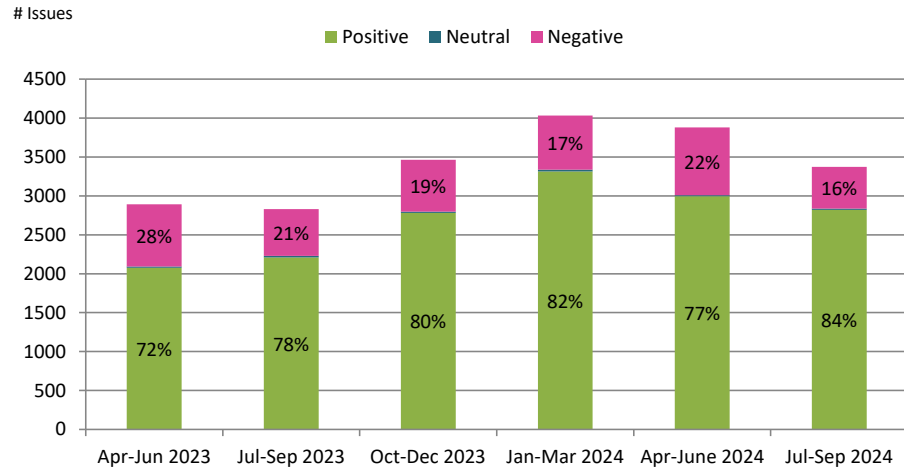


Medical conditions receiving the most comments overall

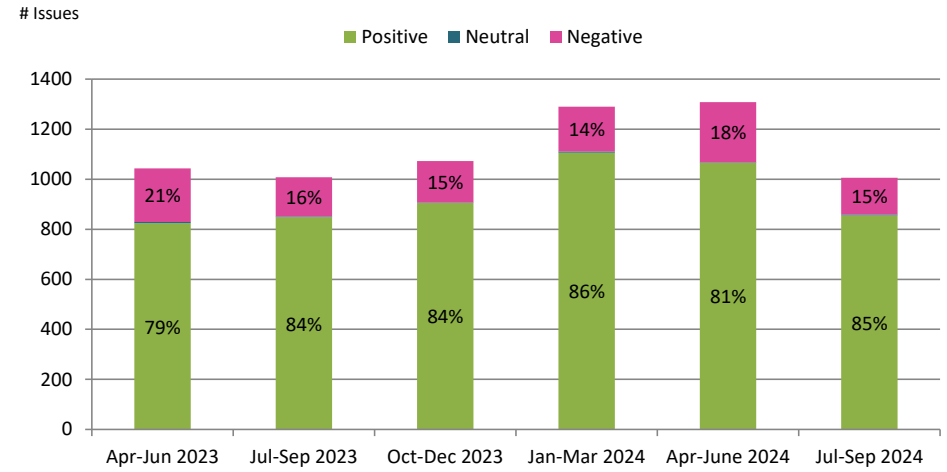
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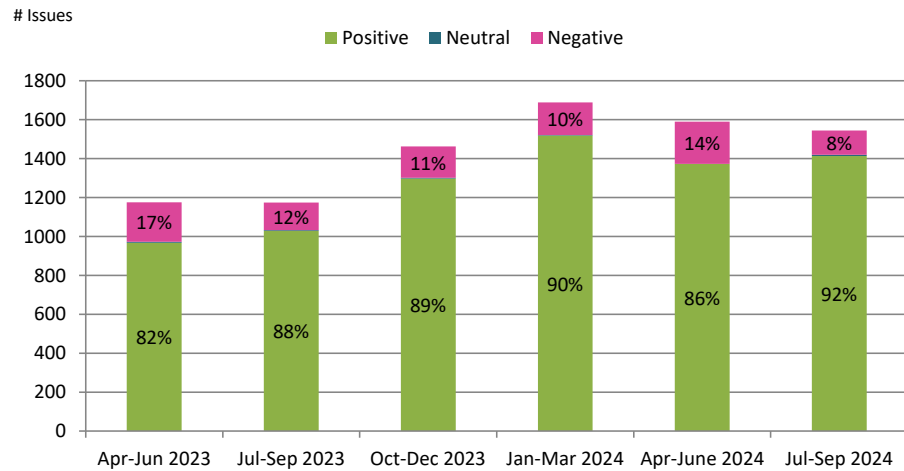
#### 3.1 How do people feel about services overall?



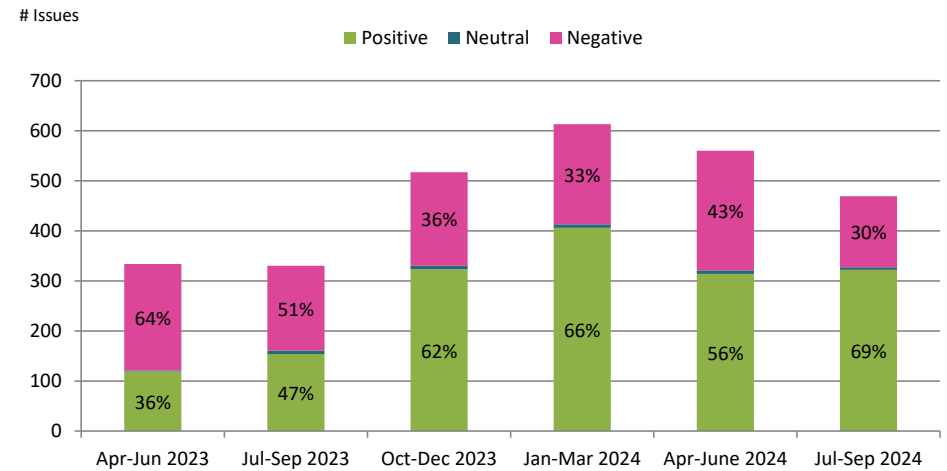
#### 3.2 How well informed, involved and supported do people feel?



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



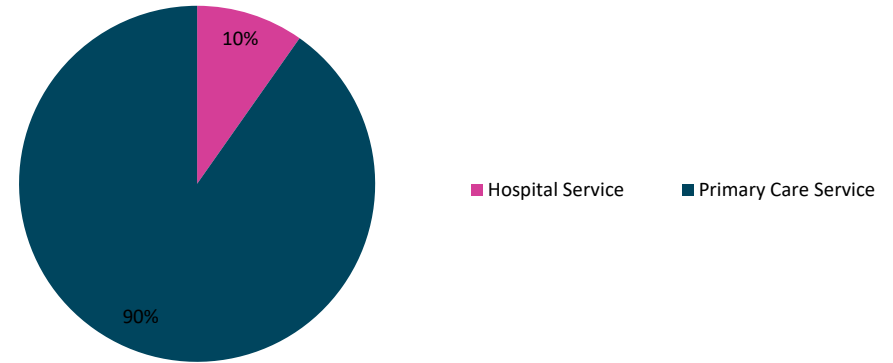
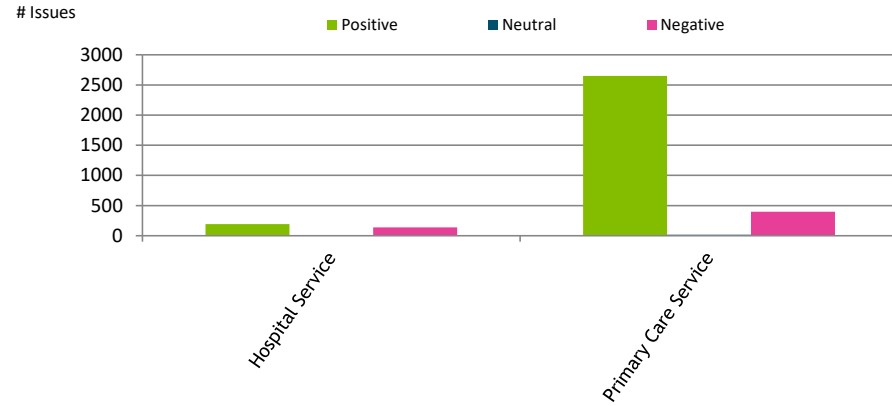
#### 3.4 How do people feel about access to services?



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

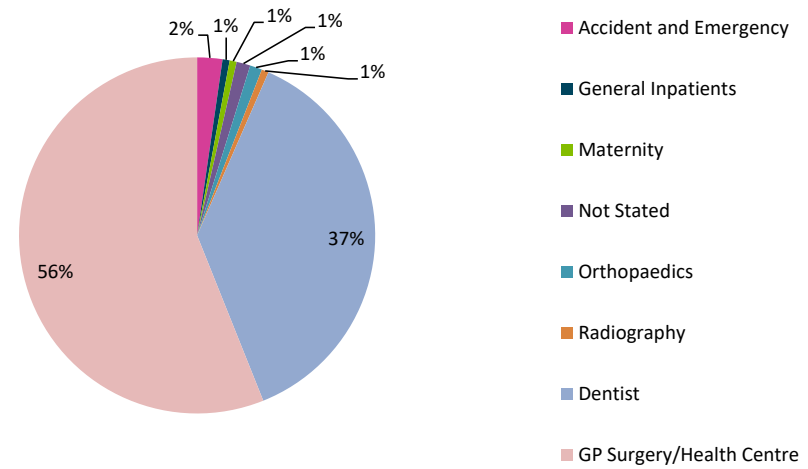
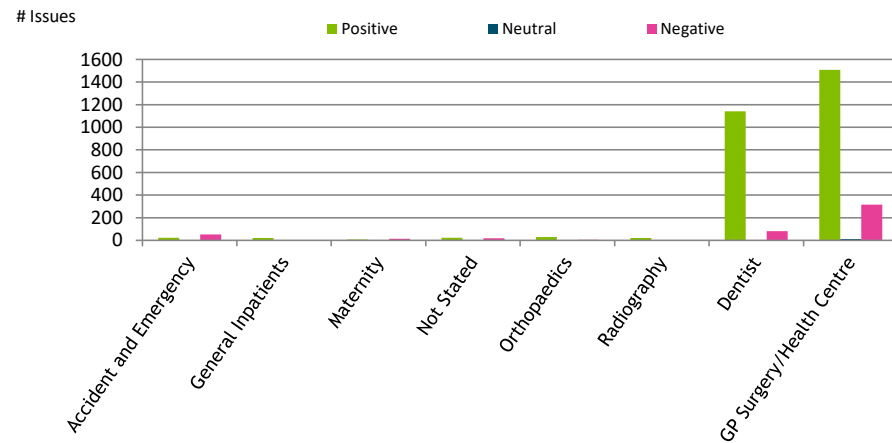


### 4.1 Service Sector



Service sectors receiving the most comments overall

### 4.2 Service Type

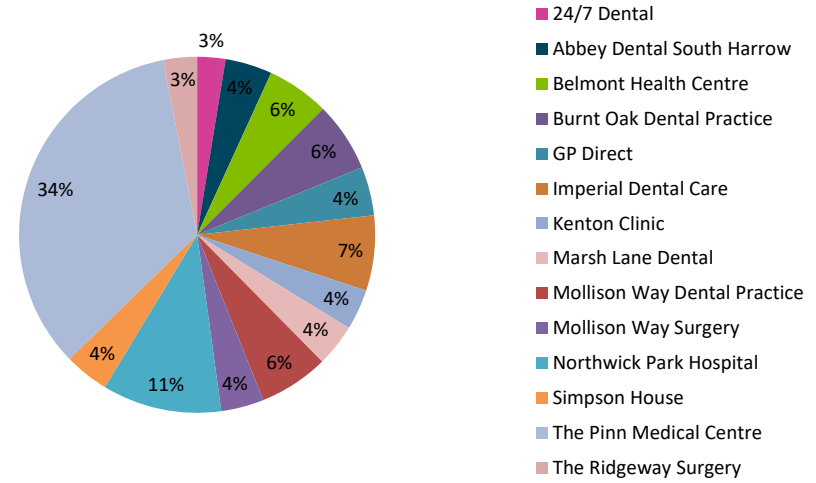
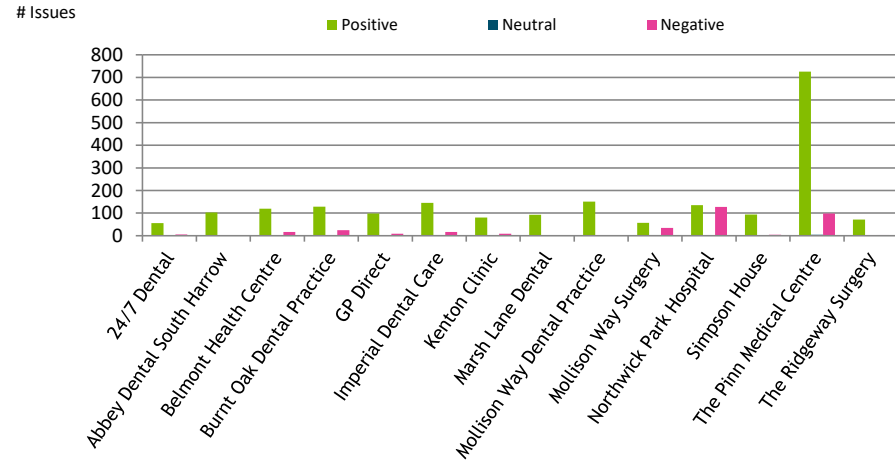


Service type receiving the most comments overall

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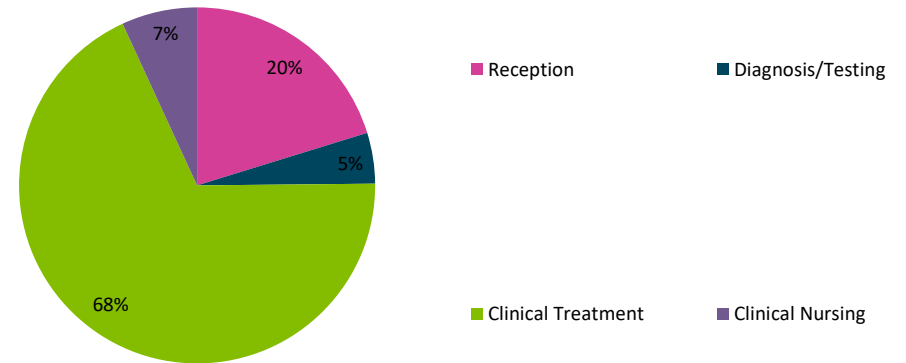
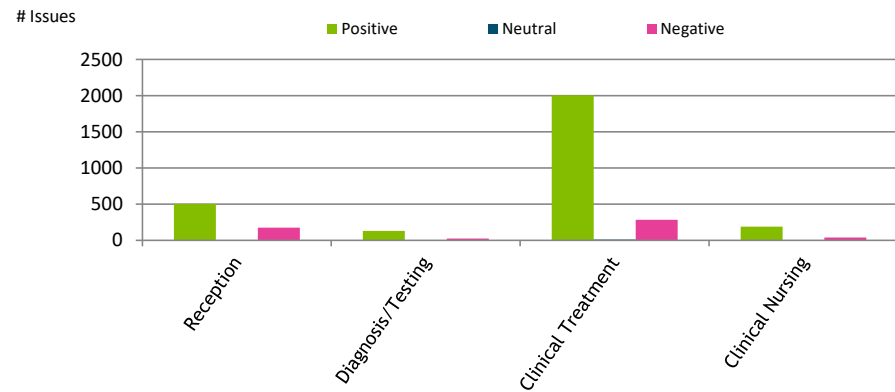


### 4.3 Services



Services receiving the most comments overall

### 4.4 Breakdown of care pathway locations



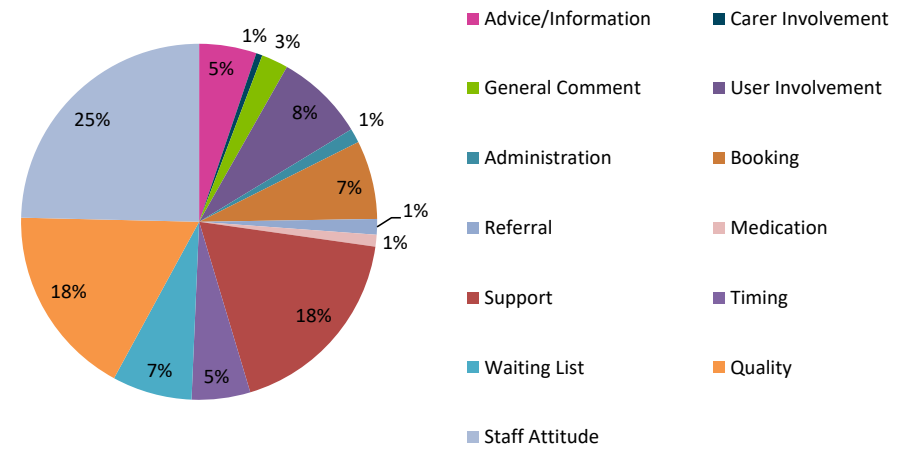
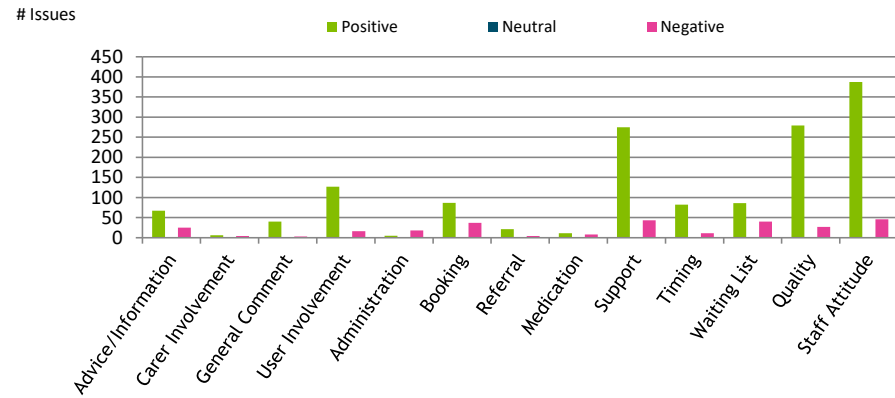
Care pathway locations



## 5. Trends: GP Services

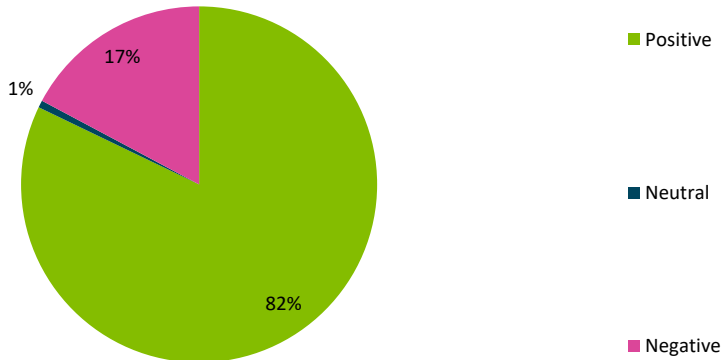
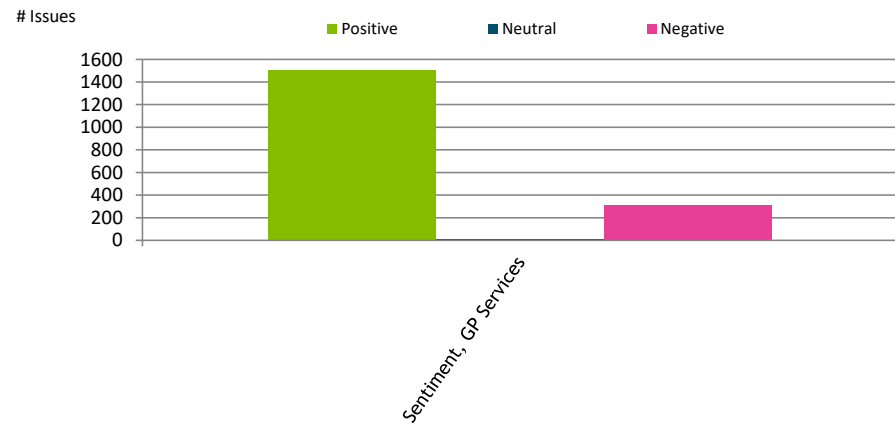


### 5.1 Trends, GP Services: 1836 issues from 472 people



Issues receiving the most comments overall

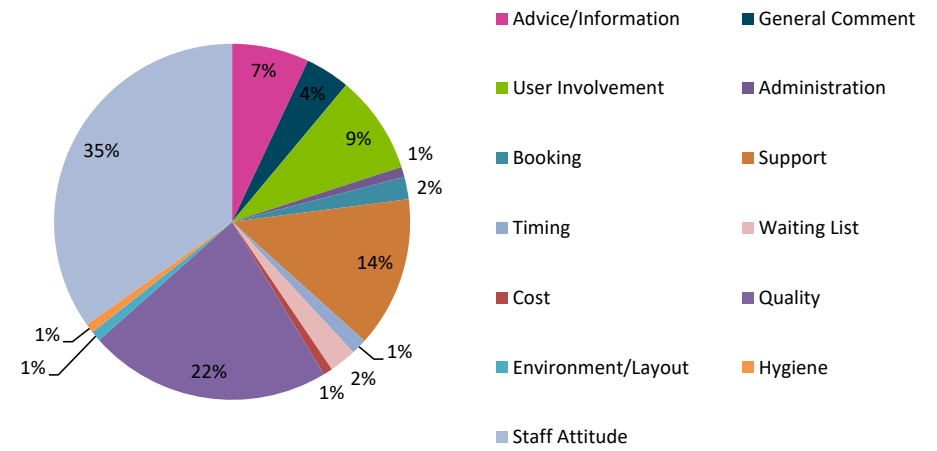
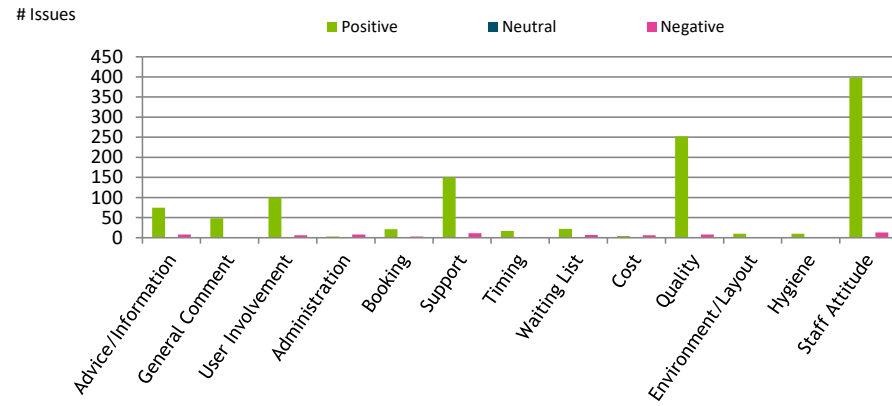
### 5.2 Sentiment, GP Services



## 5. Trends: Dentists

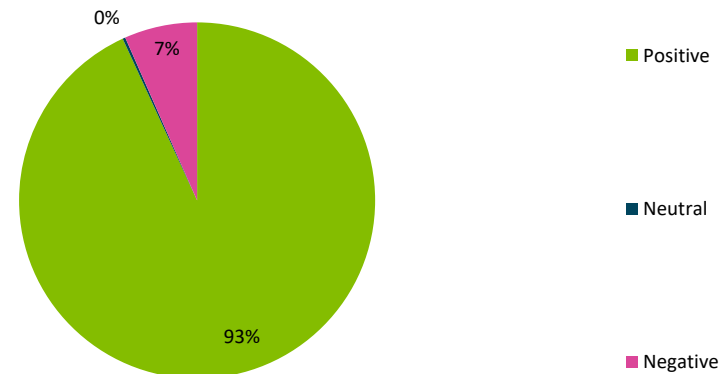
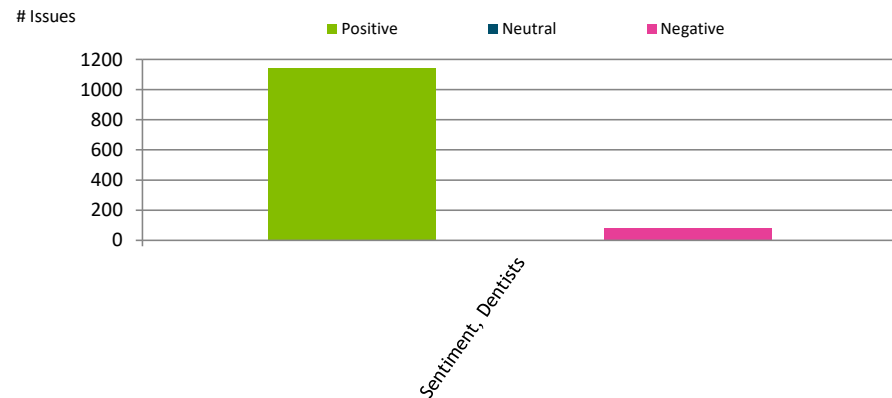


### 5.3 Trends, Dentists: 1224 issues from 319 people



Issues receiving the most comments overall

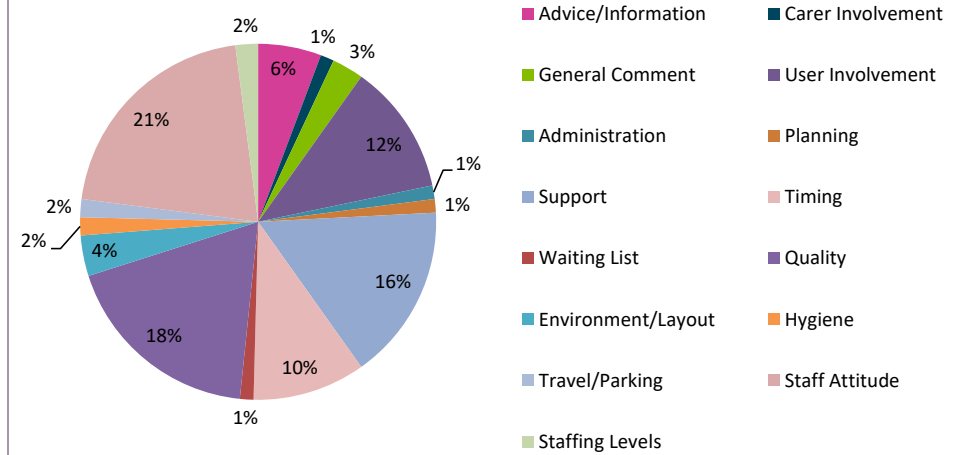
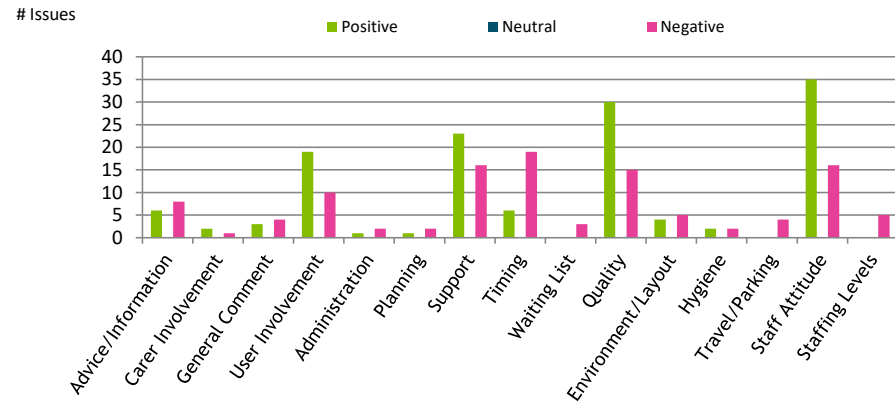
### 5.4 Sentiment, Dentists



## 5. Trends: Northwick Park Hospital

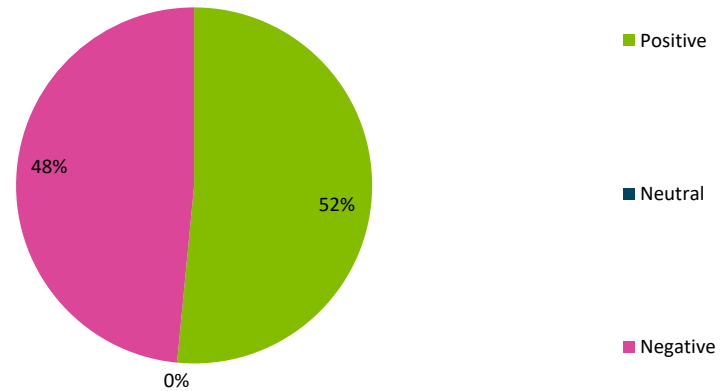
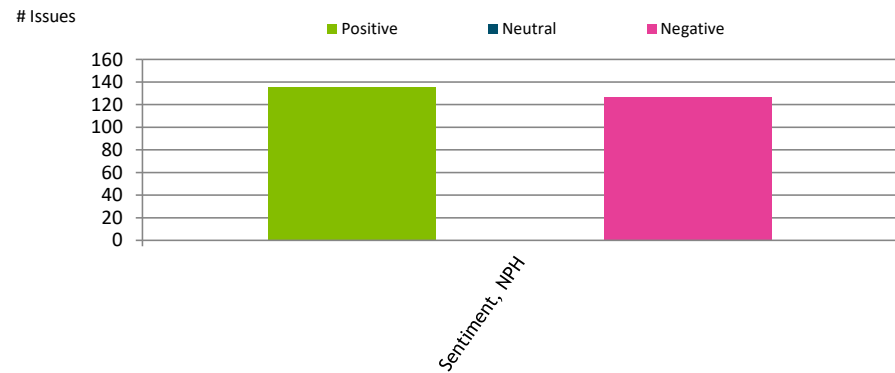


### 5.5 Trends, Northwick Park Hospital: 262 issues from 59 people



Issues receiving the most comments overall

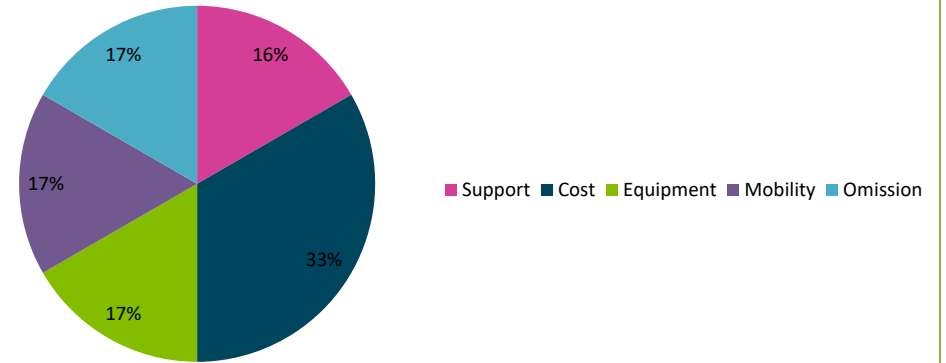
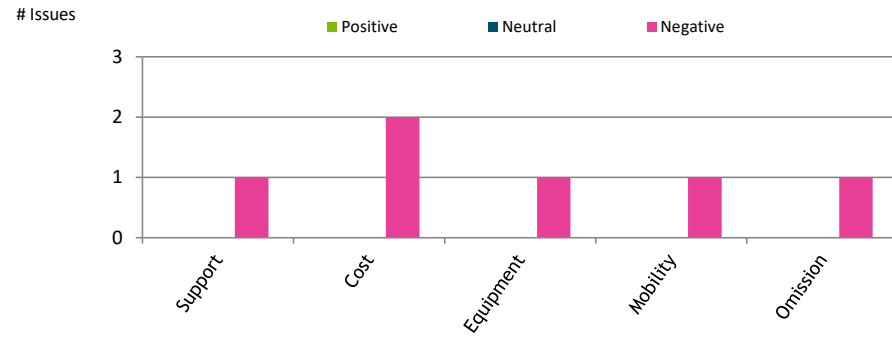
### 5.6 Sentiment, Northwick Park Hospital



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

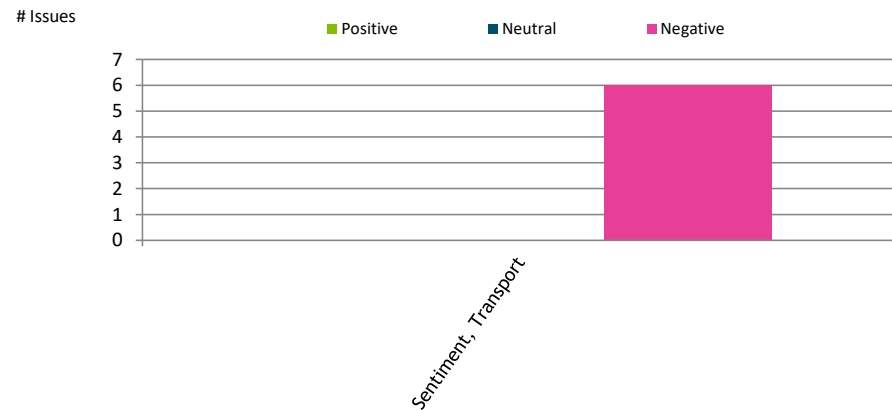


### 6.1 Trends, Transport (6 issues)



*Issues receiving the most comments overall*

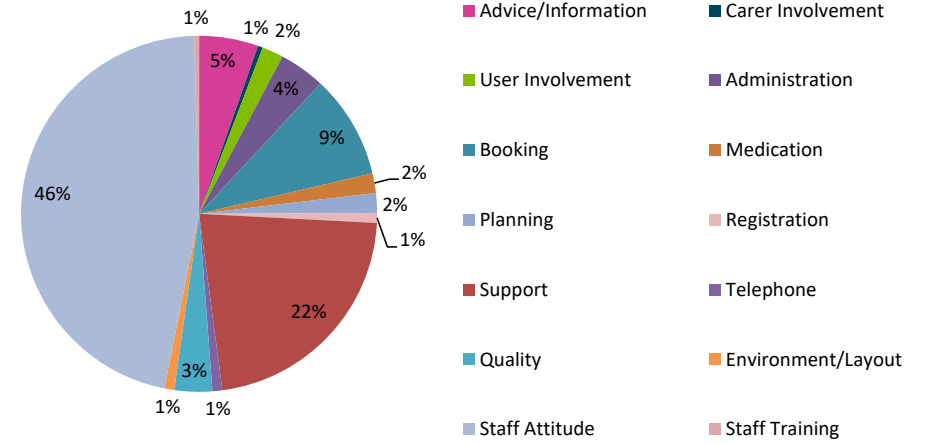
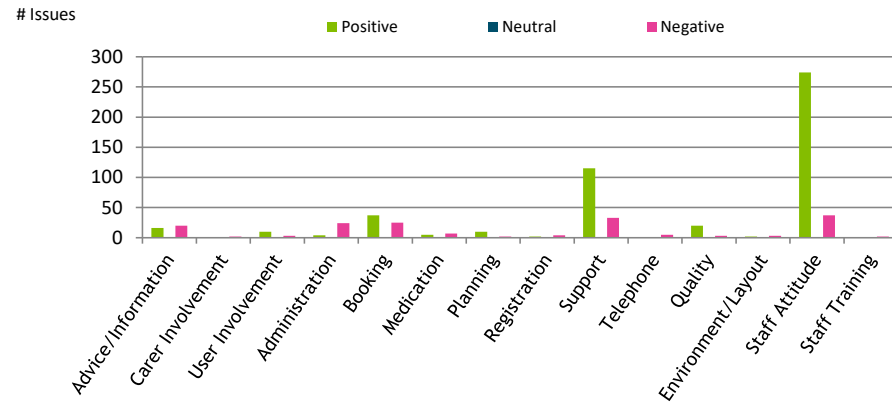
### 6.2 Sentiment, Transport



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

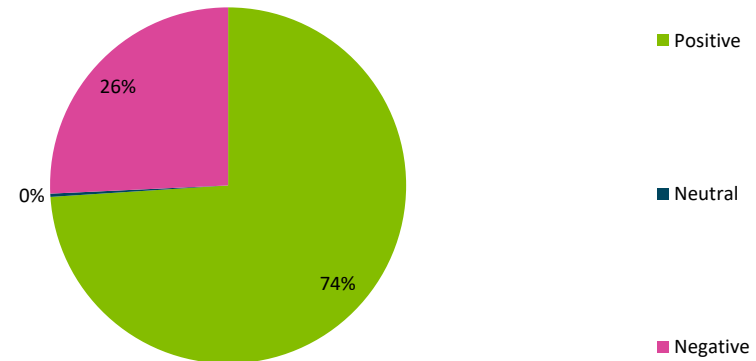
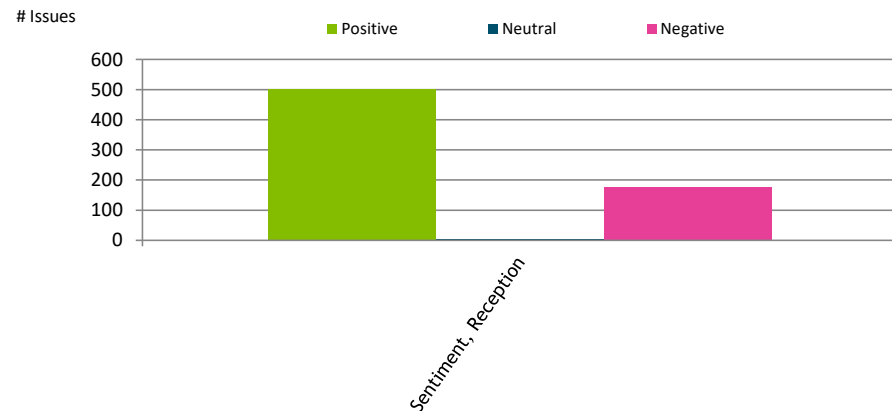


### 6.3 Trends, Reception (680 issues)



Issues receiving the most comments overall

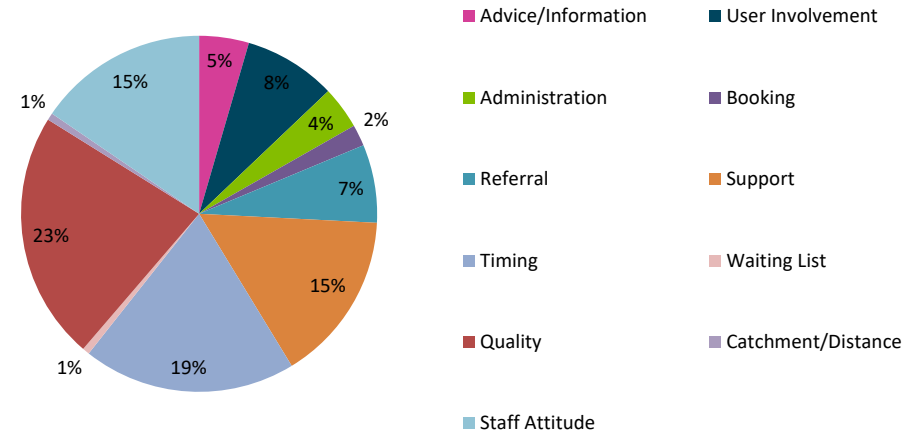
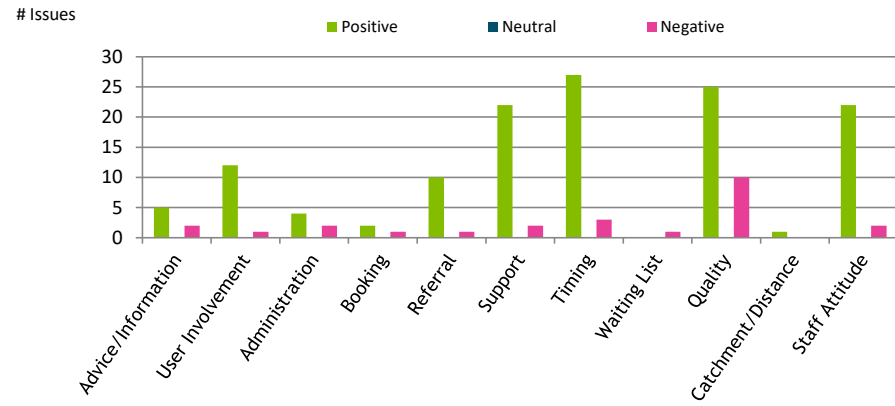
### 6.4 Sentiment, Reception



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

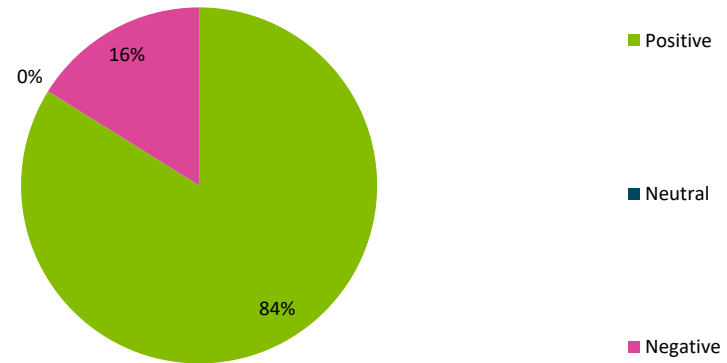
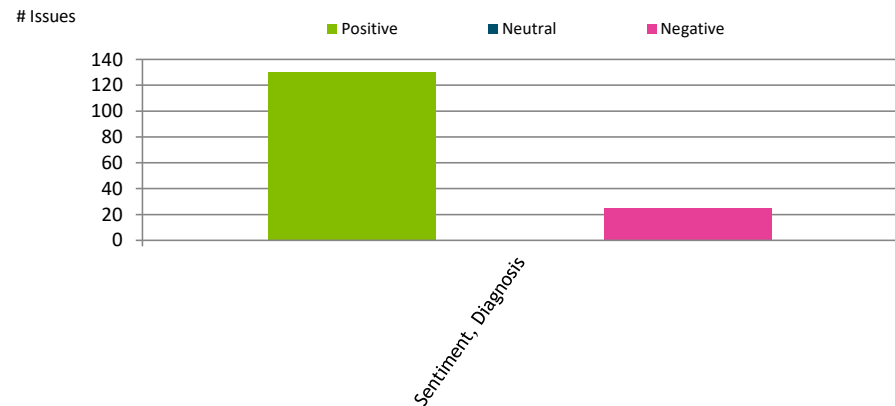


### 6.5 Trends, Diagnosis/Testing (155 issues)



Issues receiving the most comments overall

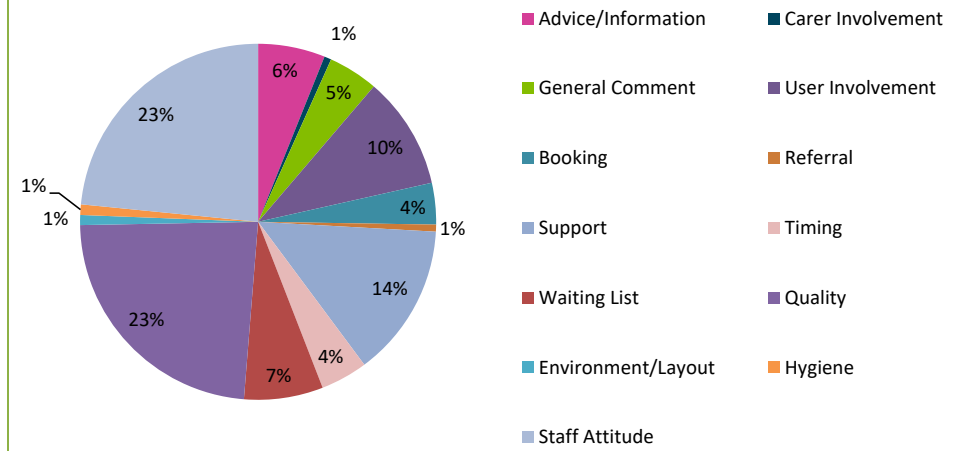
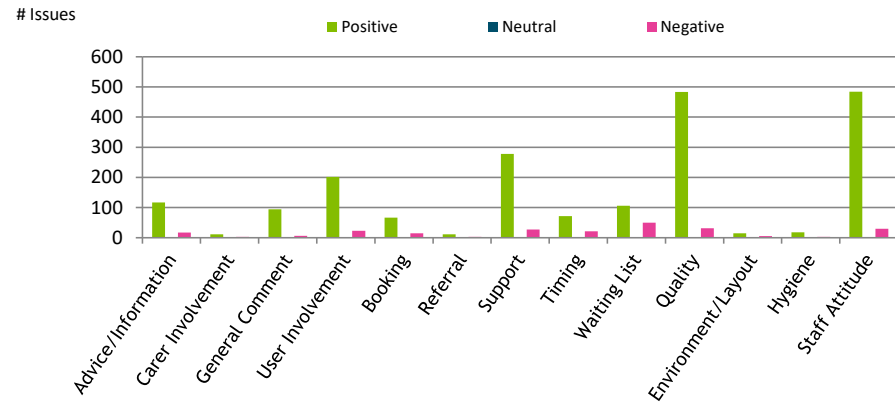
### 6.6 Sentiment, Diagnosis/Testing



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

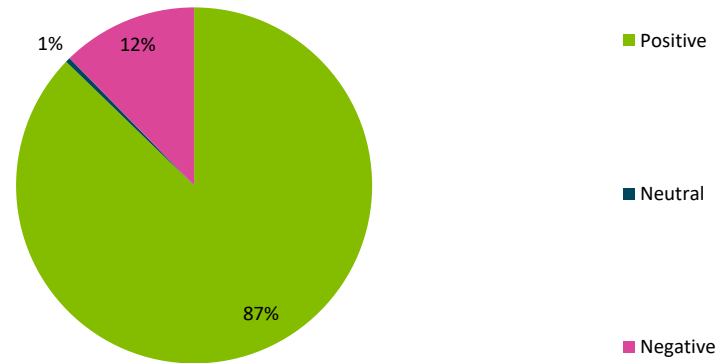
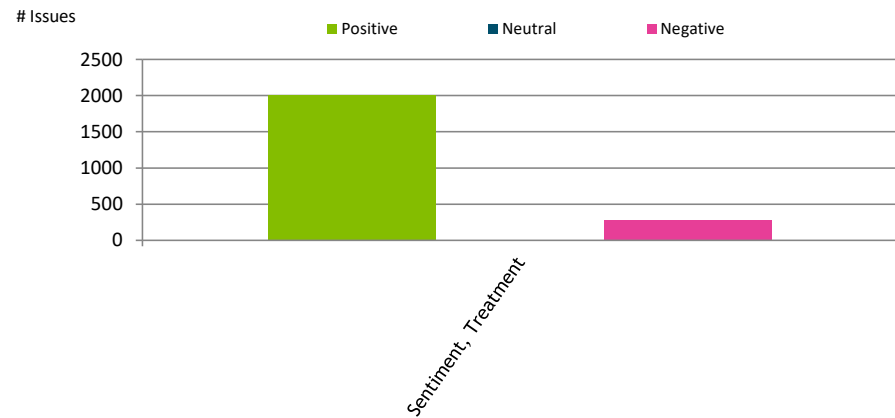


### 6.7 Trends, Clinical Treatment (2295 issues)



Issues receiving the most comments overall

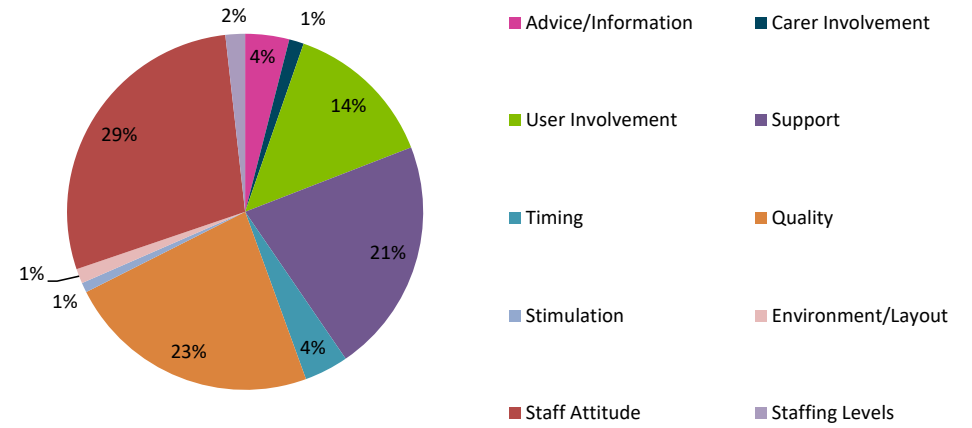
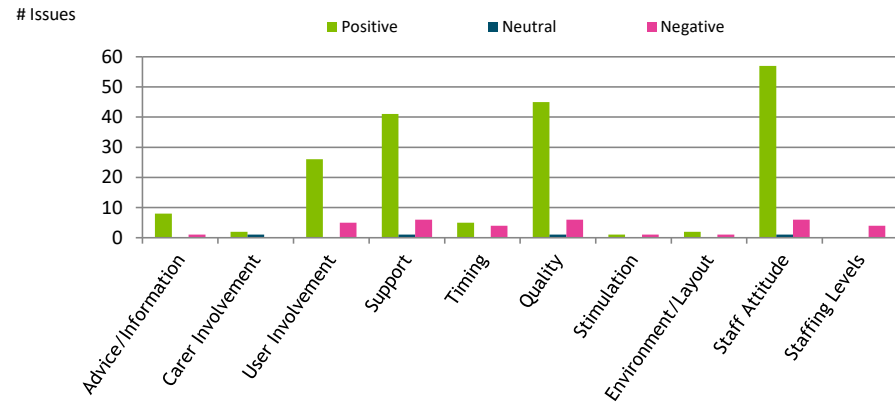
### 6.8 Sentiment, Clinical Treatment



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

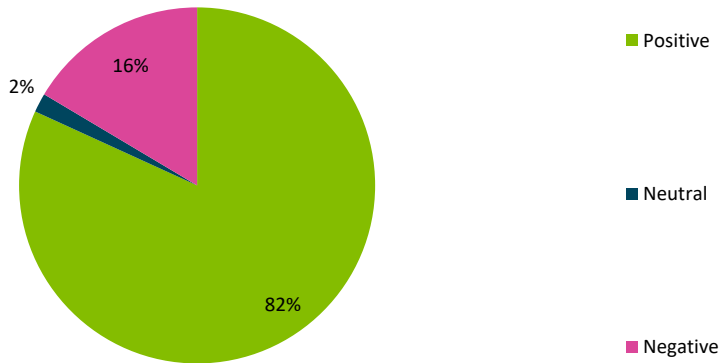
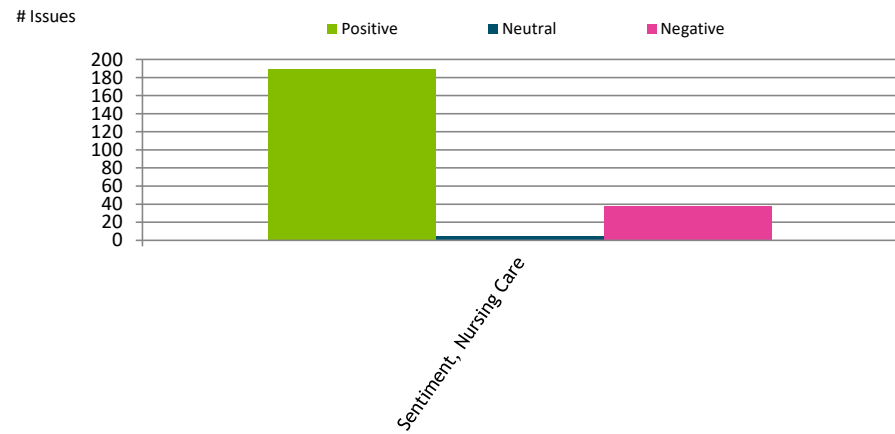


### 6.9 Trends, Clinical Nursing (231 issues)



Issues receiving the most comments overall

### 6.10 Sentiment, Clinical Nursing

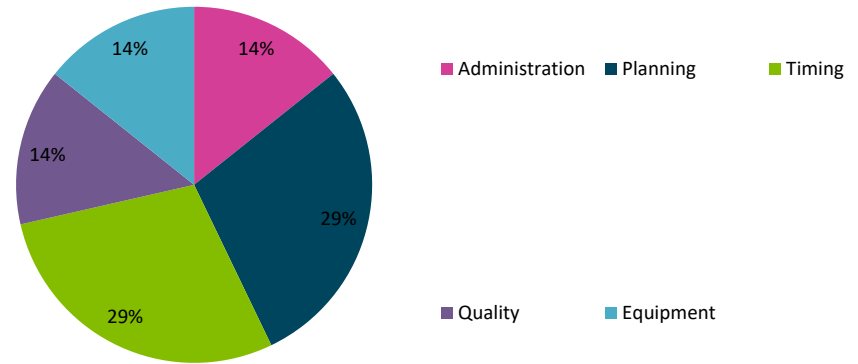
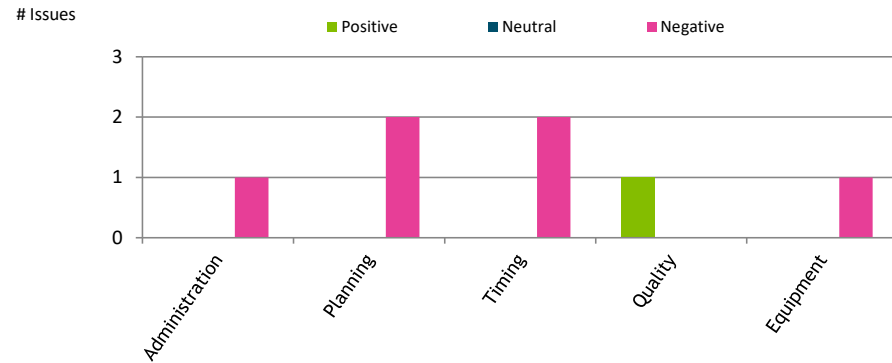




## 6. Care Pathway: Discharge (discharge from a service)

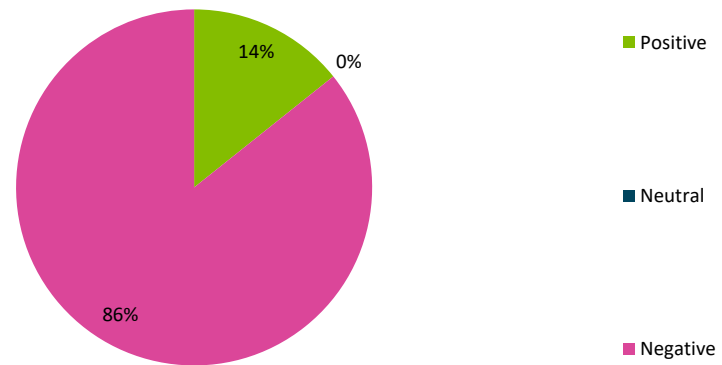
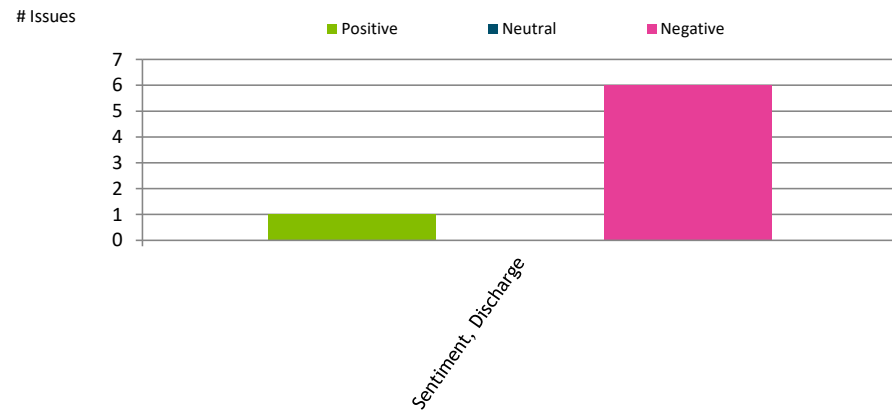


### 6.11 Trends, Discharge (7 issues)



Issues receiving the most comments overall

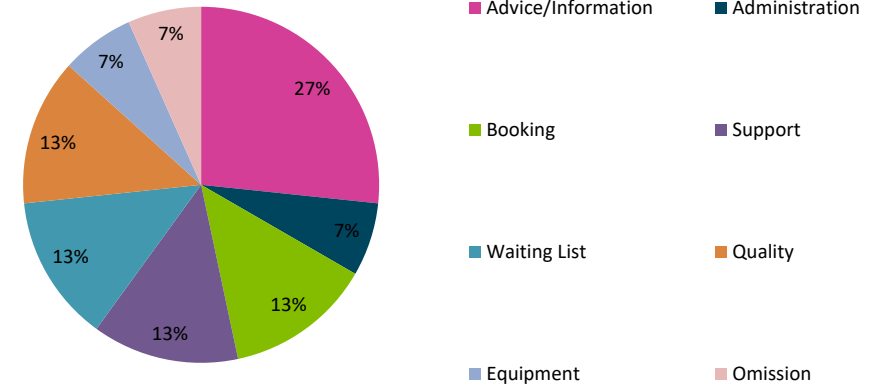
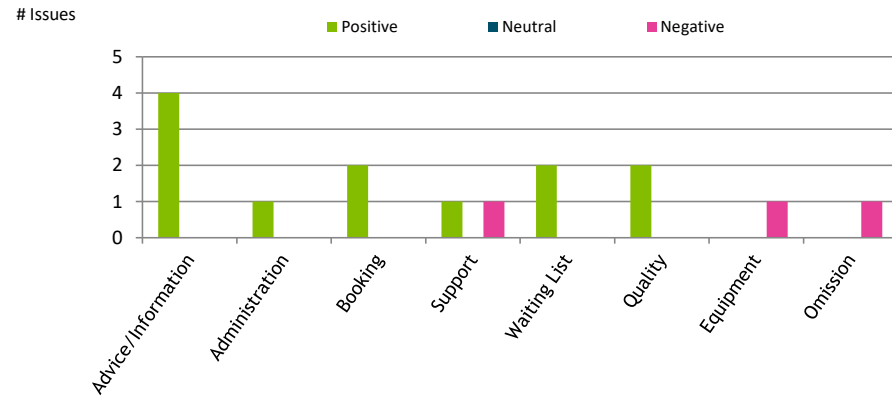
### 6.12 Sentiment, Discharge



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

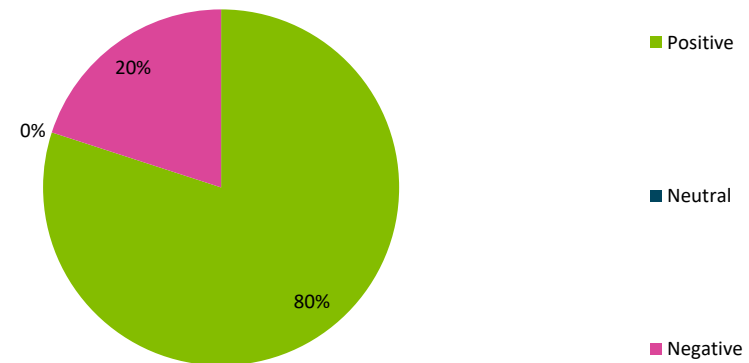
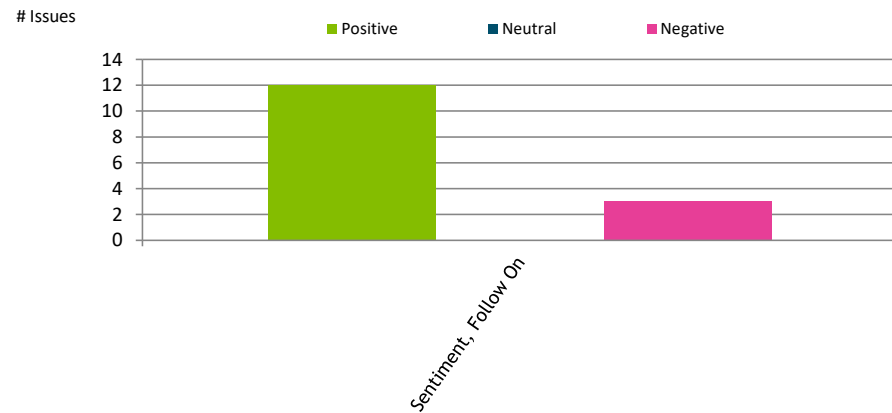


### 6.13 Trends, Follow On (15 issues)



Issues receiving the most comments overall

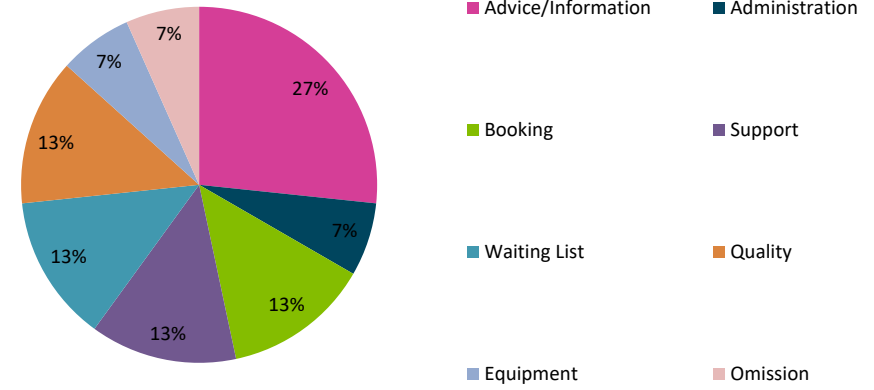
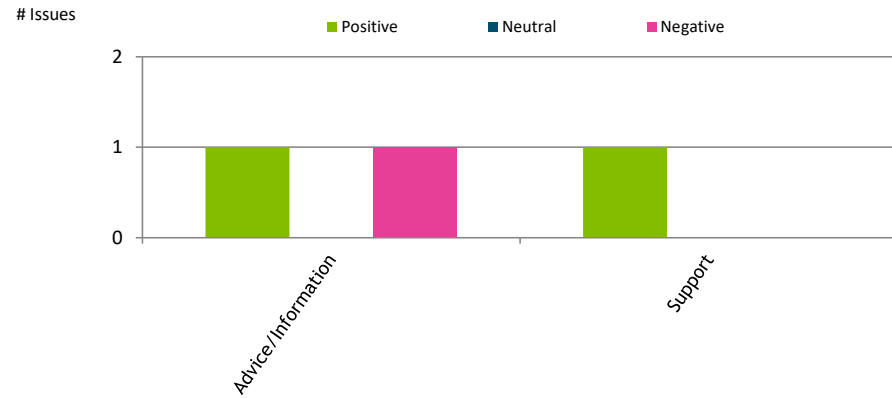
### 6.14 Sentiment, Follow On



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

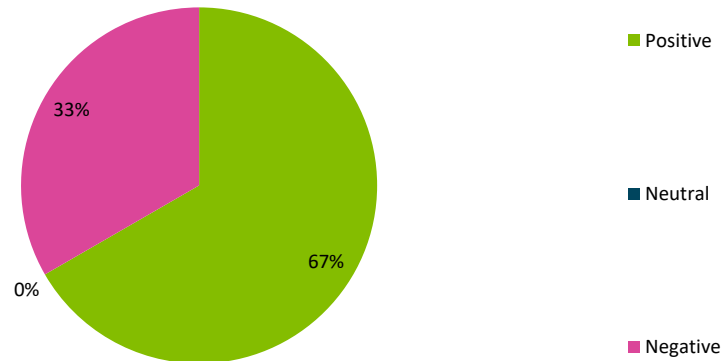
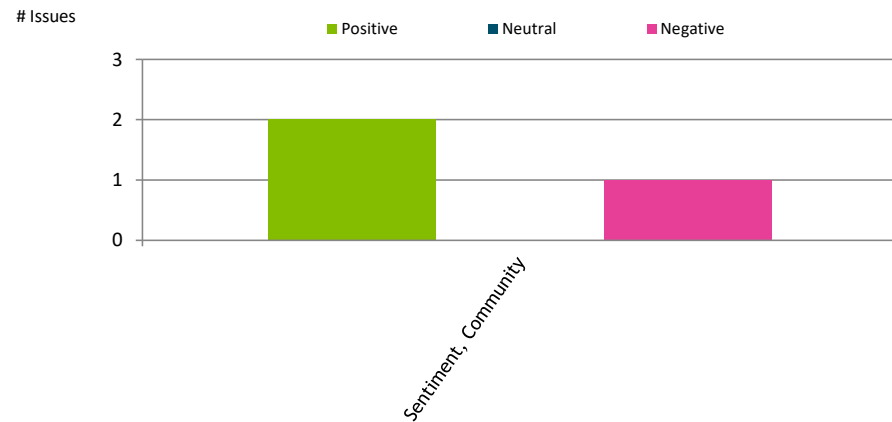


### 6.15 Trends, Community (3 issues)



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>	151	0	41	192
	Carer Involvement	<i>Involvement or influence of carers and family members.</i>	14	1	5	20
	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>	94	0	7	101
	User Involvement	<i>Involvement or influence of the service user.</i>	250	0	32	282
Systems	Administration	<i>Administrative processes and delivery.</i>	10	0	28	38
	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	41	151
	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	0	0
	Referral	<i>Referral to a service.</i>	21	0	4	25
	Medical Records	<i>Management of medical records.</i>	1	0	2	3
	Medication	<i>Prescription and management of medicines.</i>	11	0	10	21
	Opening Times	<i>Opening times of a service.</i>	3	0	3	6
	Planning	<i>Leadership and general organisation.</i>	10	0	5	15
	Registration	<i>Ability to register for a service.</i>	2	0	5	7
	Support	<i>Levels of support provided.</i>	458	3	70	531
	Telephone	<i>Ability to contact a service by telephone.</i>	1	0	5	6
	Timing	<i>Physical timing (ie; length of wait at appointments).</i>	105	1	31	137
	Waiting List	<i>Length of wait while on a list.</i>	108	2	51	161
Values	Choice	<i>General choice.</i>	9	0	2	11
	Cost	<i>General cost.</i>	4	0	8	12
	Language	<i>Language, including terminology.</i>	2	0	0	2
	Nutrition	<i>Provision of sustenance.</i>	1	0	2	3
	Privacy	<i>Privacy, personal space and property.</i>	0	0	0	0
	Quality	<i>General quality of a service, or staff.</i>	576	3	50	629
	Sensory	<i>Deaf/blind or other sensory issues.</i>	0	0	1	1
	Stimulation	<i>General stimulation, including access to activities.</i>	5	0	1	6

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>	5	0	2	7
	Environment/Layout	<i>Physical environment of a service.</i>	19	1	9	29
	Equipment	<i>General equipment issues.</i>	8	0	4	12
	Hazard	<i>General hazard to safety (ie; a hospital wide infection).</i>	0	0	0	0
	Hygiene	<i>Levels of hygiene and general cleanliness.</i>	19	0	3	22
	Mobility	<i>Physical mobility to, from and within services.</i>	1	0	2	3
	Travel/Parking	<i>Ability to travel or park.</i>	0	0	4	4
Staff	Omission	<i>General omission (ie; transport did not arrive).</i>	0	0	2	2
	Security/Conduct	<i>General security of a service, including conduct of staff.</i>	0	0	3	3
	Staff Attitude	<i>Attitude, compassion and empathy of staff.</i>	837	3	75	915
	Complaints	<i>Ability to log and resolve a complaint.</i>	0	0	2	2
	Staff Training	<i>Training of staff.</i>	6	0	6	12
	Staffing Levels	<i>General availability of staff.</i>	0	0	7	7
	<b>Total:</b>			<b>2839</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>537</b>