

# Maternity Services in North East London (NEL)

## Trends Analysis Report



CommunityInsight

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 maternity services.

*Qualitative Feedback, 1 April 2024 - 31 March 2026*



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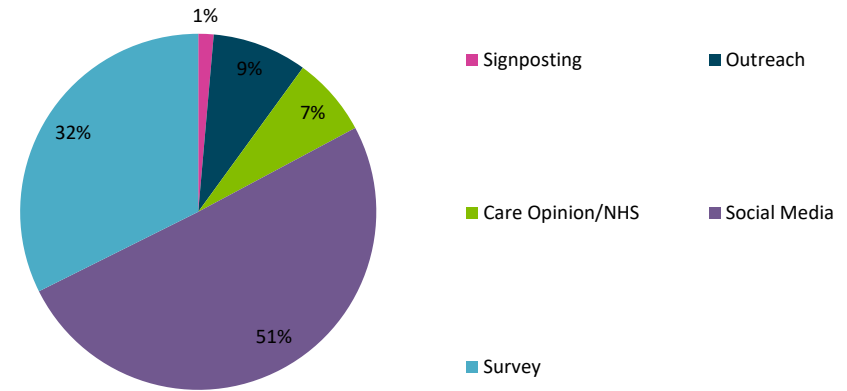
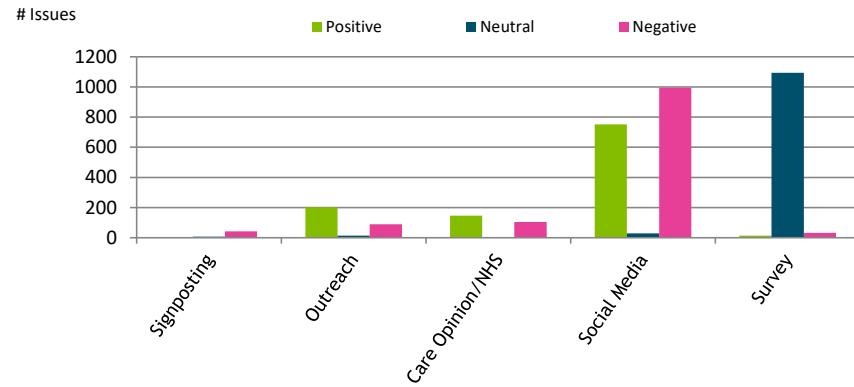


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# 1. Data Source: Where did we collect the feedback?

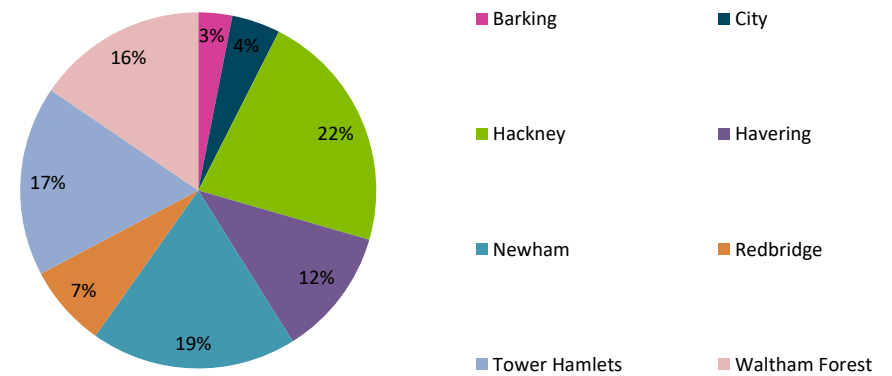
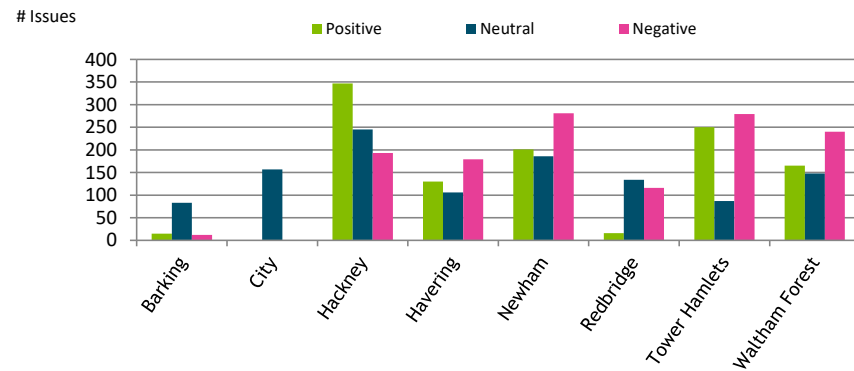


## 1.1 Source: 3569 issues from 858 people



### Sources providing the most comments overall

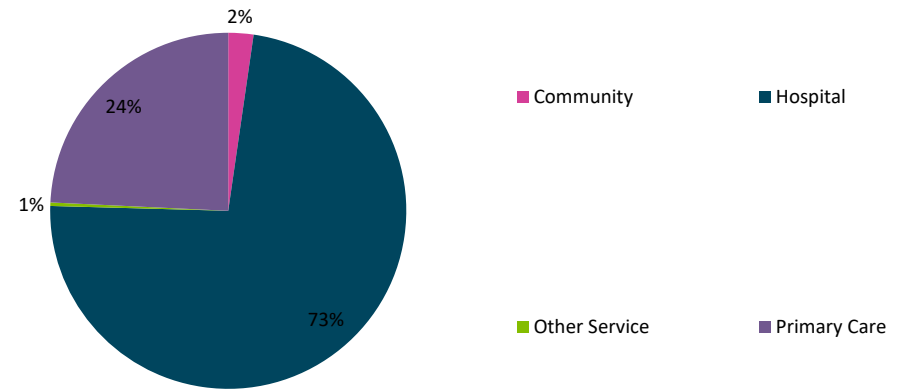
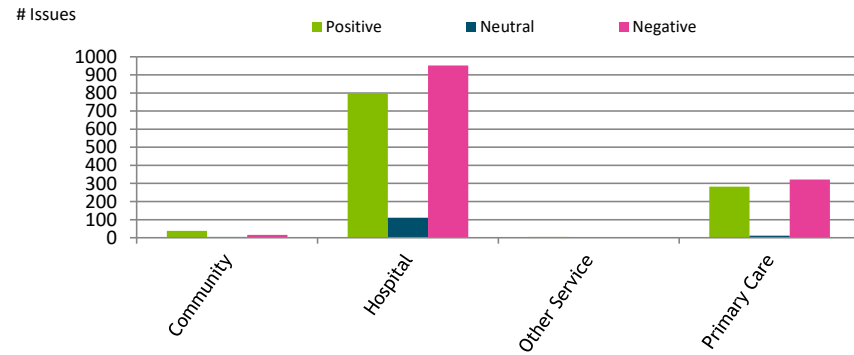
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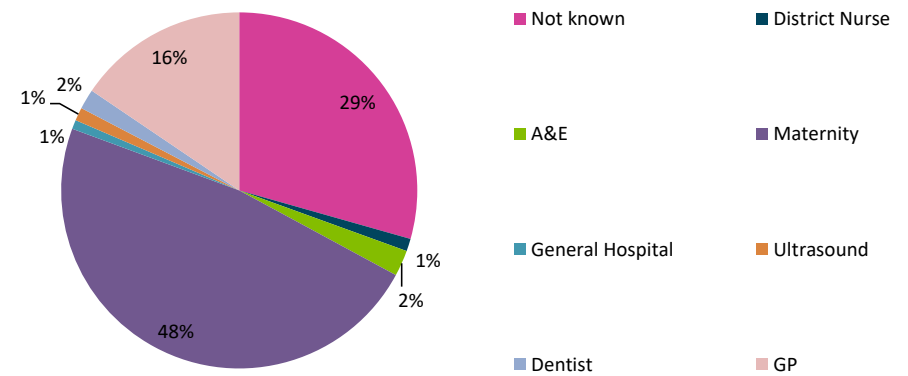
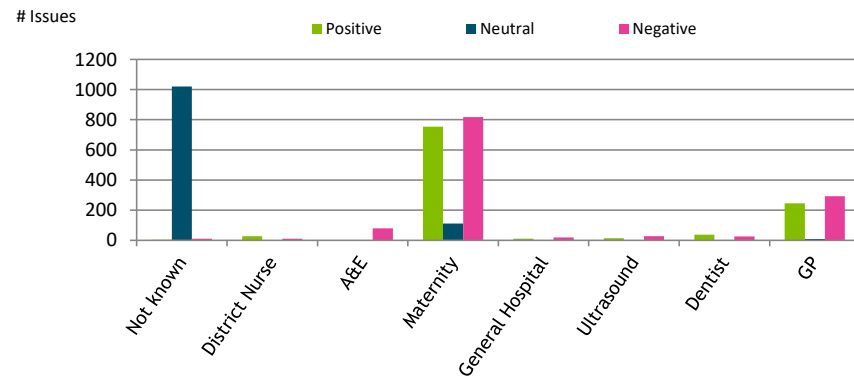


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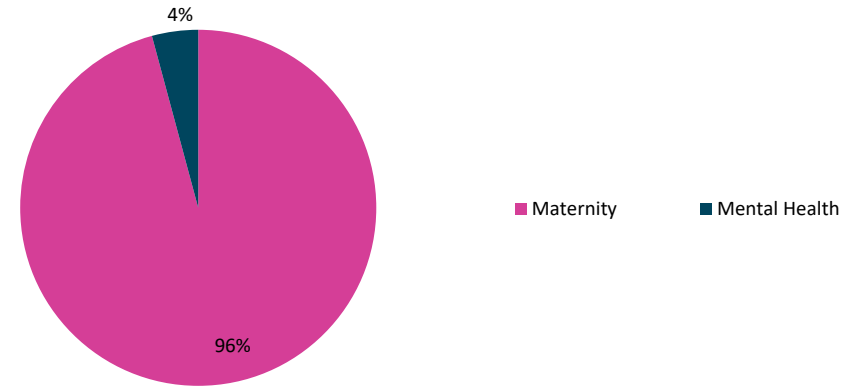
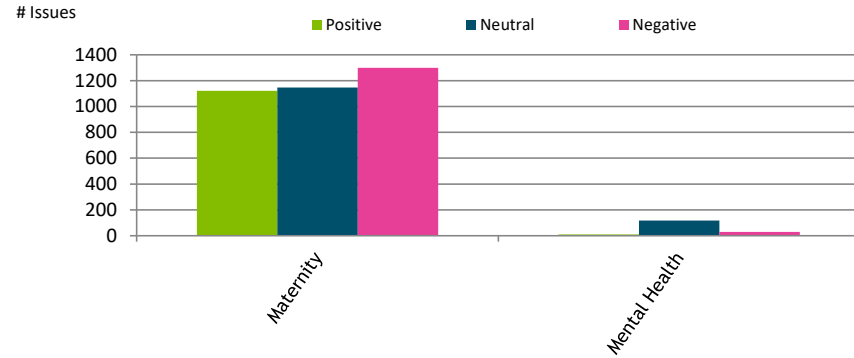


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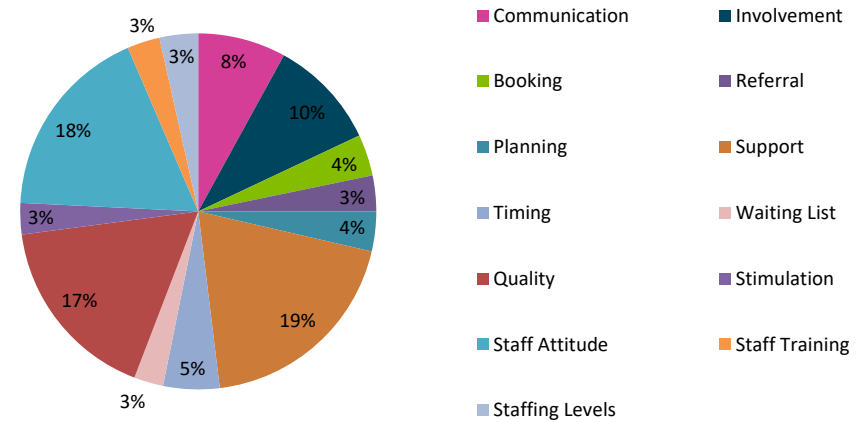
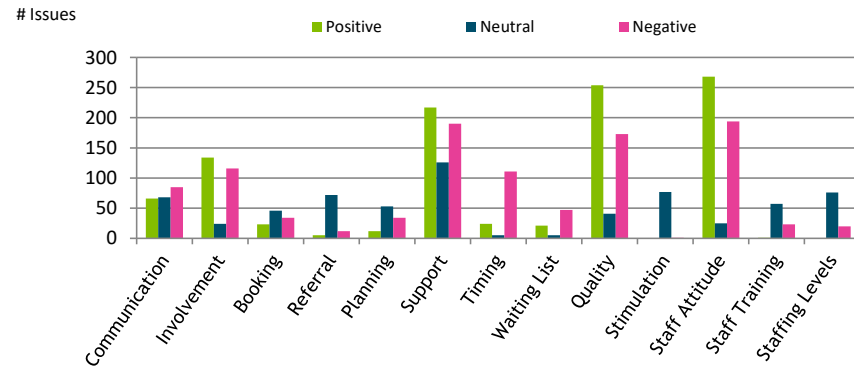


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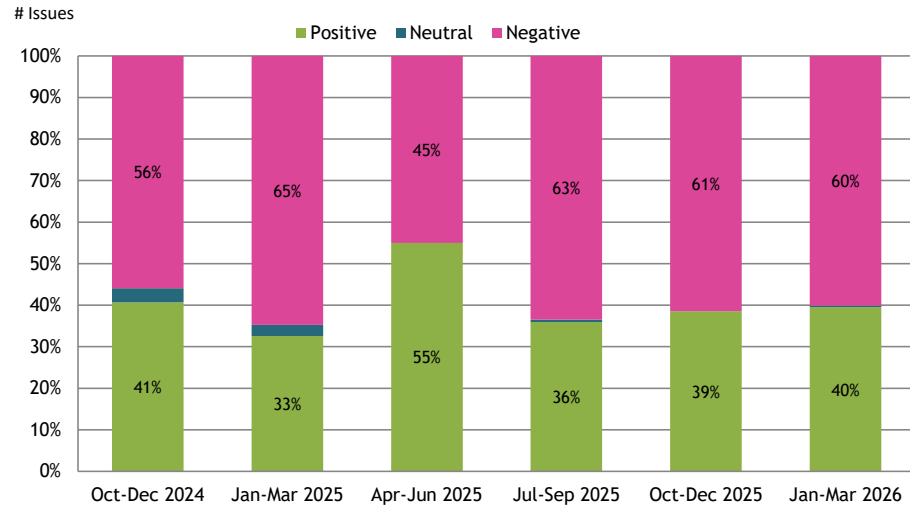


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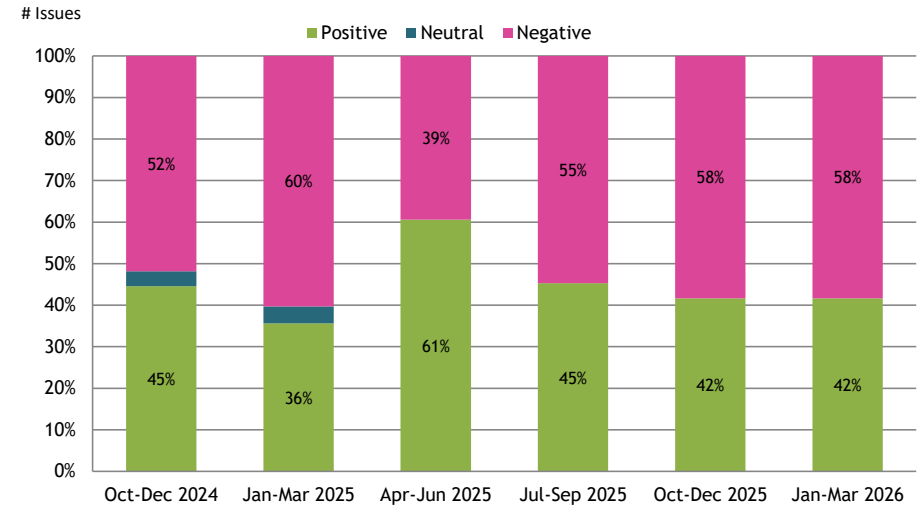
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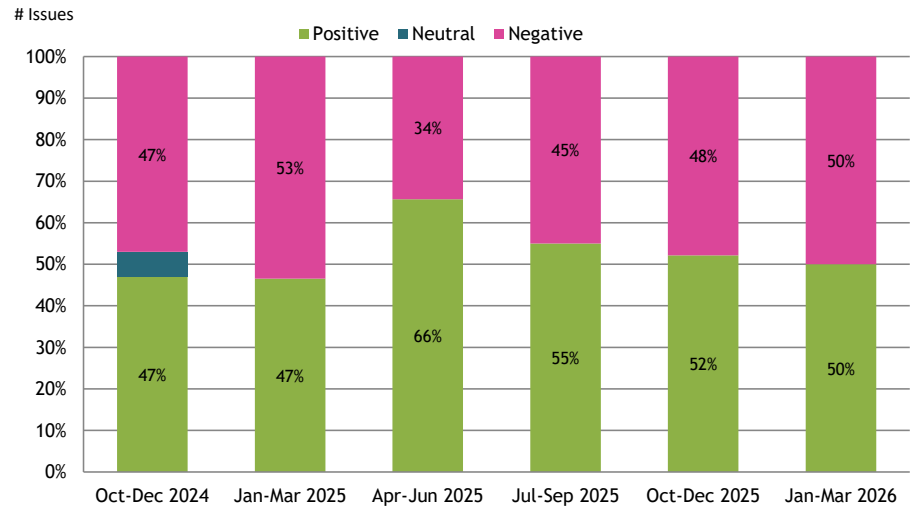
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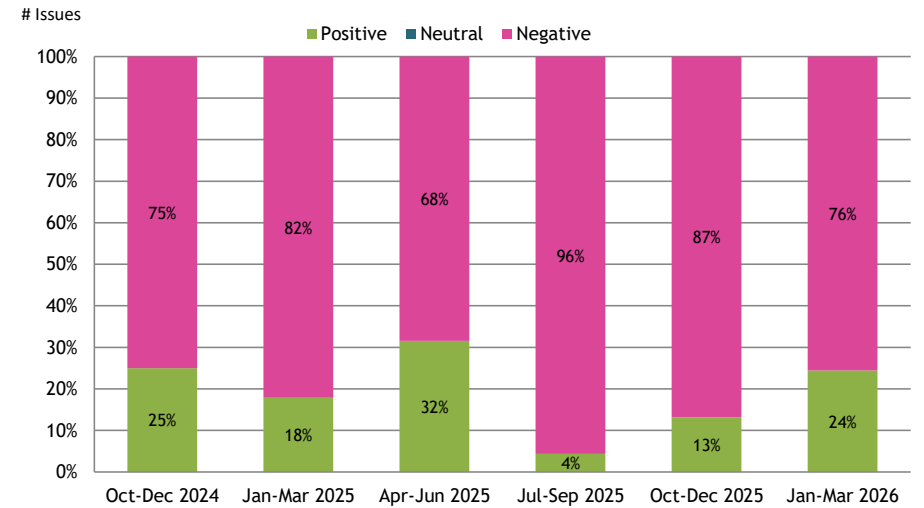
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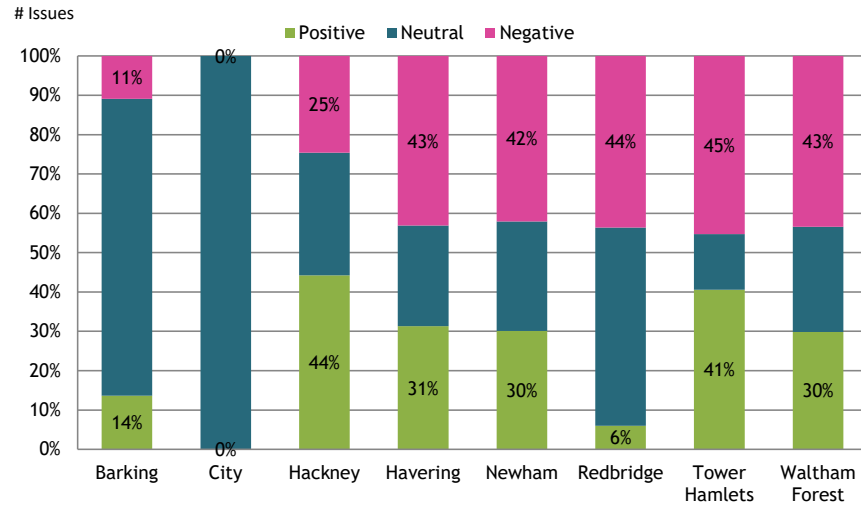
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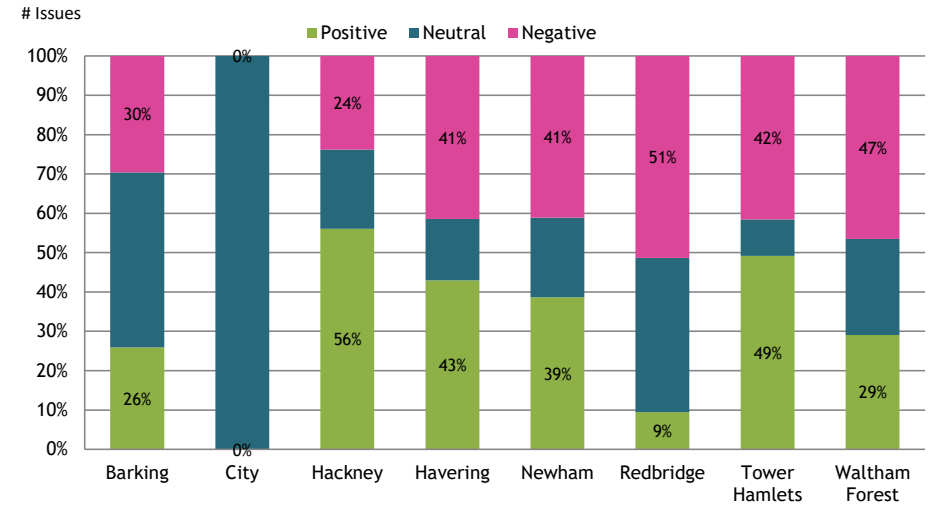
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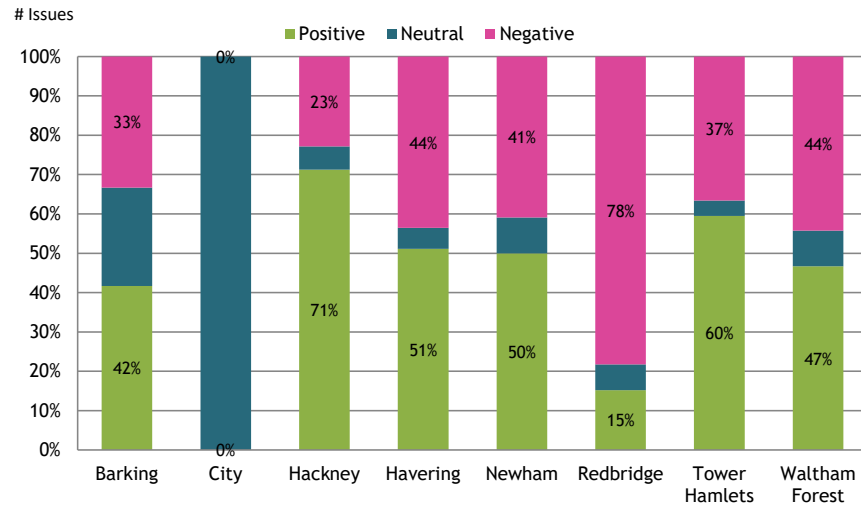
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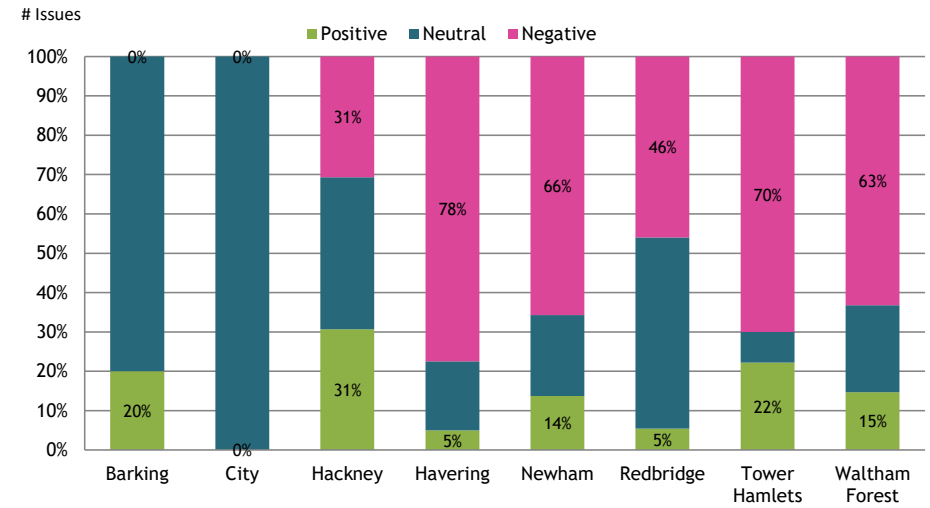
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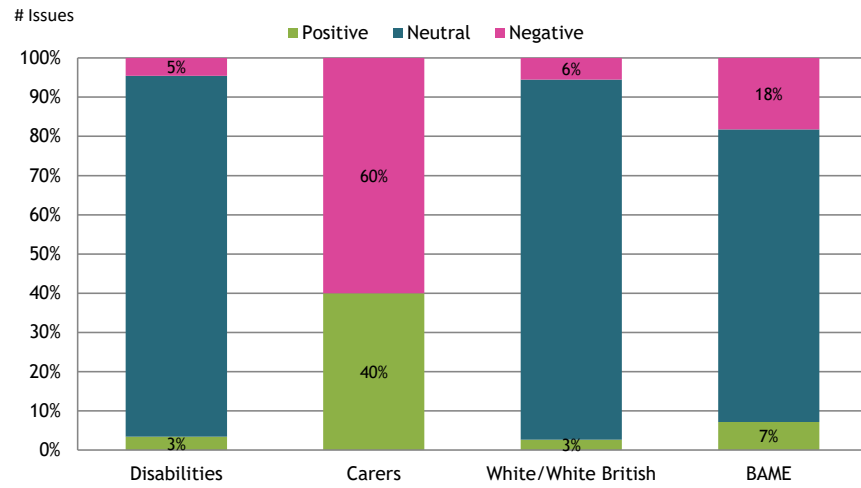
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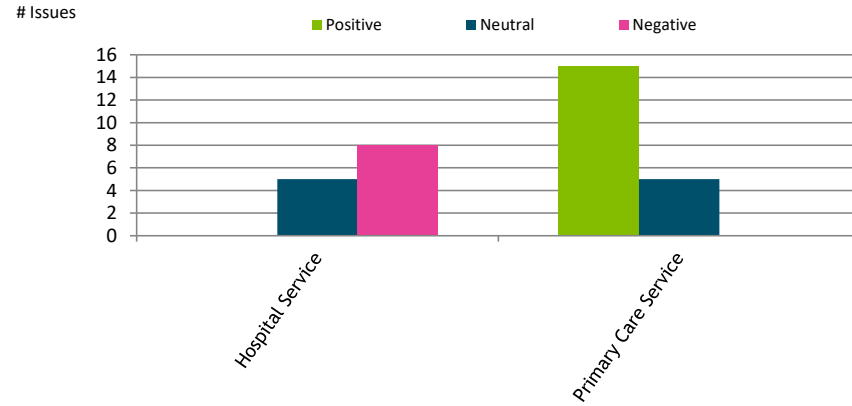
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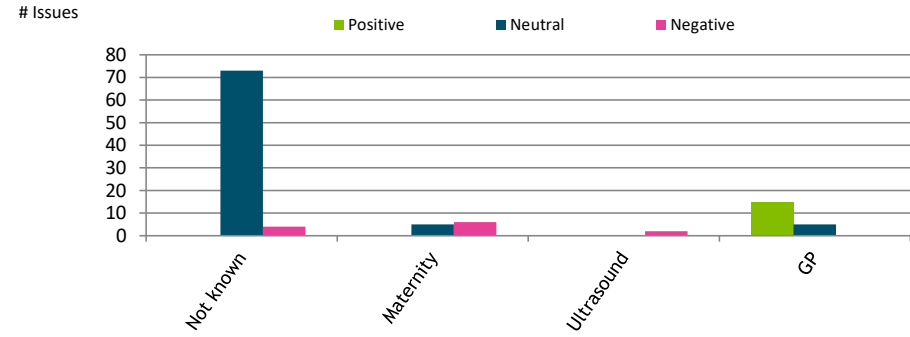


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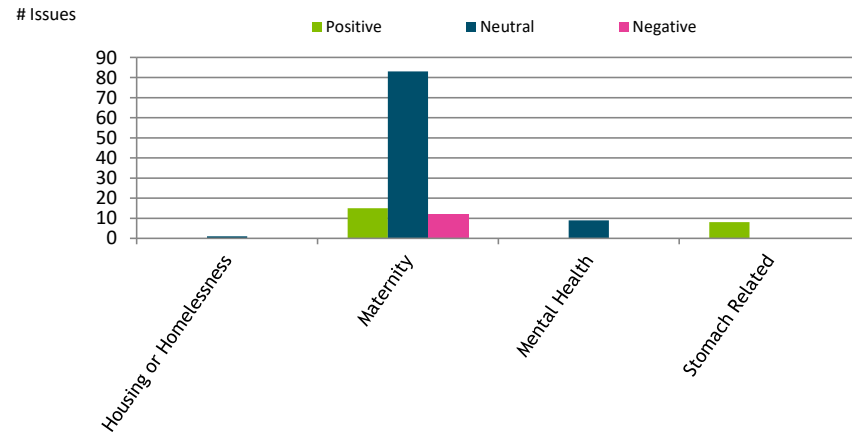
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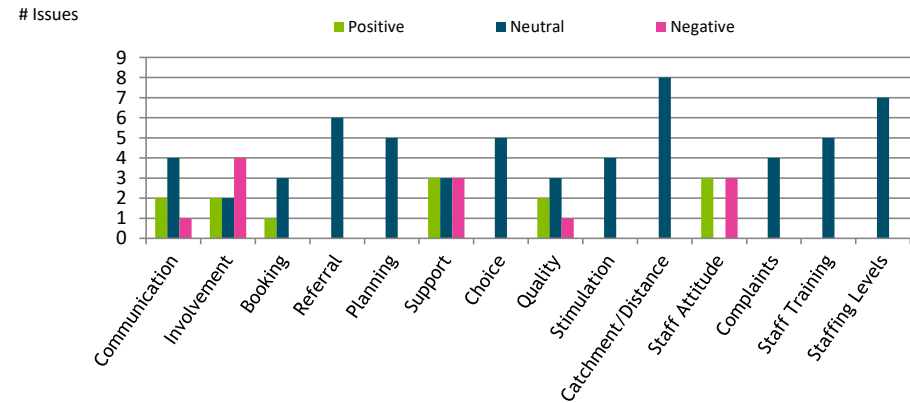
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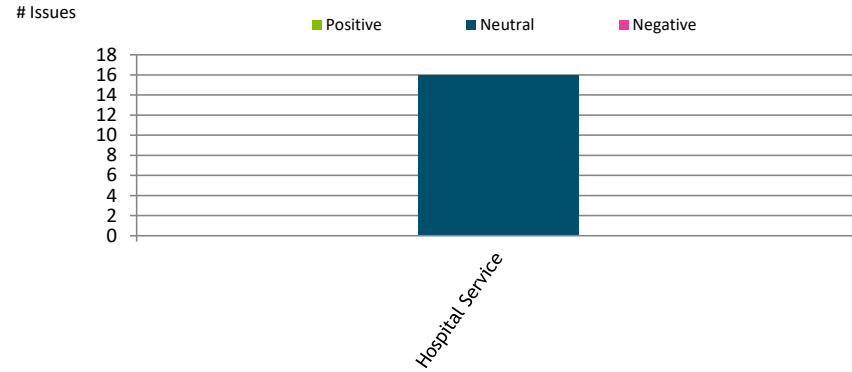


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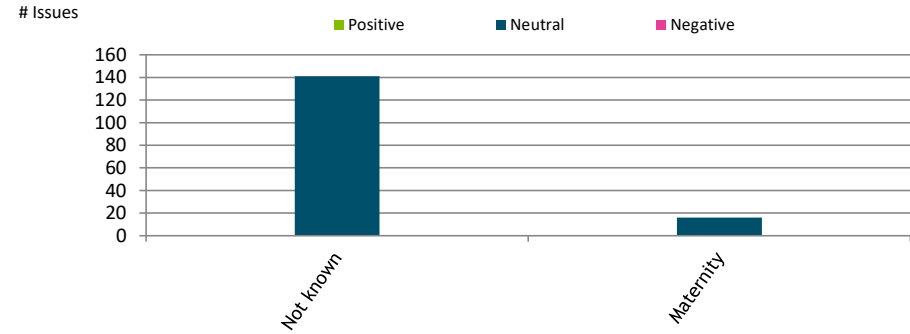


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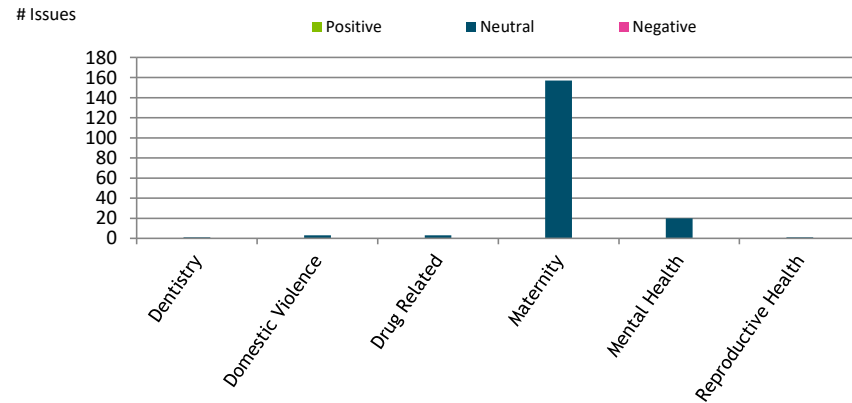
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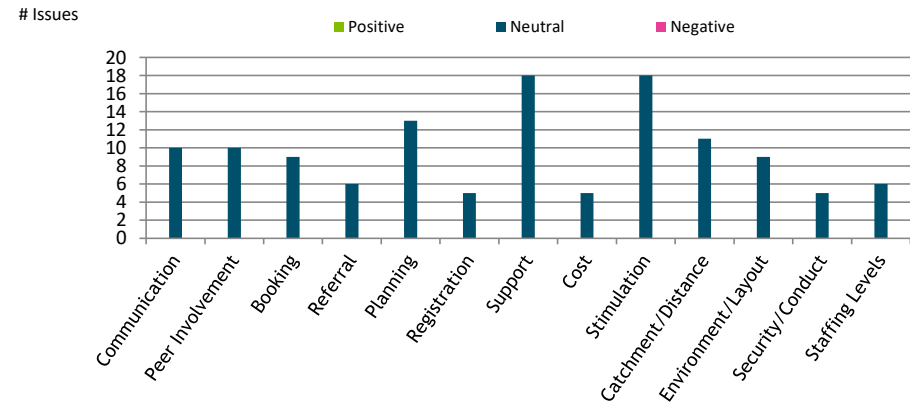
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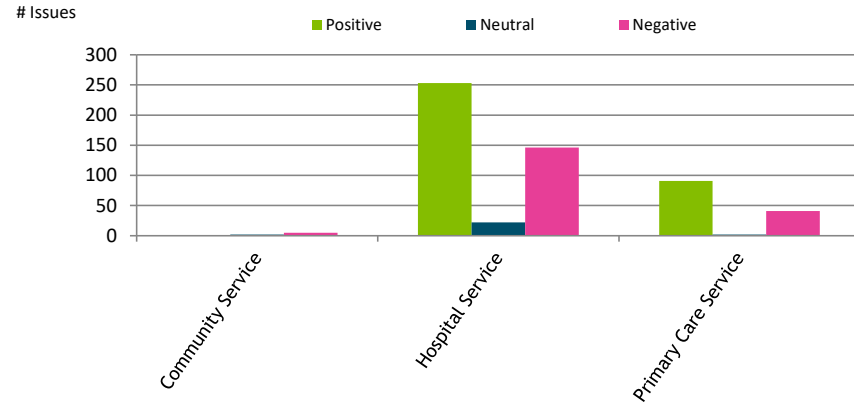


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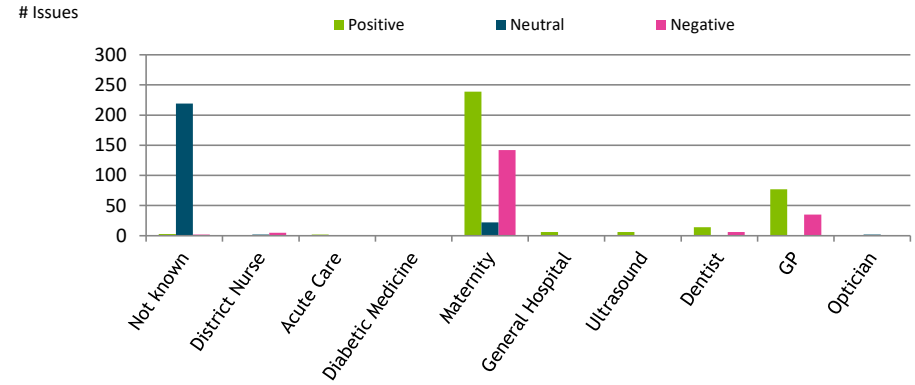


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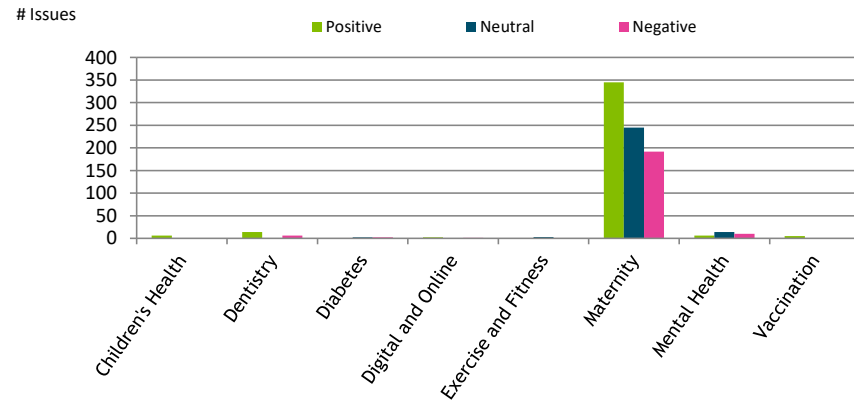
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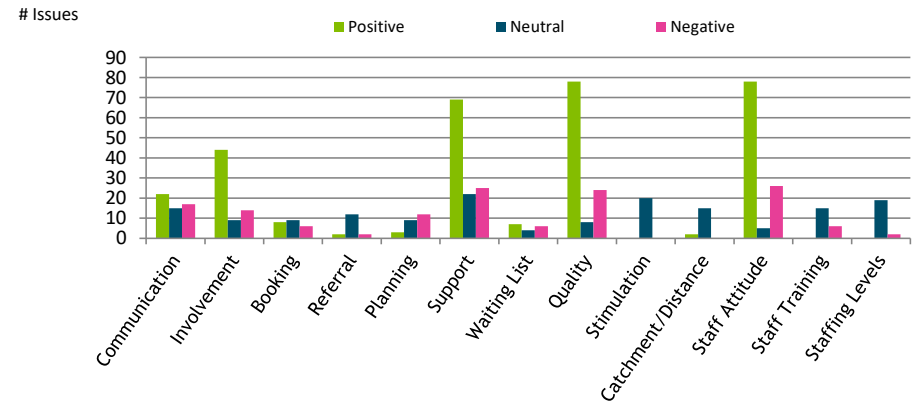
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### 7.12 Top Trends: 785 issues from 165 people

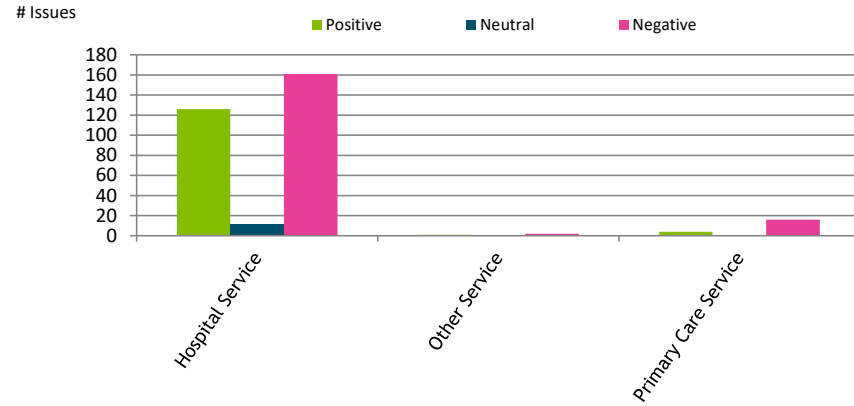


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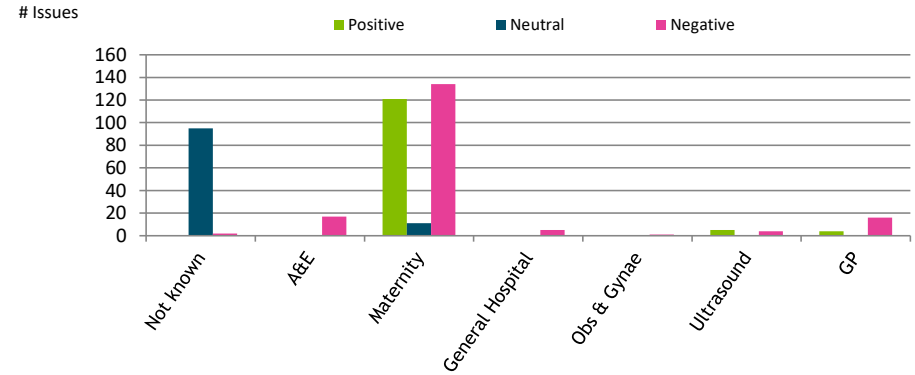


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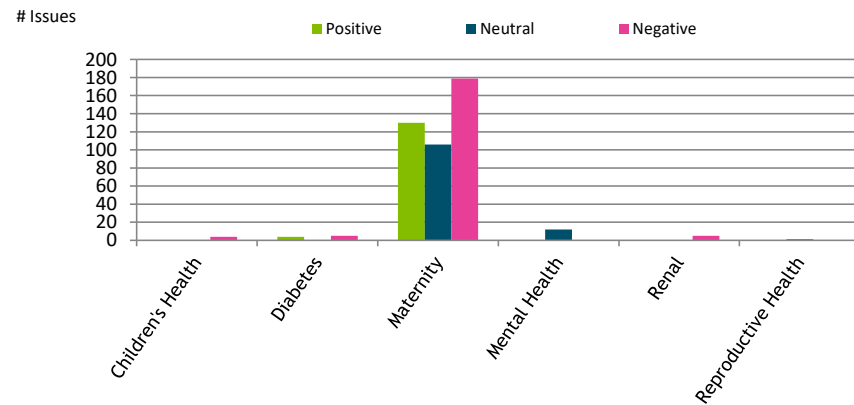
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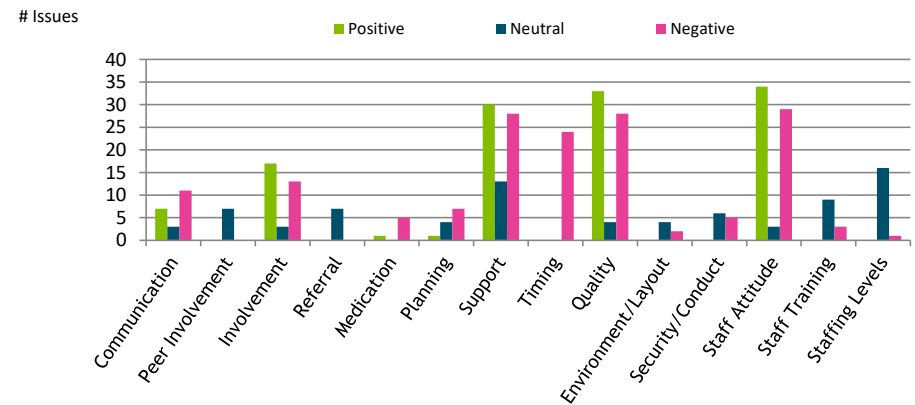
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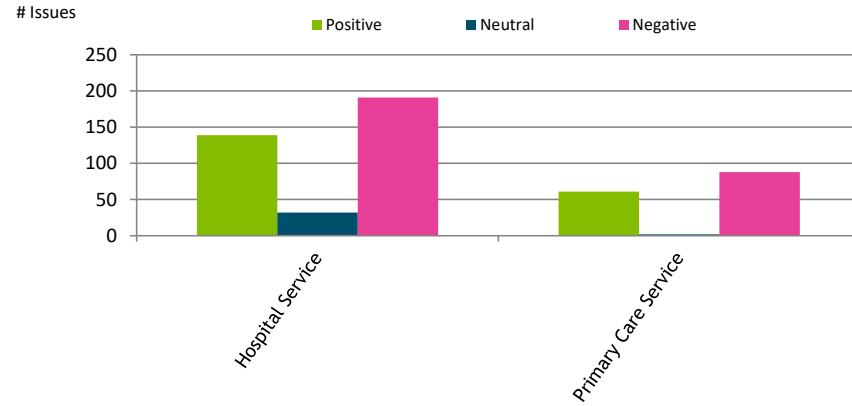


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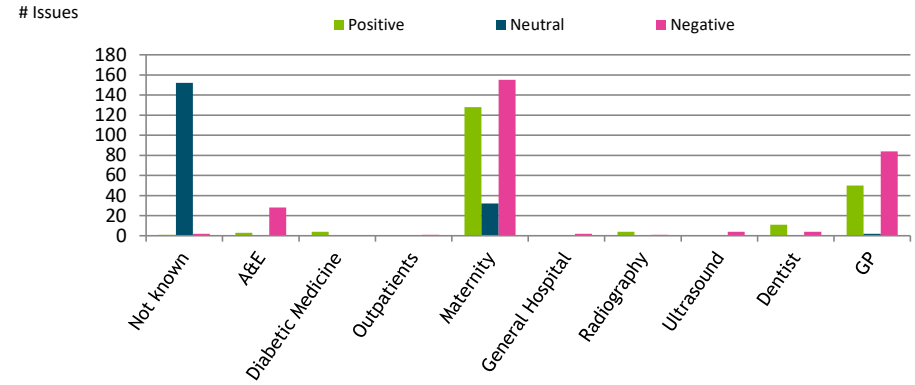


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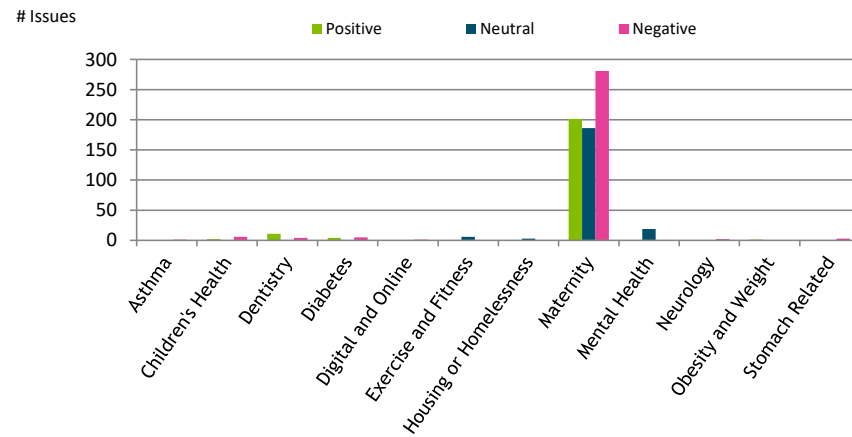
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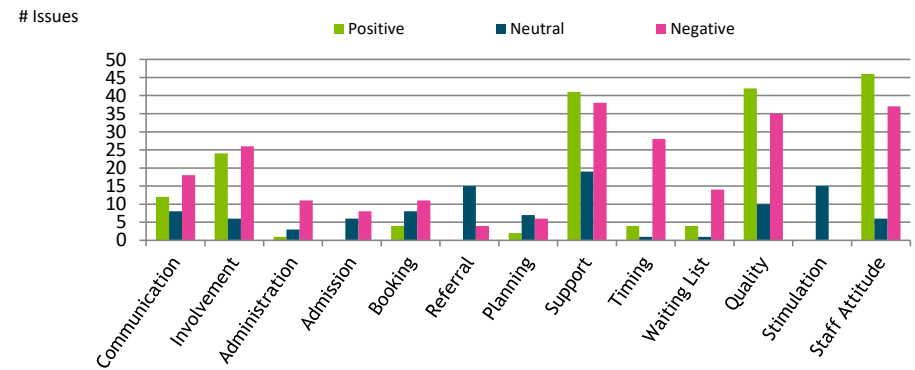
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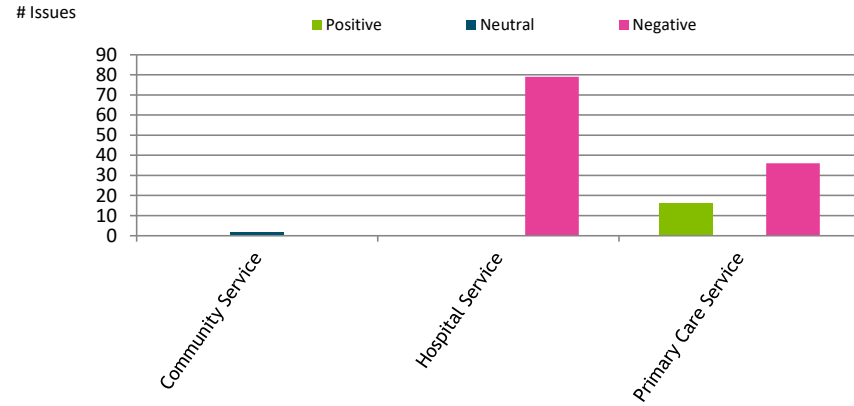


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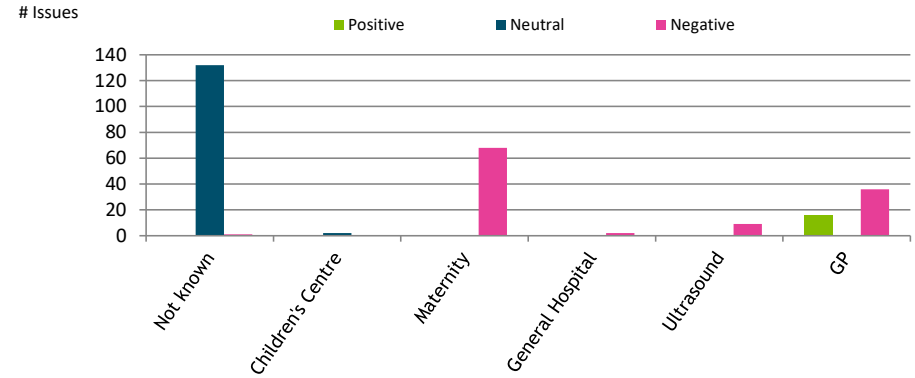


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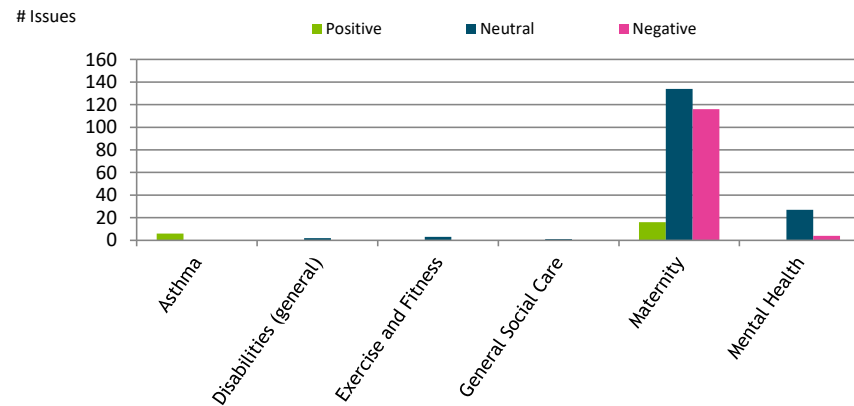
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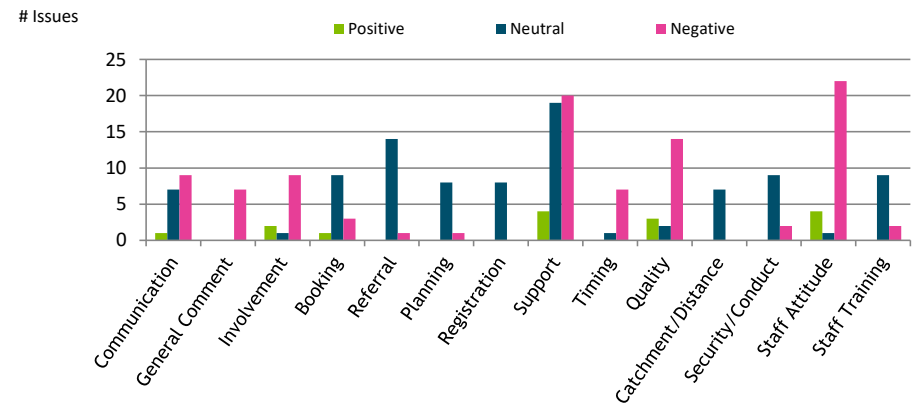
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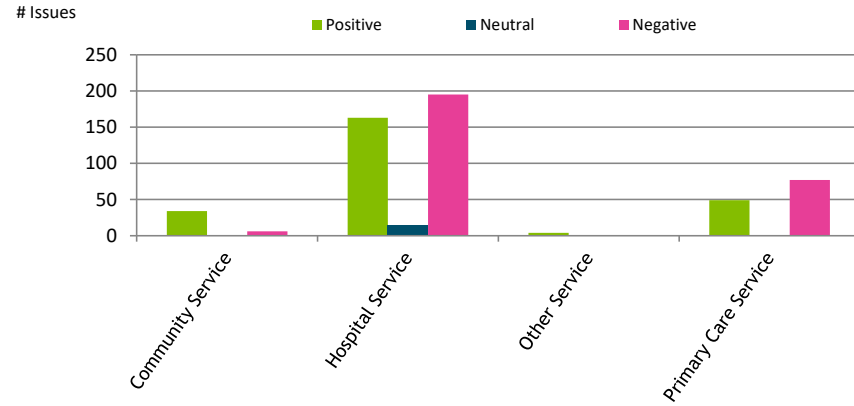


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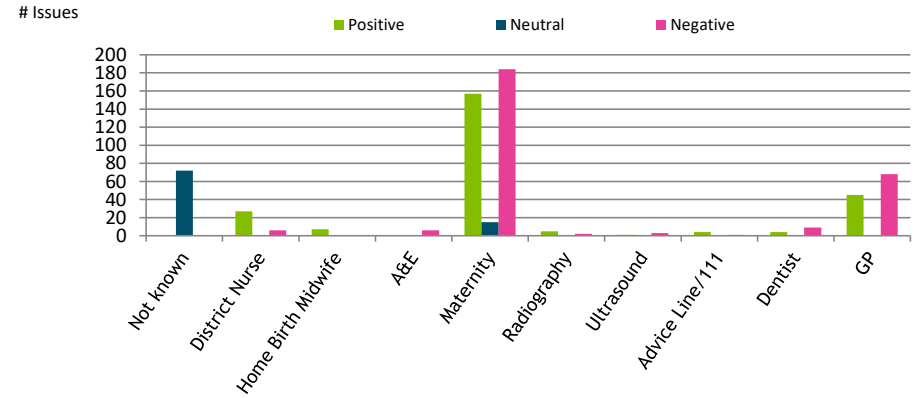


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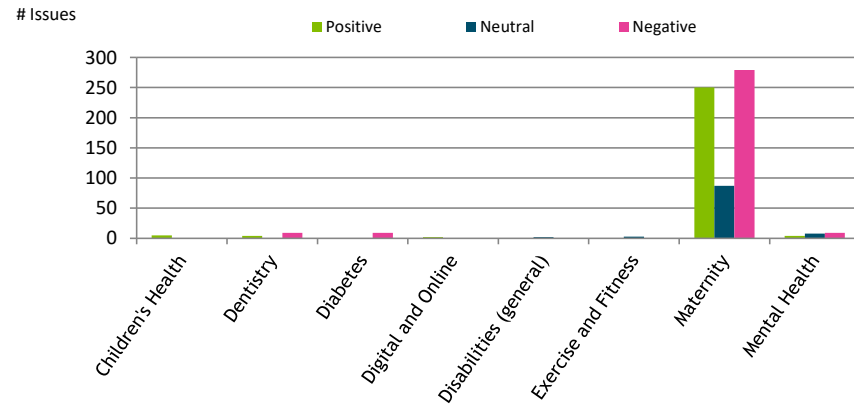
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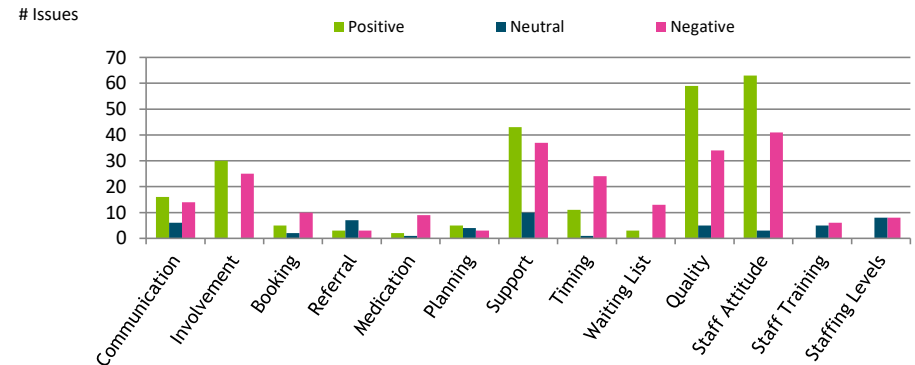
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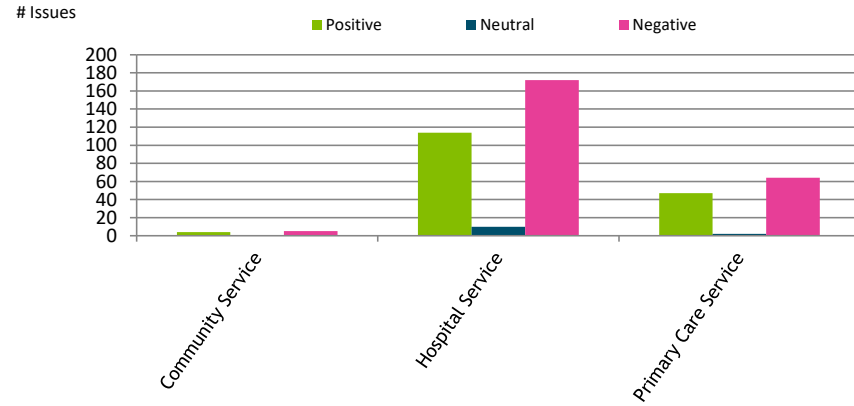


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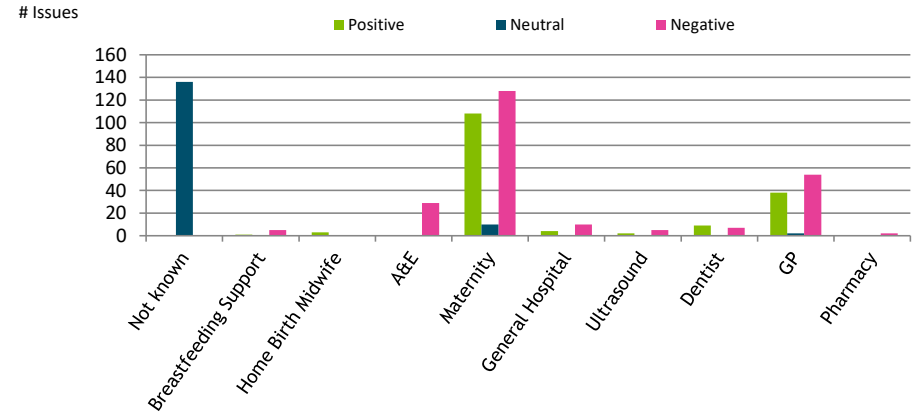


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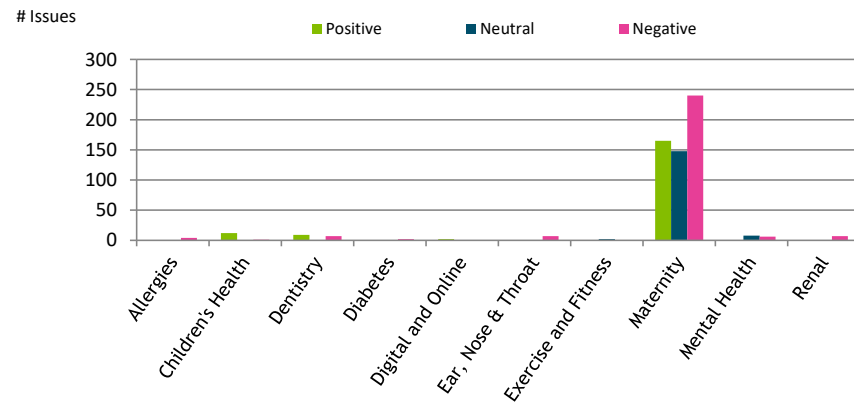
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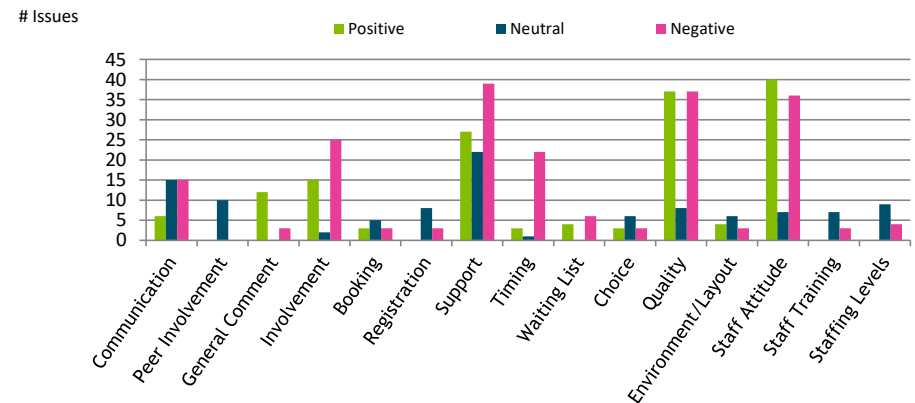
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### 7.31 Stated medical conditions/topics



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### 7.32 Top Trends: 553 issues from 144 people



Issues receiving the most comments overall

## 8. 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>	66	68	85	219
	Carer Involvement	<i>Involvement or influence of carers and family members.</i>	9	25	6	40
	Peer Involvement	<i>Involvement or Influence of friends.</i>	0	60	0	60
	General Comment	<i>A generalised statement (ie; "The doctor was good.")</i>	26	1	14	41
	User Involvement	<i>Involvement or influence of the service user.</i>	134	24	116	274
Systems	Administration	<i>Administrative processes and delivery.</i>	4	6	35	45
	Admission	<i>Physical admission to a hospital ward, or other service.</i>	2	10	23	35
	Booking	<i>Ability to book, reschedule or cancel appointments.</i>	23	46	34	103
	Cancellations	<i>Cancellation of appointment by the service provider.</i>	0	0	8	8
	Data Protection	<i>General data protection (including GDPR).</i>	0	0	0	0
	Referral	<i>Referral to a service.</i>	5	72	12	89
	Medical Records	<i>Management of medical records.</i>	0	7	1	8
	Medication	<i>Prescription and management of medicines.</i>	10	4	34	48
	Opening Times	<i>Opening times of a service.</i>	0	10	0	10
	Planning	<i>Leadership and general organisation.</i>	12	53	34	99
	Registration	<i>Ability to register for a service.</i>	2	49	8	59
	Support	<i>Levels of support provided.</i>	217	126	190	533
	Telephone	<i>Ability to contact a service by telephone.</i>	1	6	13	20
	Timing	<i>Physical timing (ie; length of wait at appointments).</i>	24	5	111	140
Waiting List	<i>Length of wait while on a list.</i>	21	5	47	73	
Values	Choice	<i>General choice.</i>	6	22	12	40
	Cost	<i>General cost.</i>	0	33	8	41
	Language	<i>Language, including terminology.</i>	2	19	2	23
	Nutrition	<i>Provision of sustenance.</i>	5	15	8	28
	Privacy	<i>Privacy, personal space and property.</i>	3	2	4	9
	Quality	<i>General quality of a service, or staff.</i>	254	41	173	468
	Sensory	<i>Deaf/blind or other sensory issues.</i>	0	3	1	4
	Stimulation	<i>General stimulation, including access to activities.</i>	0	77	1	78

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Environment	Catchment/Distance	<i>Distance to a service (and catchment area for eligibility).</i>	5	58	1	64
	Environment/Layout	<i>Physical environment of a service.</i>	12	30	14	56
	Equipment	<i>General equipment issues.</i>	0	7	3	10
	Hazard	<i>General hazard to safety (ie; a hospital wide infection).</i>	0	8	5	13
	Hygiene	<i>Levels of hygiene and general cleanliness.</i>	8	0	9	17
	Mobility	<i>Physical mobility to, from and within services.</i>	0	0	3	3
	Travel/Parking	<i>Ability to travel or park.</i>	1	3	6	10
Staff	Omission	<i>General omission (ie; transport did not arrive).</i>	0	21	20	41
	Security/Conduct	<i>General security of a service, including conduct of staff.</i>	2	37	16	55
	Staff Attitude	<i>Attitude, compassion and empathy of staff.</i>	268	25	194	487
	Complaints	<i>Ability to log and resolve a complaint.</i>	0	35	6	41
	Staff Training	<i>Training of staff.</i>	1	57	23	81
	Staffing Levels	<i>General availability of staff.</i>	0	76	20	96
<b>Total:</b>			<b>1123</b>	<b>1146</b>	<b>1300</b>	<b>3569</b>