

# The Experience of GP Services

A trends analysis report by Healthwatch Waltham Forest, 10 July 2022



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 GP services.

**Reporting Period: 1 July 2021 - 30 June 2022**

## Index and overview of findings

### Data Source (Page 4)

This report is based on the experience of 928 people. Feedback has been obtained from a variety of sources, including engagement, surveys and comments posted online (NHS, Care Opinion and social media).

### Top Themes (Page 5)

A broad majority of people receive good quality treatment and nursing care. According to feedback, patients would like greater levels of service access, communication, empathy, involvement and support.

Overall sentiment is 48% positive, 51% negative and 1% neutral.

#### Trends...

*According to feedback, overall satisfaction has improved by 17% this quarter.*

*St James Medical Practice receives a notable volume of positive comments, while Crawley Road Medical Centre, The Allum Medical Centre and The Manor Practice receive a notable volume and ratio of negative feedback.*

### Service Access (Page 6)

People continue to report difficulties with telephone access, associated problems with booking, and longer than expected waits for routine appointments.

#### Trends...

*Satisfaction on service access has improved noticeably by 10%, however remains low at 20% positive. Complaints about booking processes, telephone access and waiting lists have decreased, while increasing on online systems.*

*Comments suggest satisfaction at most practices is noticeably negative overall.*

## Clinical Treatment and Staff Attitude (Pages 7-8)

Experiences indicate a broad majority of people receive good quality treatment and nursing care, however support is in cases lacking. On staff attitude, there is general praise for clinicians, while notable criticism of reception staff.

### Trends...

*Sentiment on general treatment and care, and staff attitude has rebounded by 20% margins, to stand at levels last experienced in early 2021.*

*St James Medical Practice receives a notable volume and ratio of positive feedback.*

## Administration and Communication (Pages 9-10)

Many people complain of general administration, and some would like greater levels of support from reception staff, and levels of communication service wide. The ability to obtain prescriptions is also cited as an issue.

### Trends...

*Complaints about communication have decreased by a notable 13% this quarter, while decreasing by 3% on administration.*

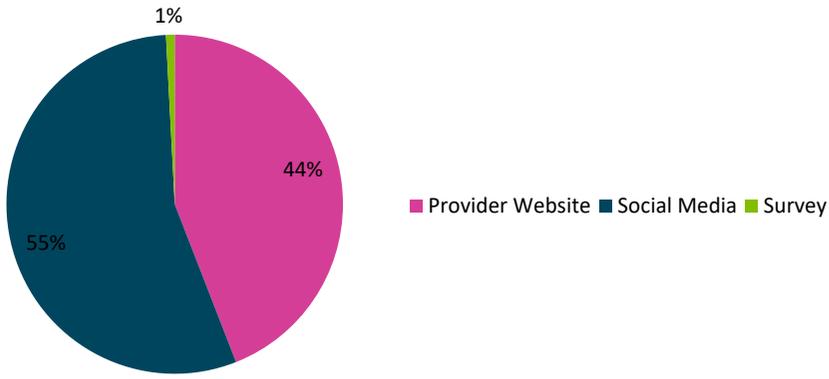
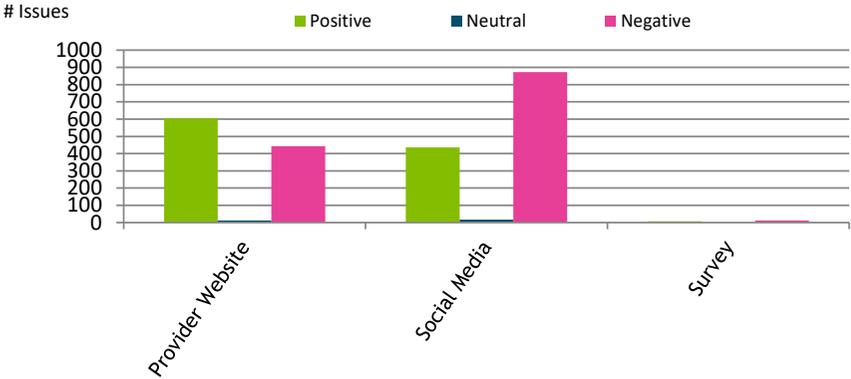
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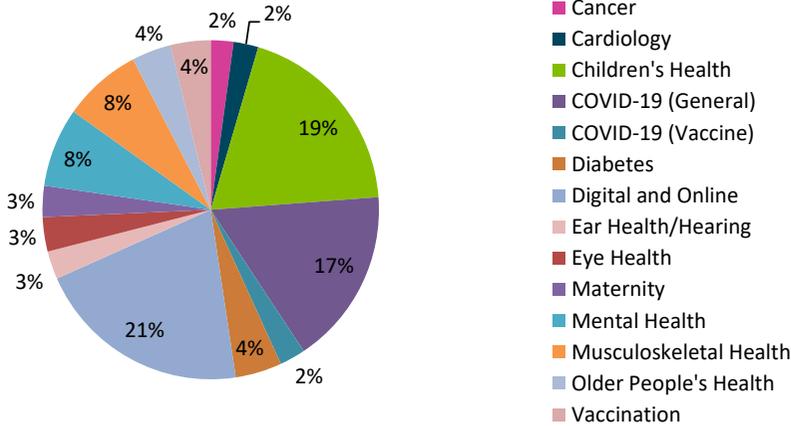
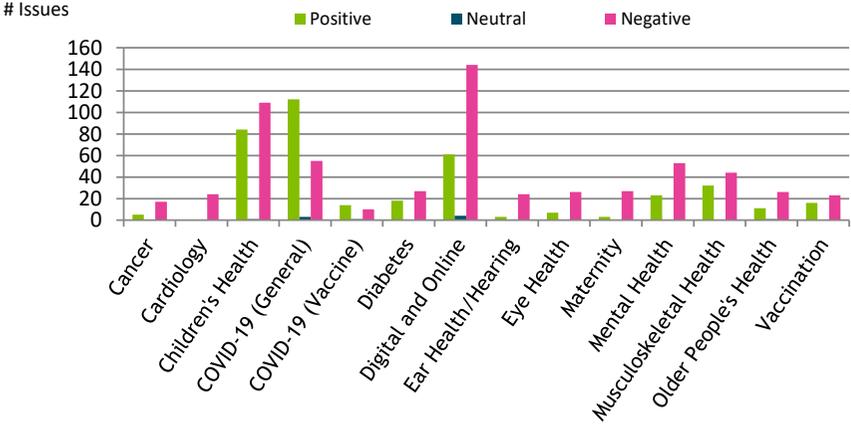
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## 1.1 Source



Sources providing the most comments overall

## 1.2 Stated medical conditions/topics

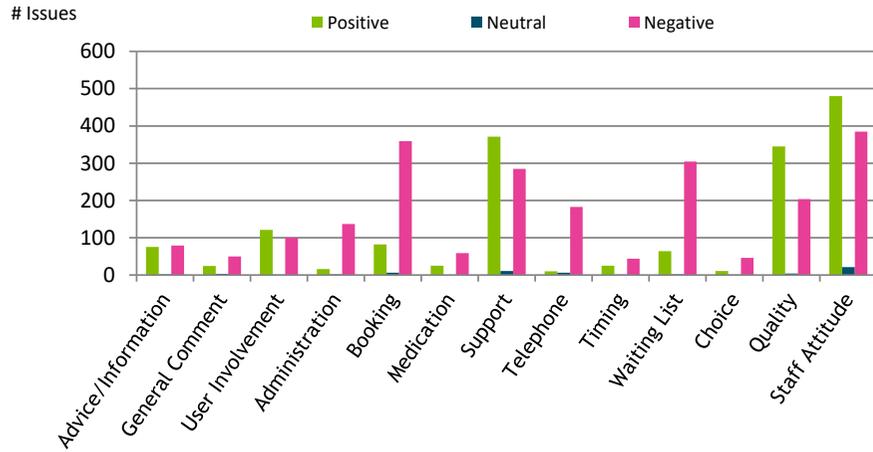


Medical conditions/topics receiving the most comments overall



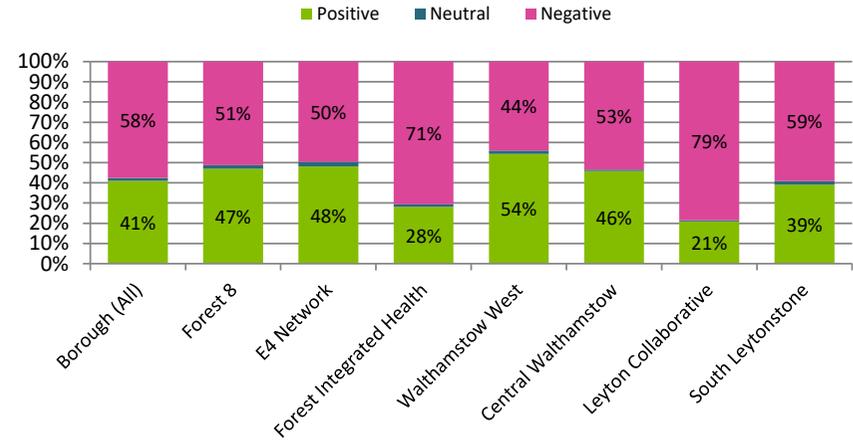
## 2.1 Overall Themes and Sentiment

### 2.1.1 Overall, Top Trends: 4248 issues from 928 people



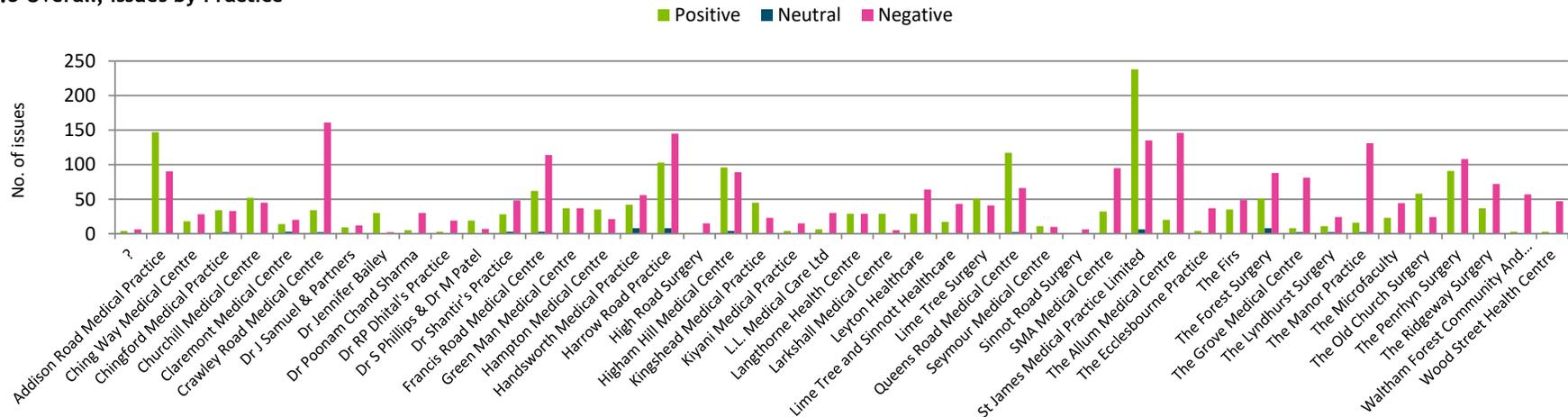
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Sentiment by PCN

### 2.1.3 Overall, Issues by Practice

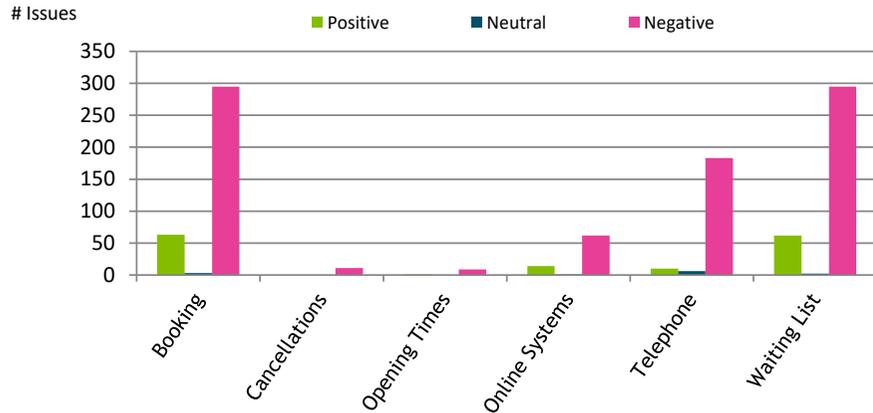


Practices receiving the most comments overall

## 2.2 Service Access

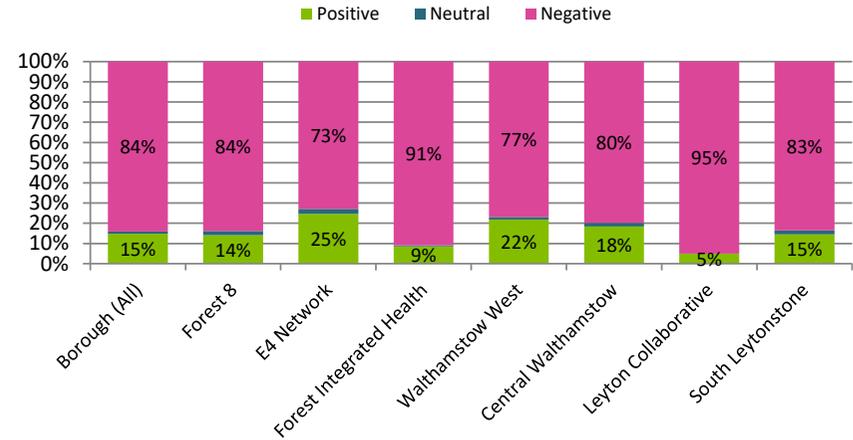


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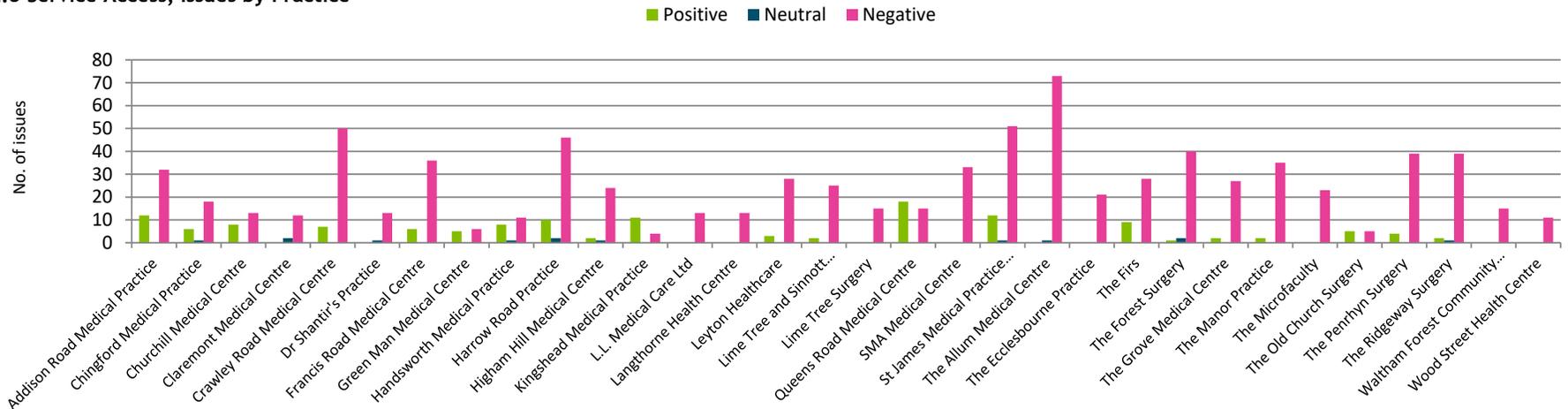
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### 2.2.3 Service Access, Issues by Practice

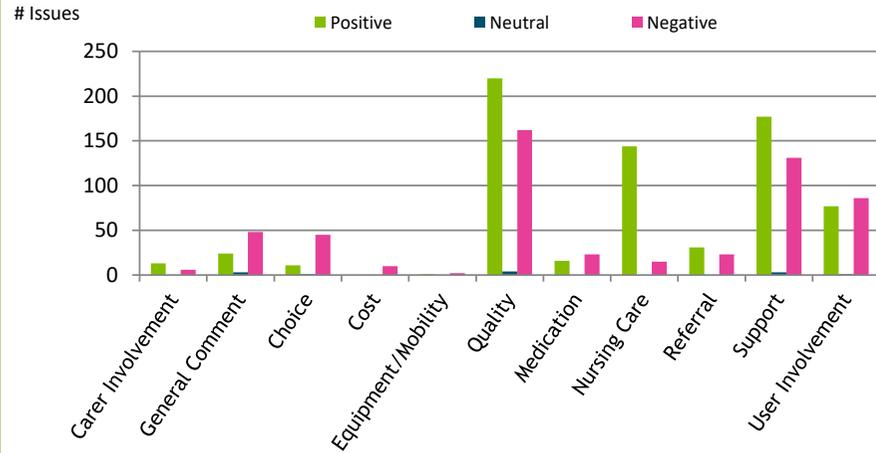


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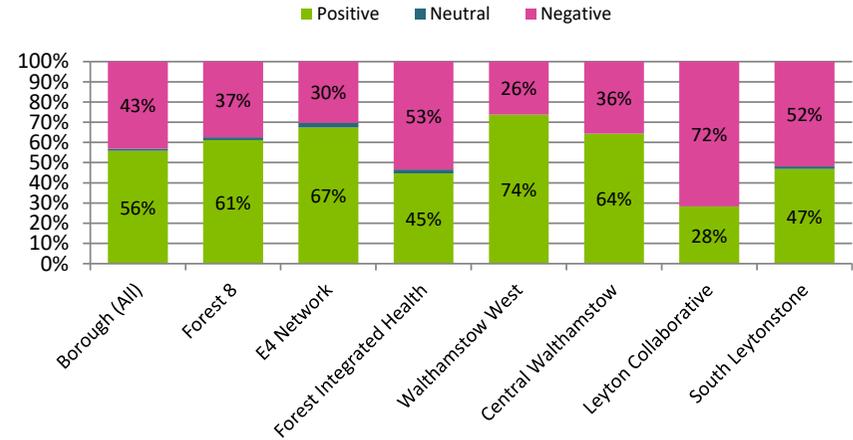


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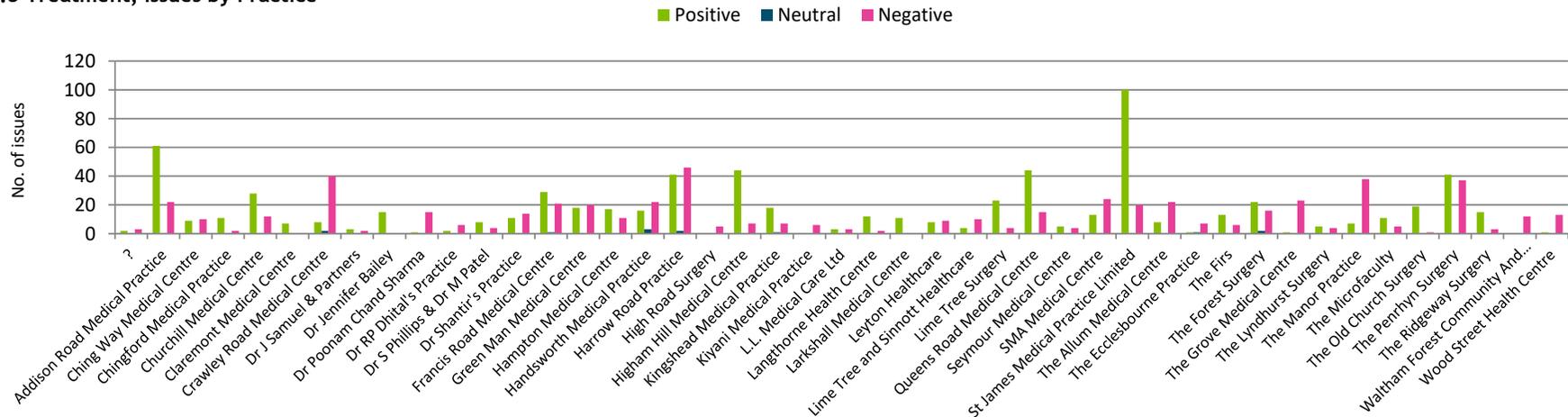
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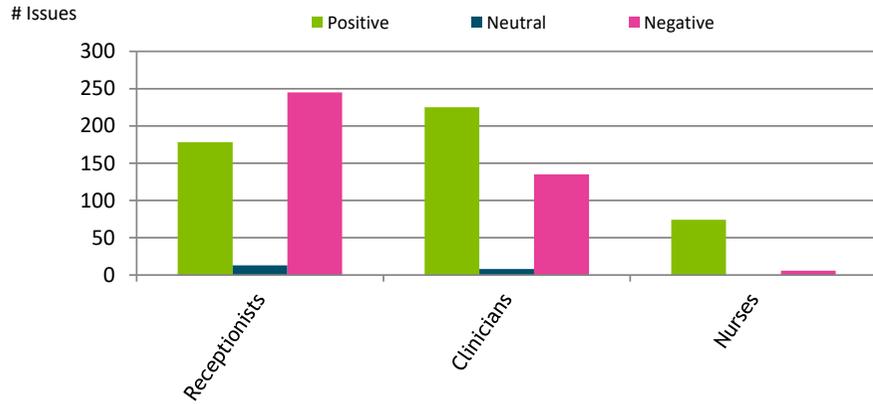


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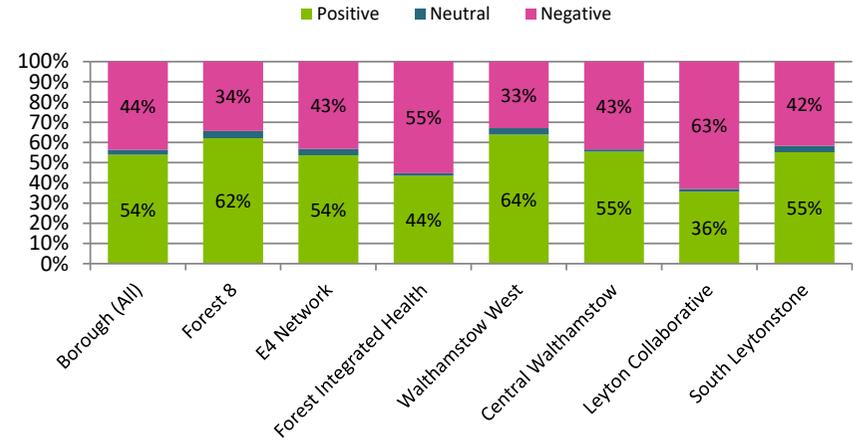


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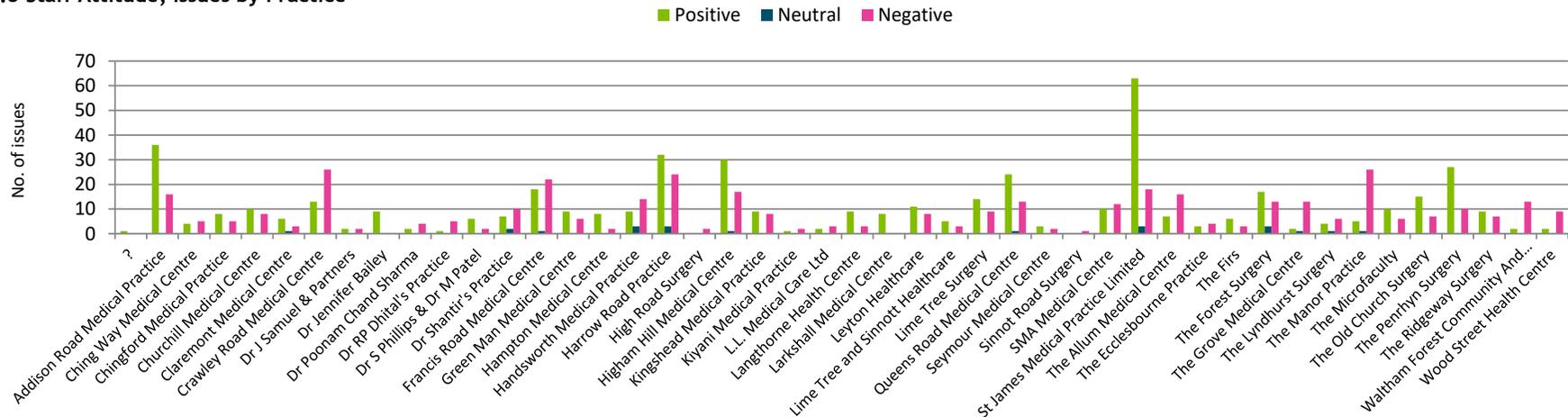
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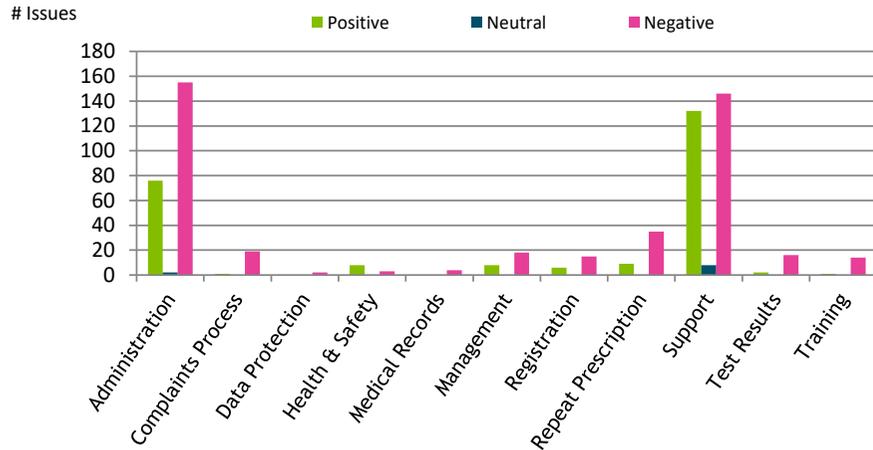


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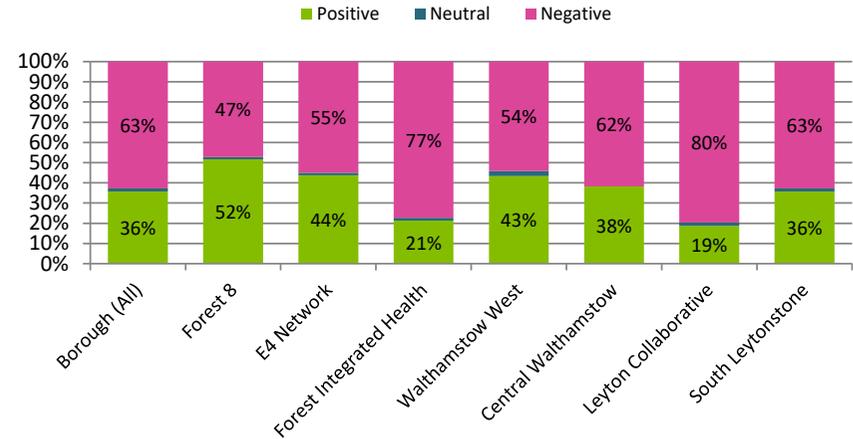


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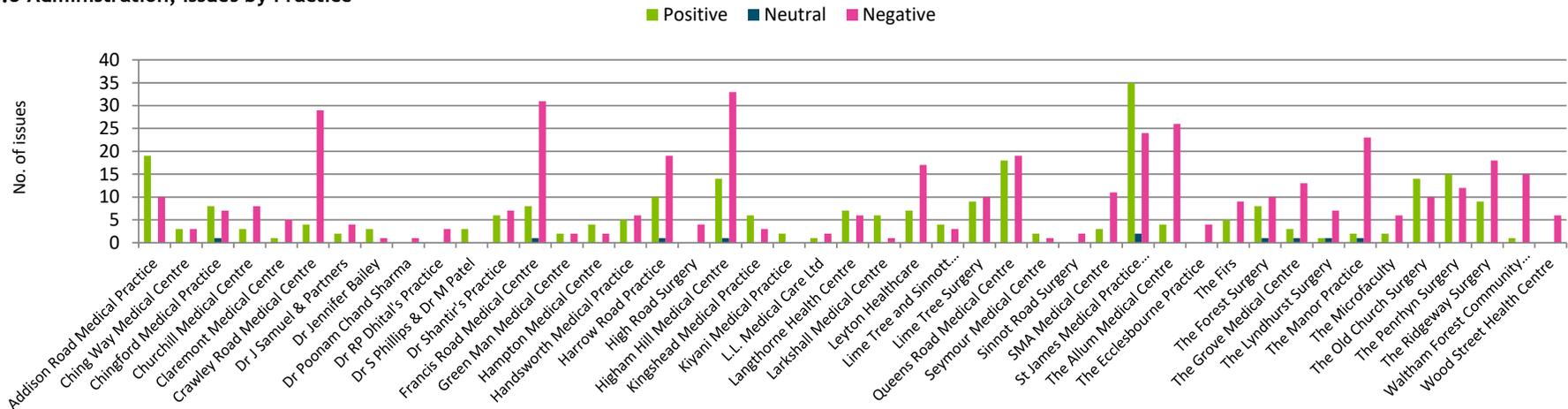
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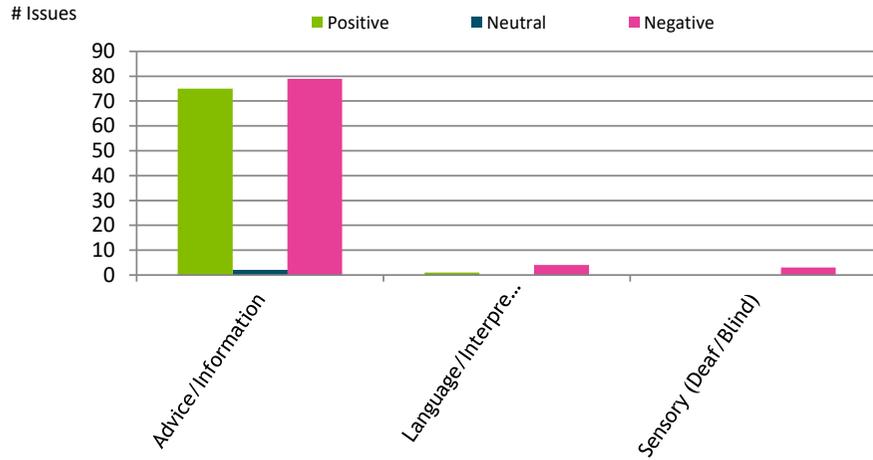


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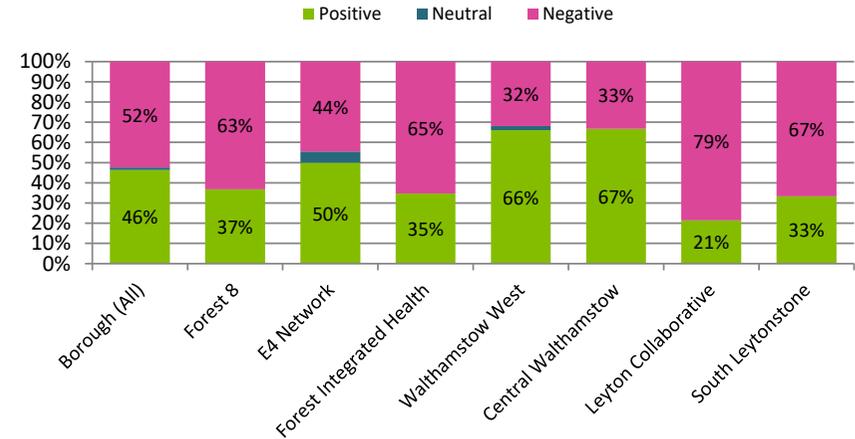


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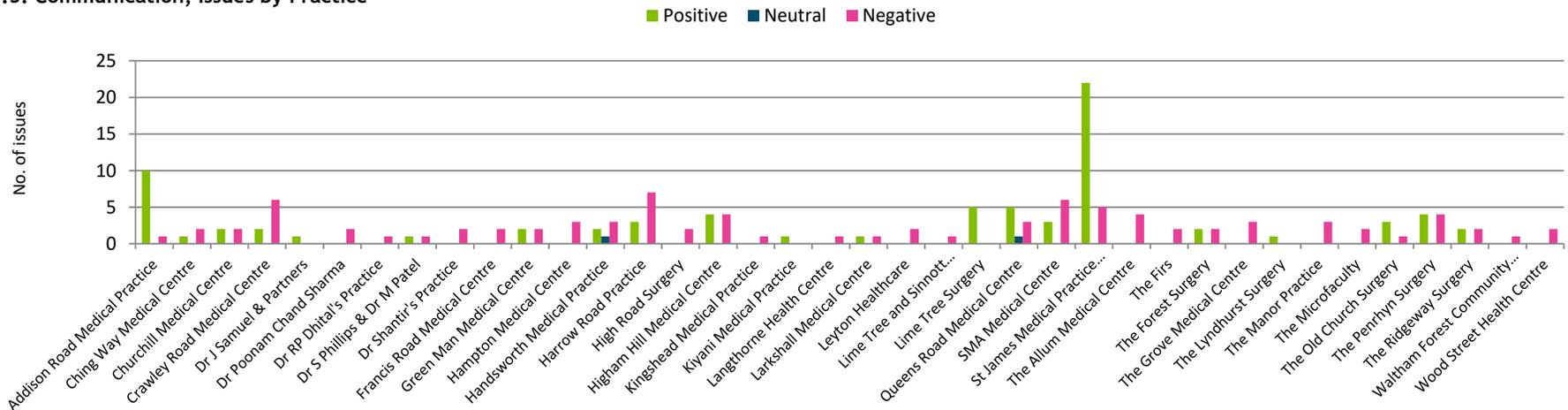
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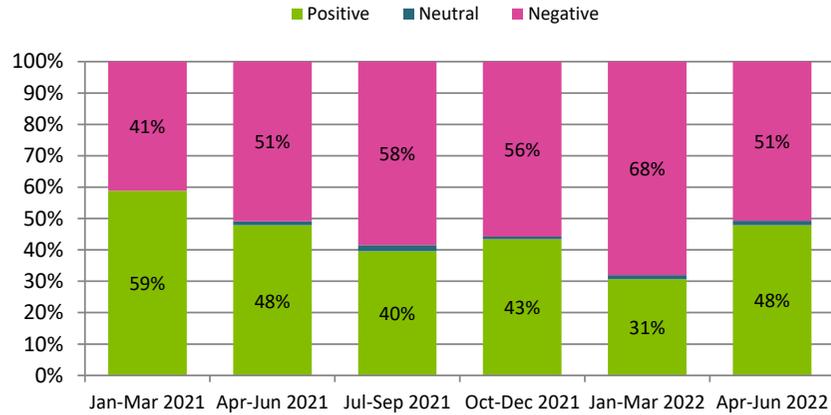


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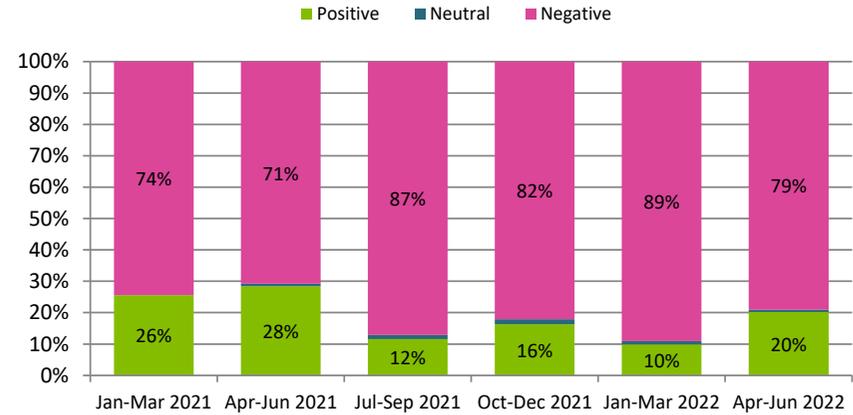
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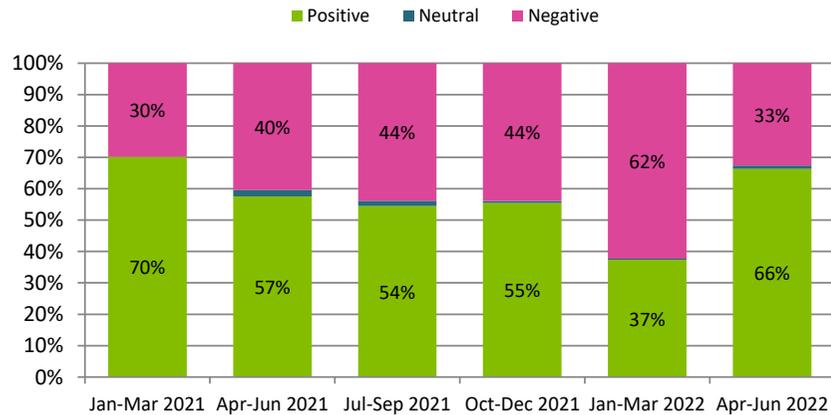
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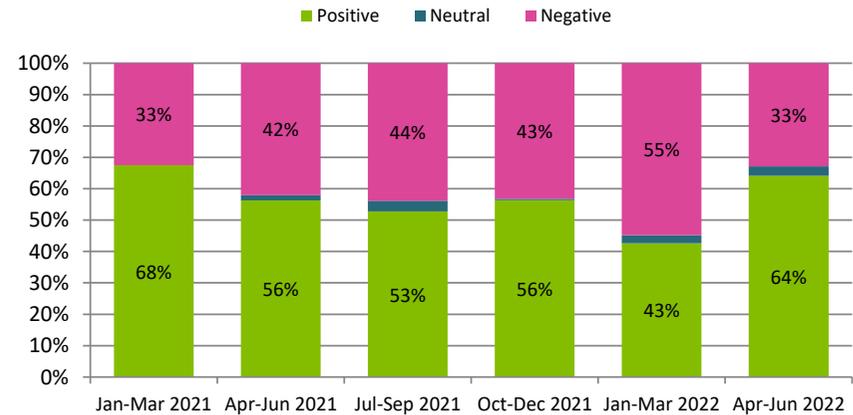
#### 3.2 Service Access, Sentiment



#### 3.3 Treatment and Care, Sentiment



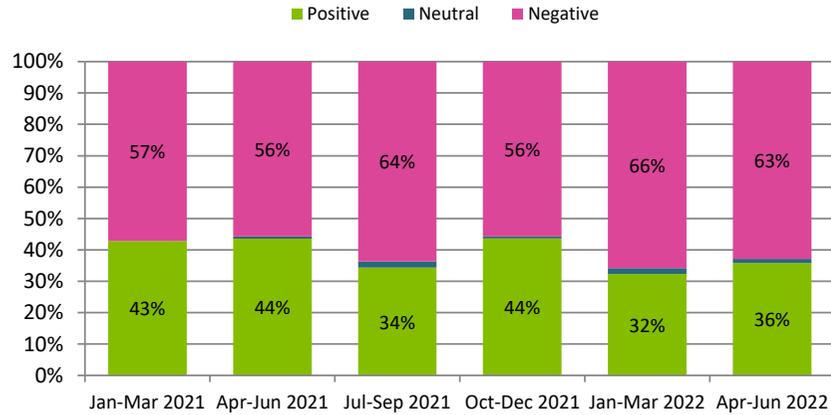
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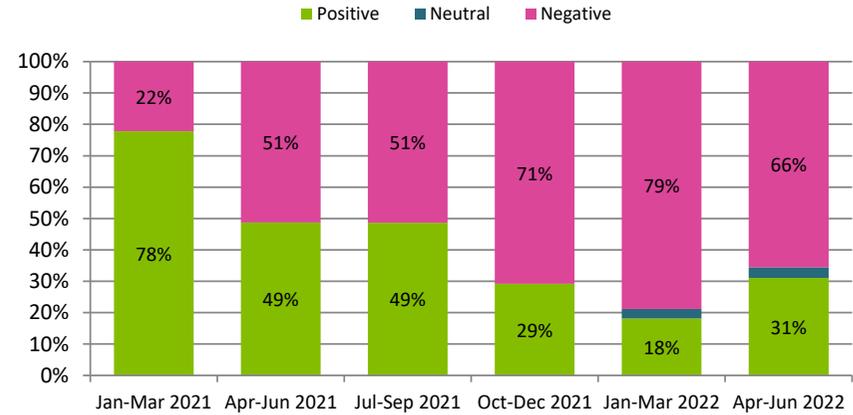
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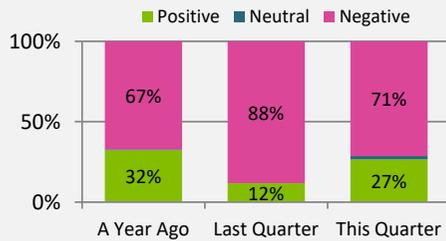
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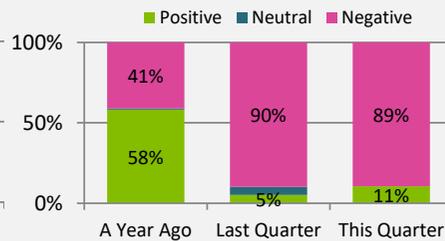
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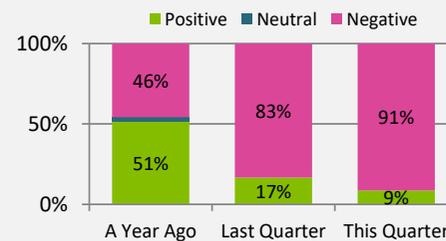
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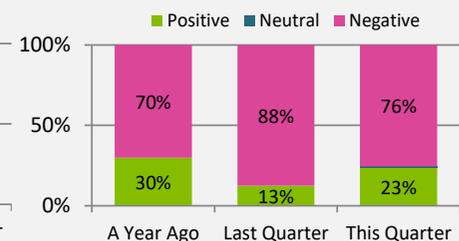
#### 3.8 Telephone, Snapshot



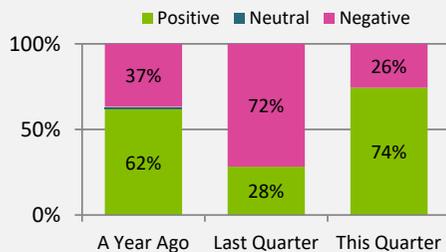
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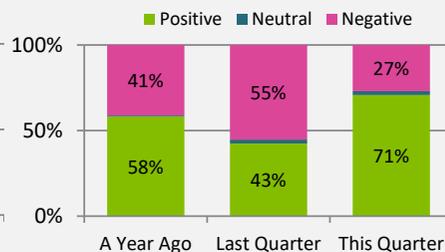
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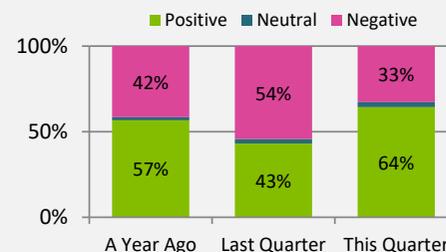
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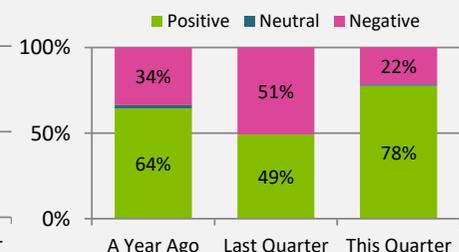
#### 3.12 Support, Snapshot



#### 3.13 Staff Attitude, Snapshot



#### 3.14 Quality, Snapshot

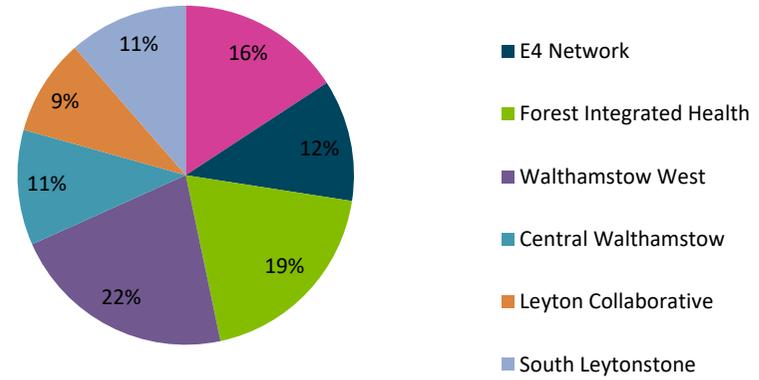
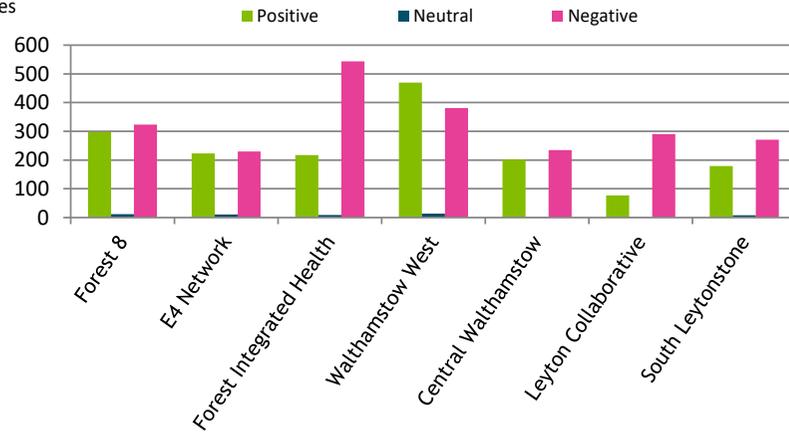


## 4. Volume by Primary Care Network



### 4.1 PCN

# Issues



## 5. Data Table: Number of issues



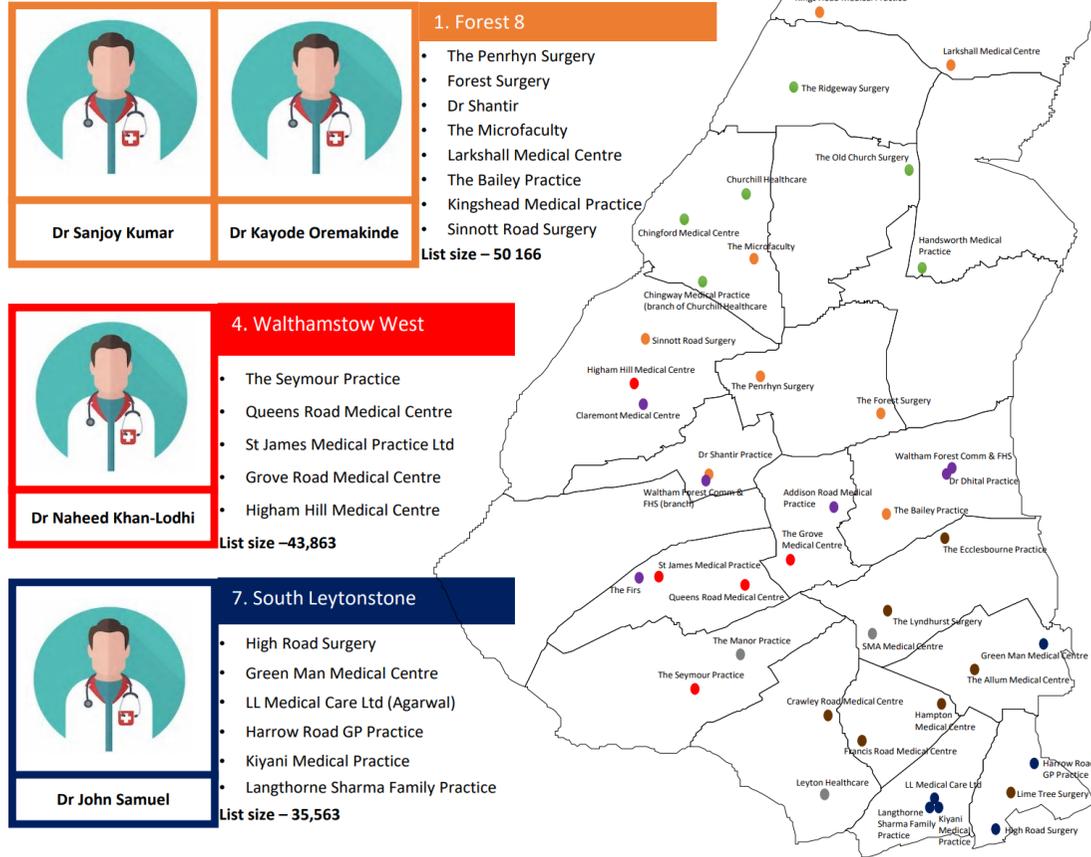
	Issue Name	Descriptor	# Issues			
			Positive	Neutral	Negative	Total
Patients/Carers	Advice/Information	<i>Communication, including access to advice and information.</i>	75	2	79	156
	Carer Involvement	<i>Involvement of carers, friends or family members.</i>	17	0	9	26
	General Comment	<i>A generalised statement (ie; "The doctor was good.")</i>	24	3	50	77
	User Involvement	<i>Involvement of the service user.</i>	121	1	100	222
Systems	Administration	<i>Administrative processes and delivery.</i>	16	2	137	155
	Booking	<i>Ability to book, reschedule or cancel appointments.</i>	82	6	359	447
	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	2	2
	Referral	<i>Referral to a service.</i>	31	0	23	54
	Medical Records	<i>Management of medical records.</i>	0	0	4	4
	Medication	<i>Prescription and management of medicines.</i>	25	0	59	84
	Opening Times	<i>Opening times of a service.</i>	1	0	9	10
	Planning	<i>Leadership and general organisation.</i>	8	0	18	26
	Registration	<i>Ability to register for a service.</i>	7	0	15	22
	Support	<i>Levels of support provided.</i>	371	11	285	667
	Telephone	<i>Ability to contact a service by telephone.</i>	10	6	183	199
	Timing	<i>Physical timing (ie; length of wait at appointments).</i>	25	1	44	70
Waiting List	<i>Length of wait while on a list.</i>	64	2	304	370	
Values	Choice	<i>General choice.</i>	11	1	46	58
	Cost	<i>General cost.</i>	0	0	11	11
	Language	<i>Language, including terminology.</i>	2	0	4	6
	Nutrition	<i>Provision of sustenance.</i>	1	0	1	2
	Privacy	<i>Privacy, personal space and property.</i>	0	0	2	2
	Quality	<i>General quality of a service, or staff.</i>	345	4	204	553
	Sensory	<i>Deaf/blind or other sensory issues.</i>	0	0	3	3
	Stimulation	<i>General stimulation, including access to activities.</i>	0	0	2	2

## 5. 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>	1	0	4	5
	Environment/Layout	<i>Physical environment of a service.</i>	7	0	18	25
	Equipment	<i>General equipment issues.</i>	1	0	1	2
	Hazard	<i>General hazard to safety (ie; a hospital wide infection).</i>	8	0	4	12
	Hygiene	<i>Levels of hygiene and general cleanliness.</i>	5	0	4	9
	Mobility	<i>Physical mobility to, from and within services.</i>	0	0	1	1
	Travel/Parking	<i>Ability to travel or park.</i>	0	0	3	3
Staff	Omission	<i>General omission (ie; transport did not arrive).</i>	0	0	15	15
	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>	480	21	385	886
	Complaints	<i>Ability to log and resolve a complaint.</i>	1	0	19	20
	Staff Training	<i>Training of staff.</i>	1	0	14	15
	Staffing Levels	<i>General availability of staff.</i>	0	0	12	12
<b>Total:</b>			<b>1740</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>2448</b>	<b>4248</b>

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