

# Maternity Services in North East London (NEL)

## Trends Analysis Report



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 October 2023 - 30 September 2025*



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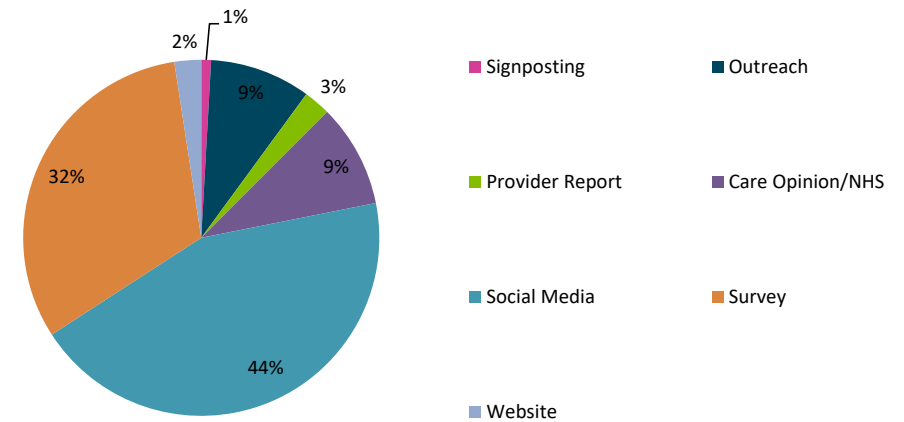
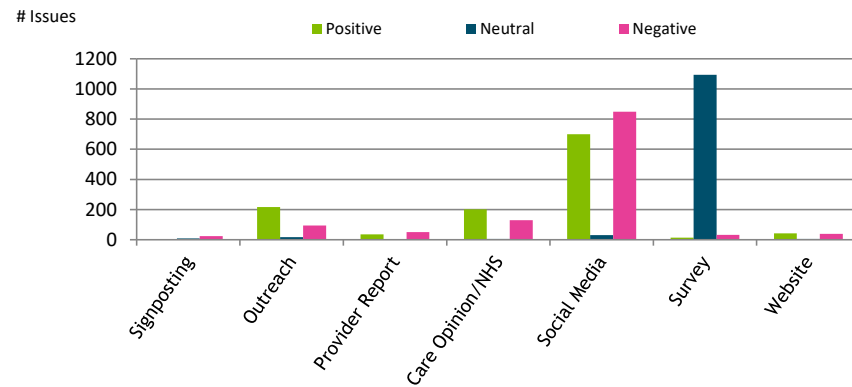


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## 1. Data Source: Where did we collect the feedback?

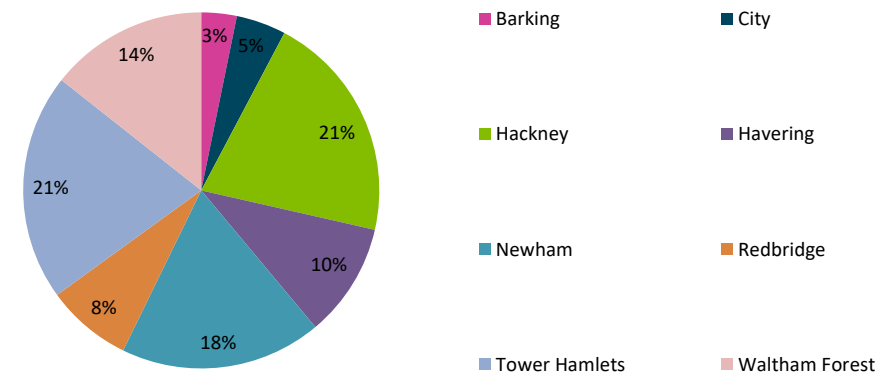
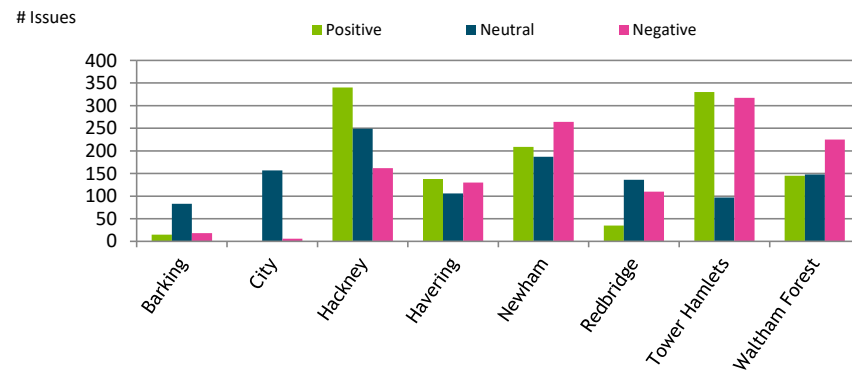


### 1.1 Source: 3606 issues from 879 people



Sources providing the most comments overall

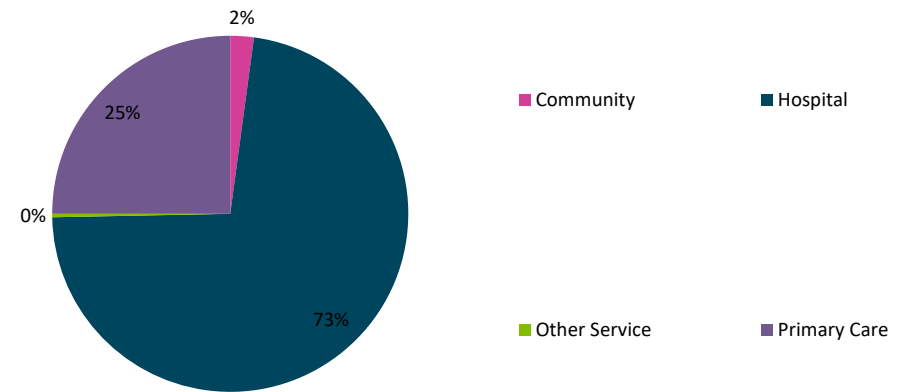
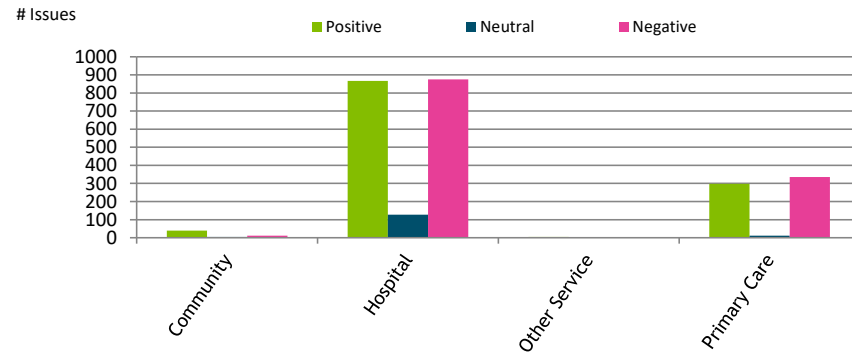
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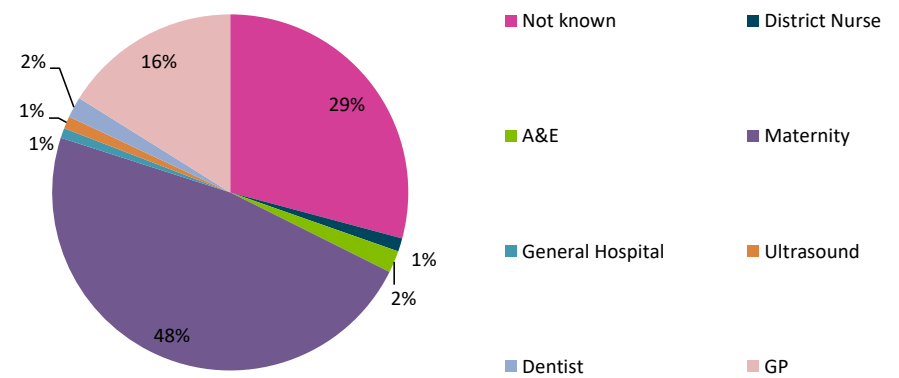
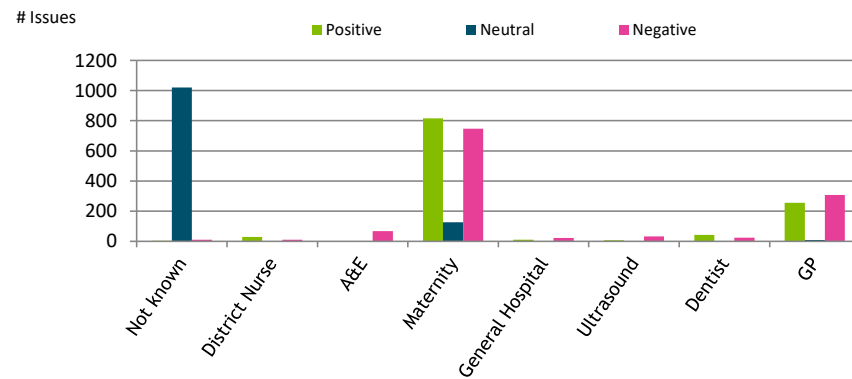


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Service sectors receiving the most comments overall

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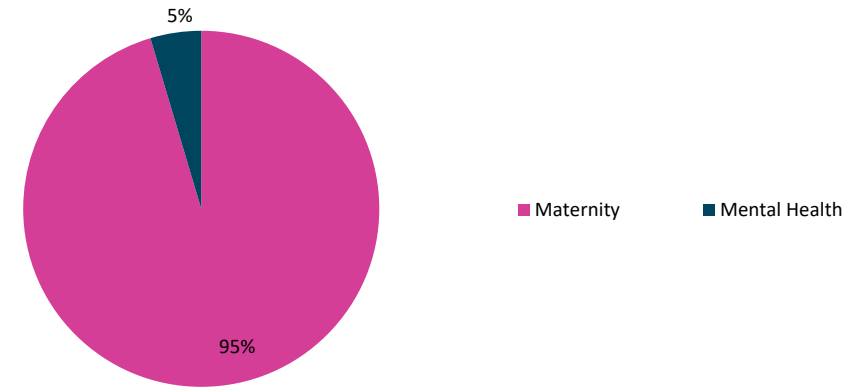
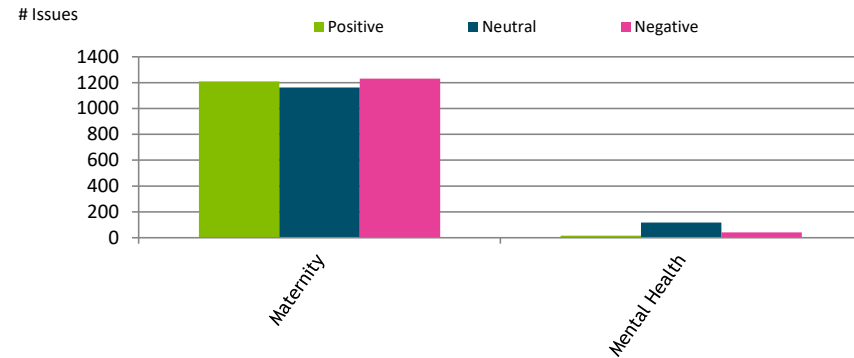


Service type receiving the most comments overall

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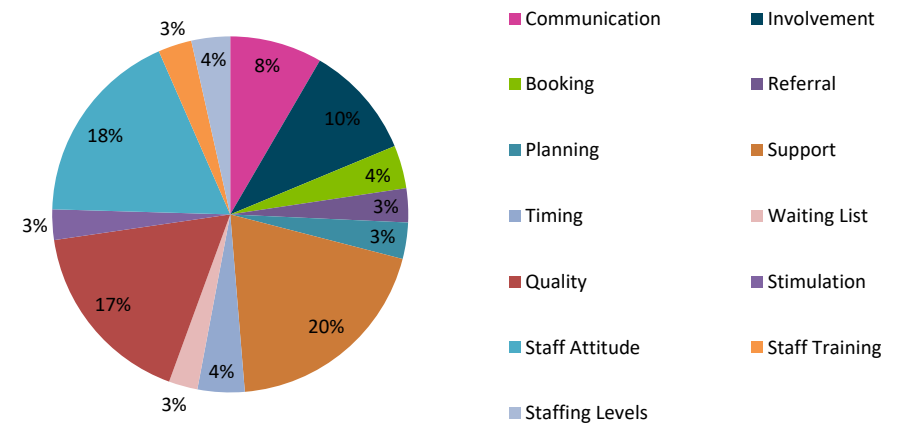
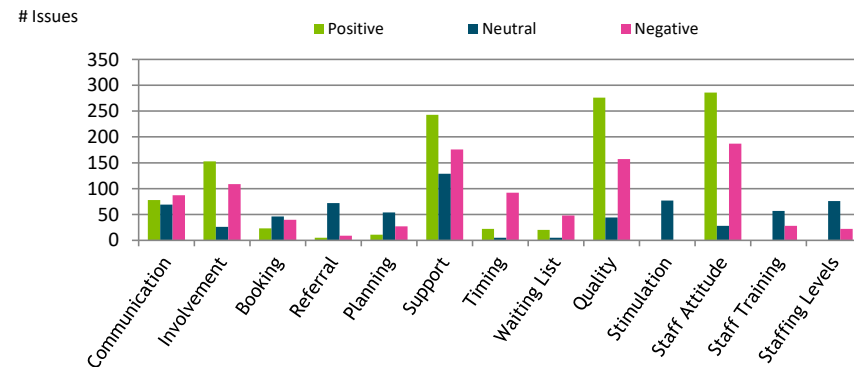


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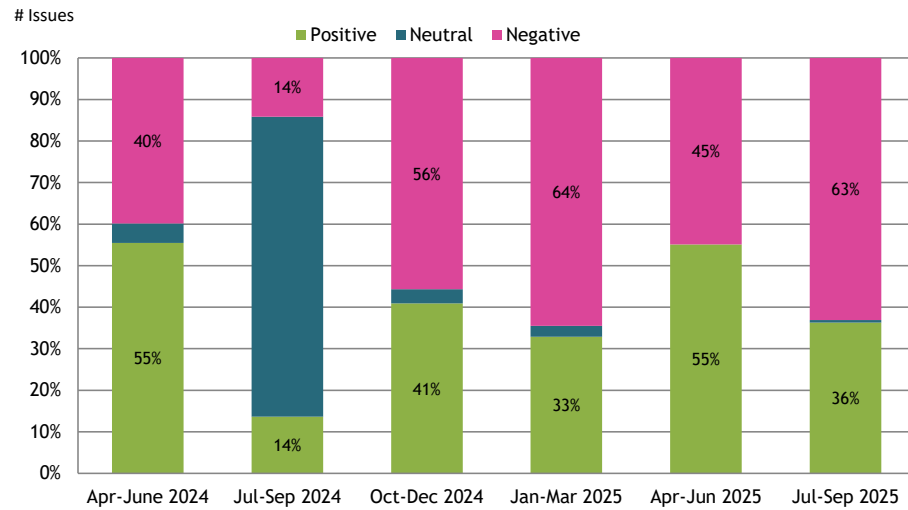


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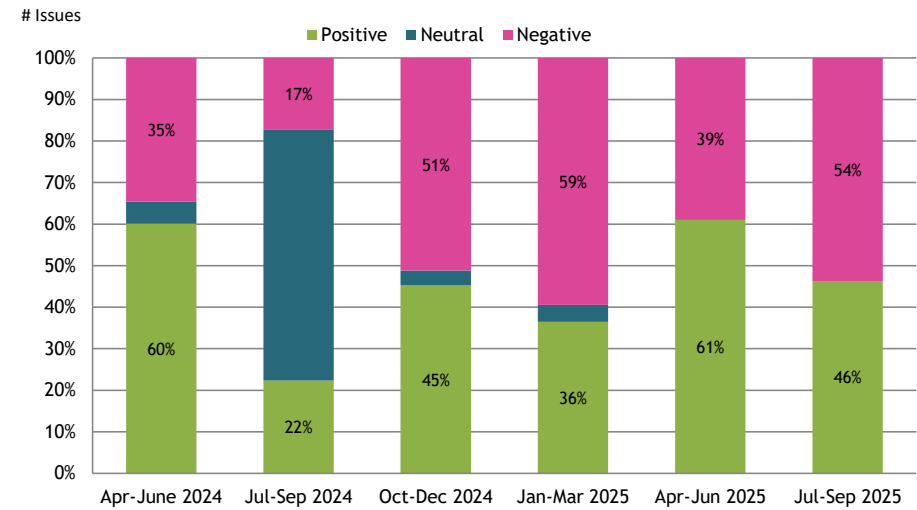
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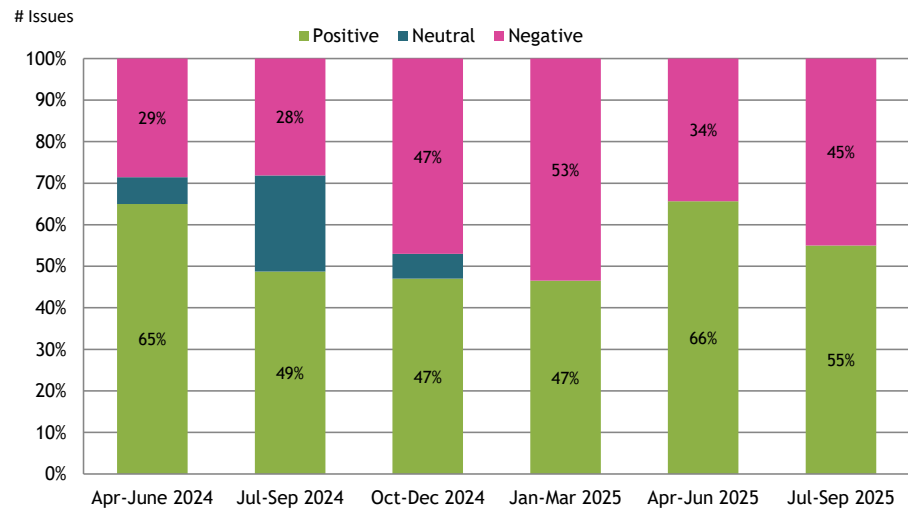
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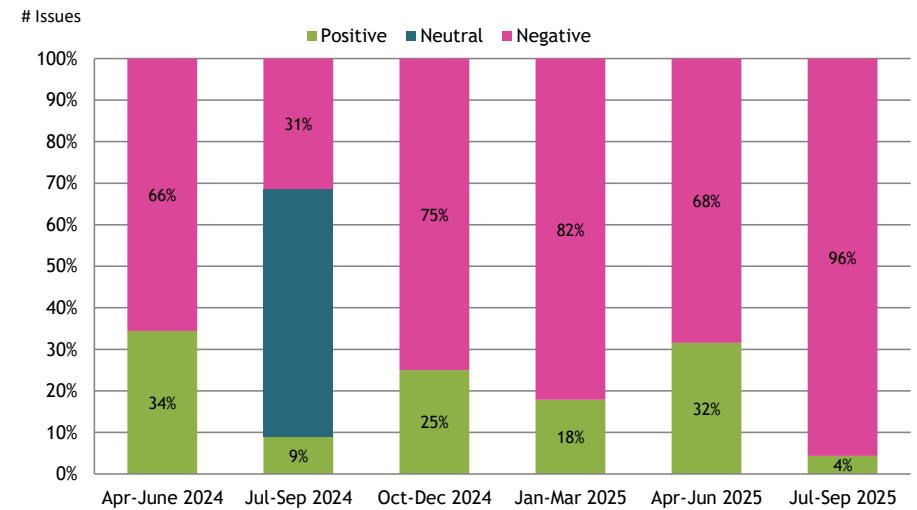
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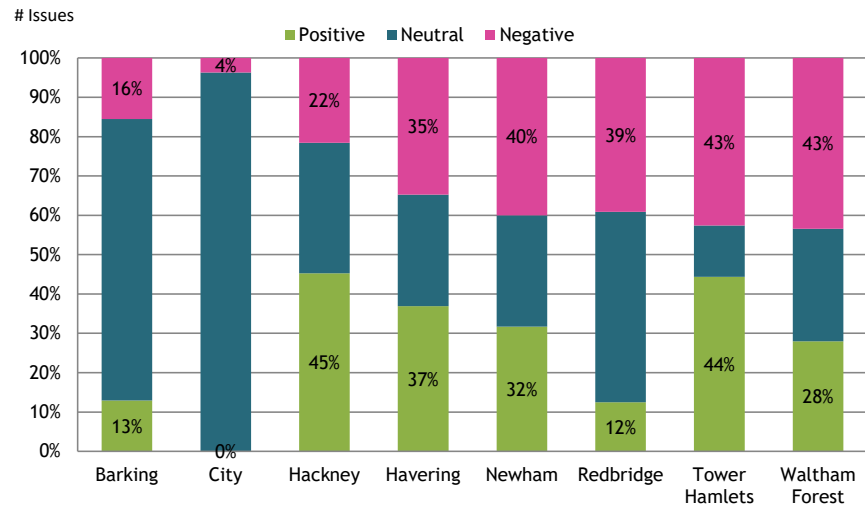
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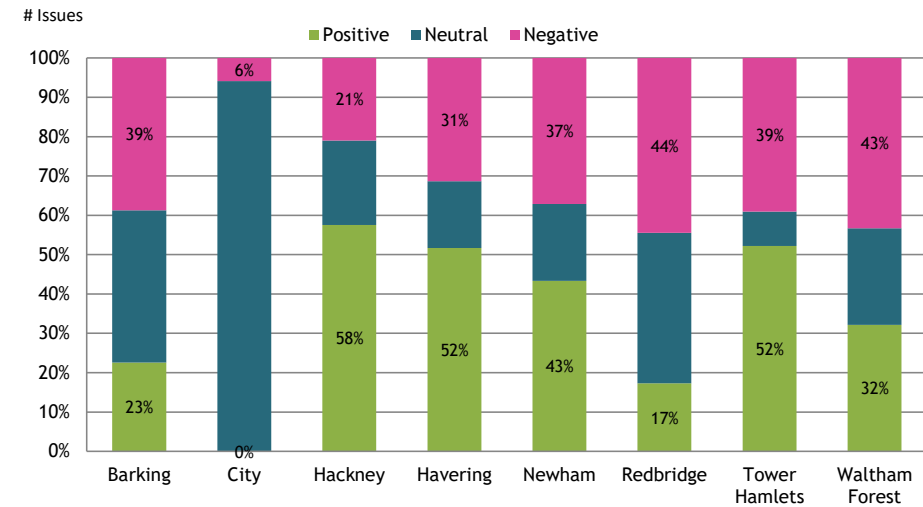
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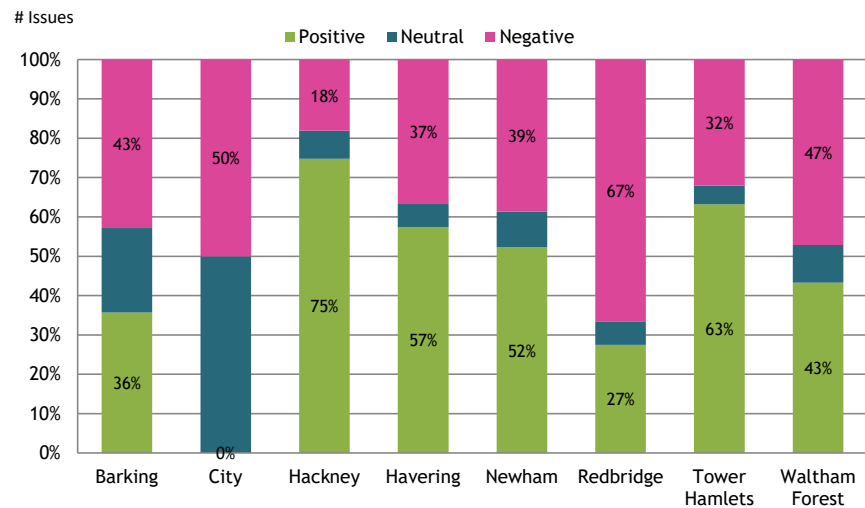
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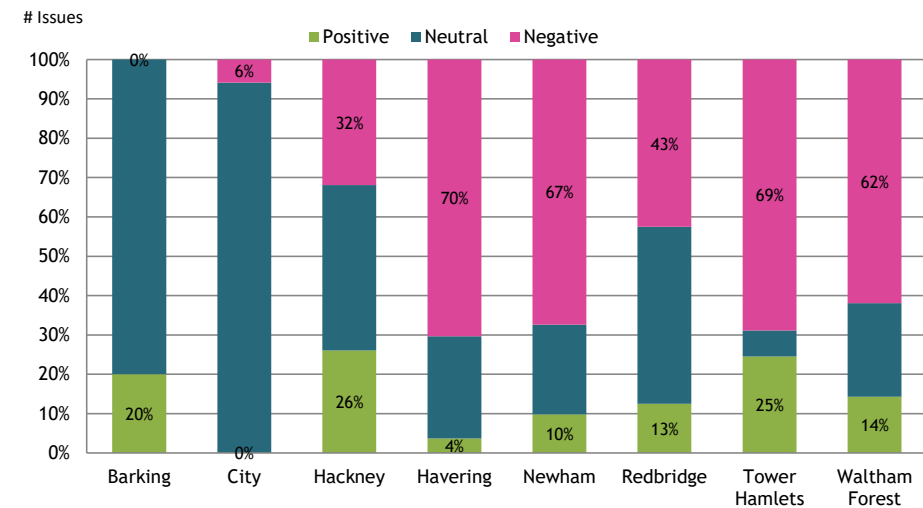
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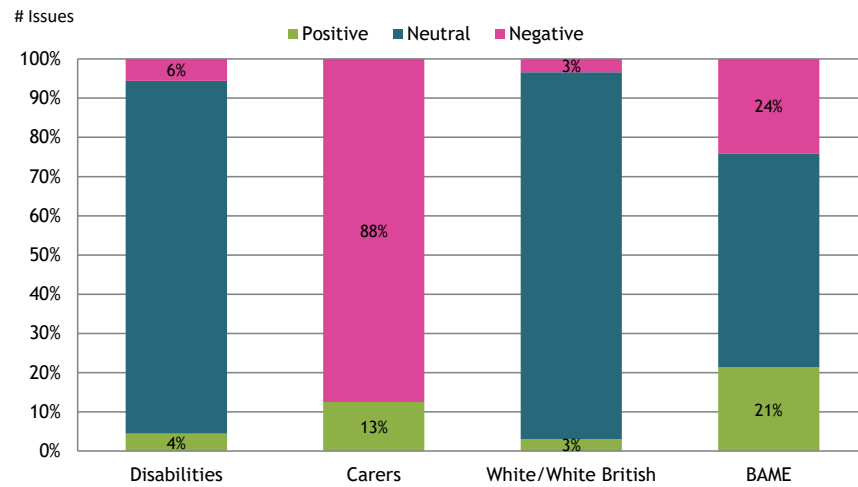
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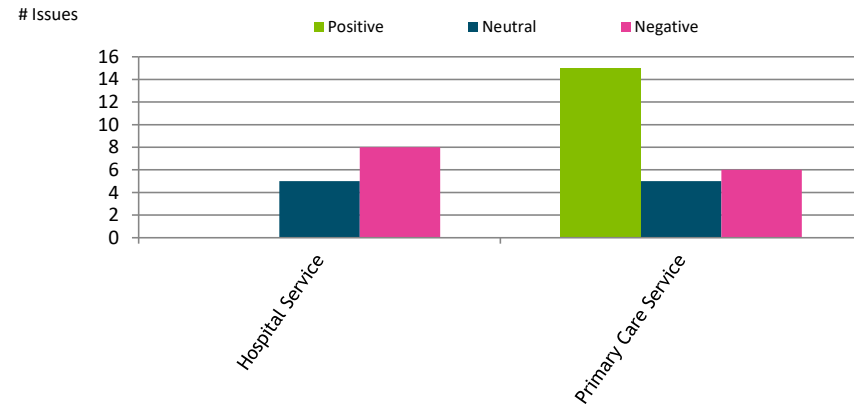




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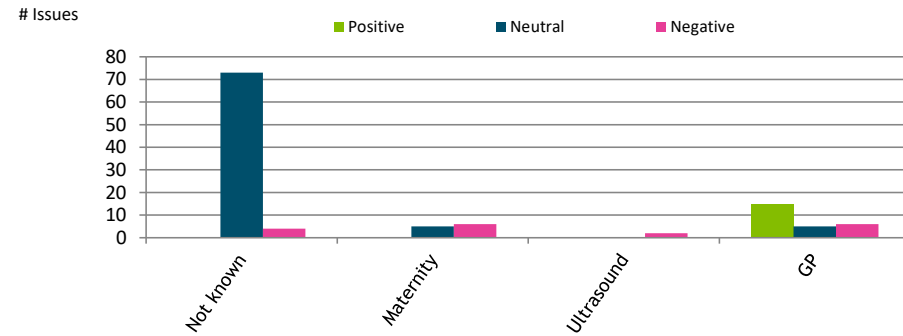


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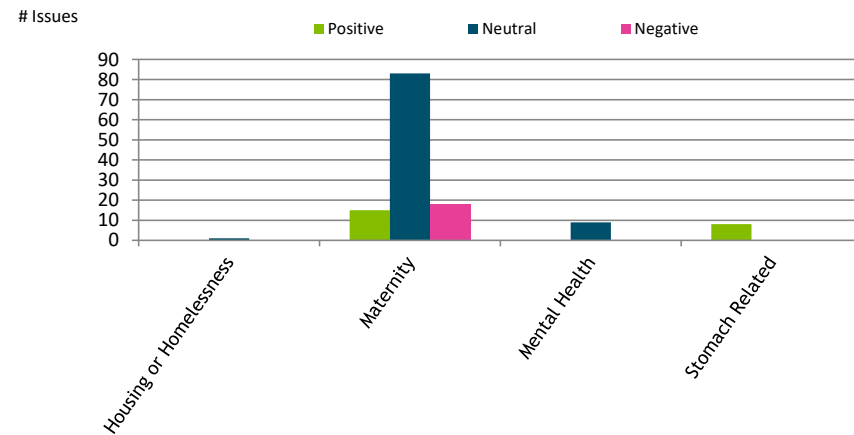
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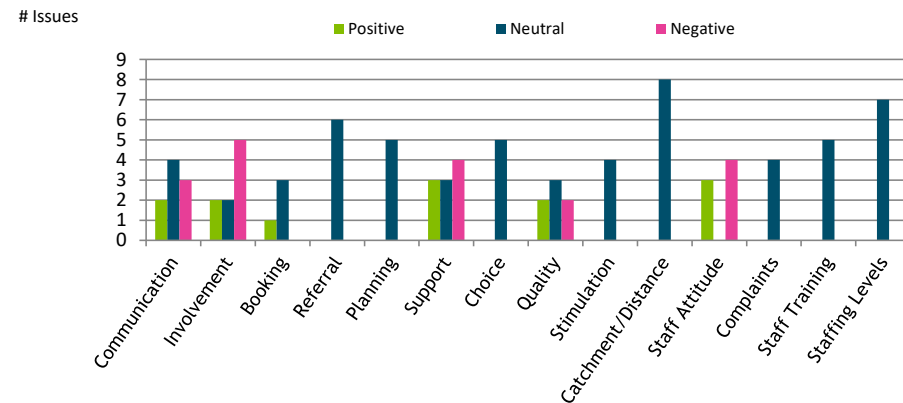
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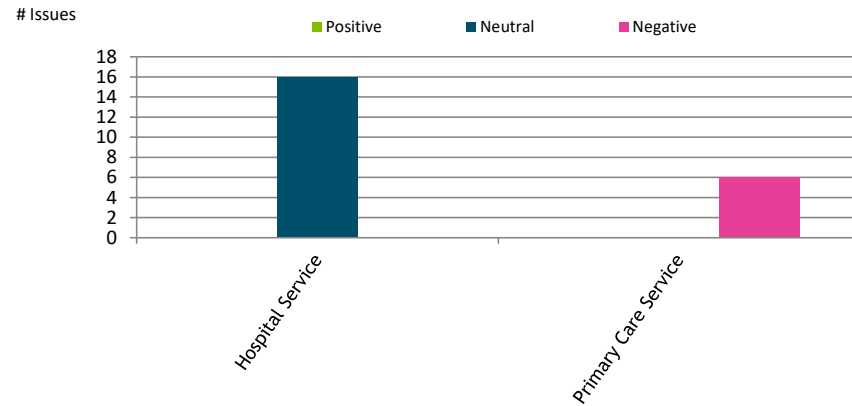


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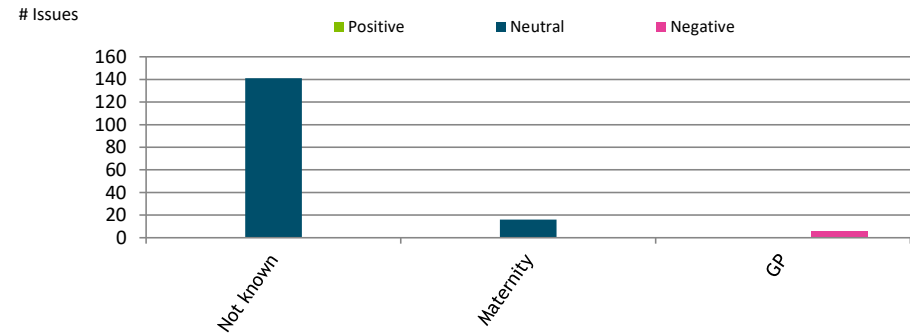


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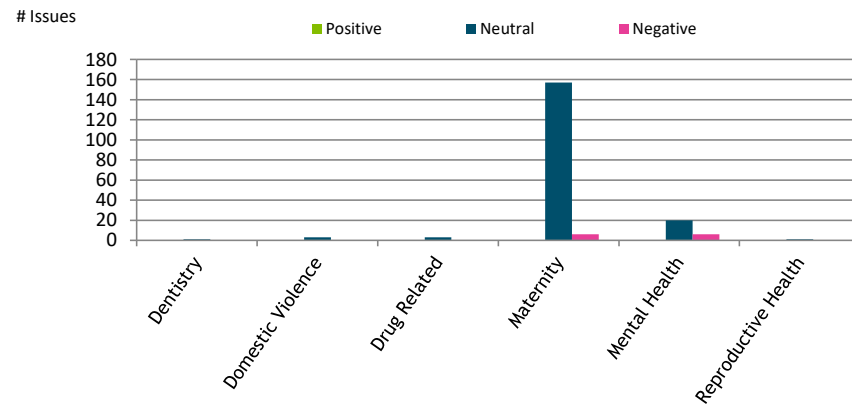
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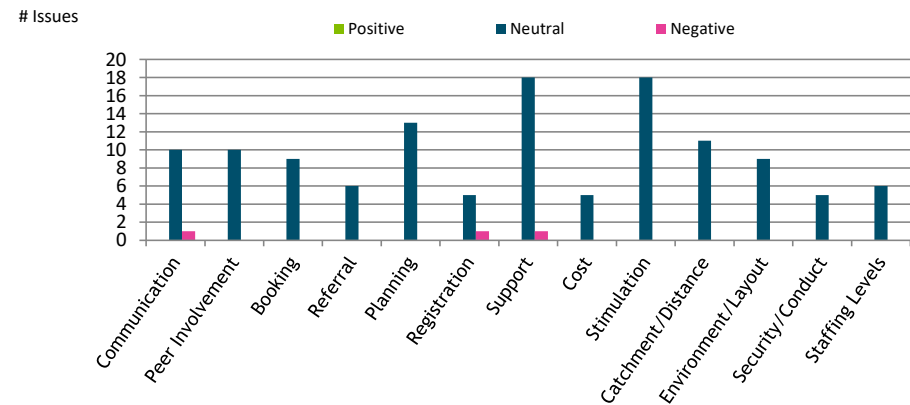
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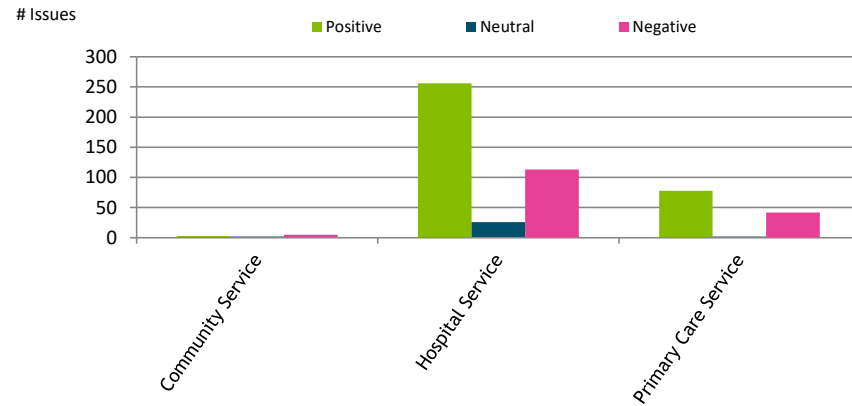


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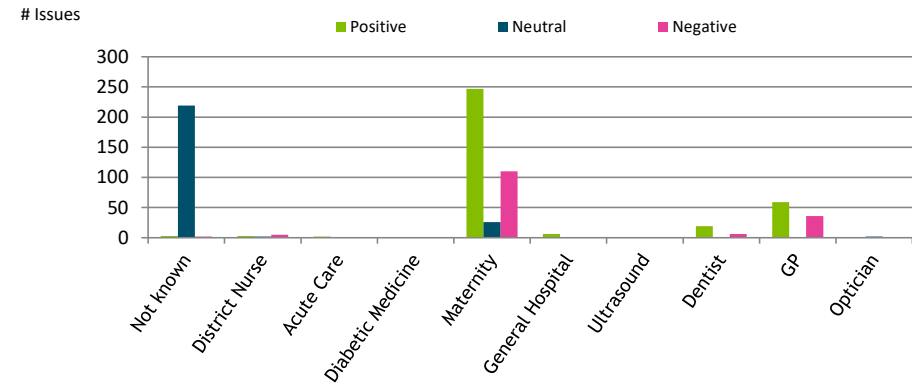


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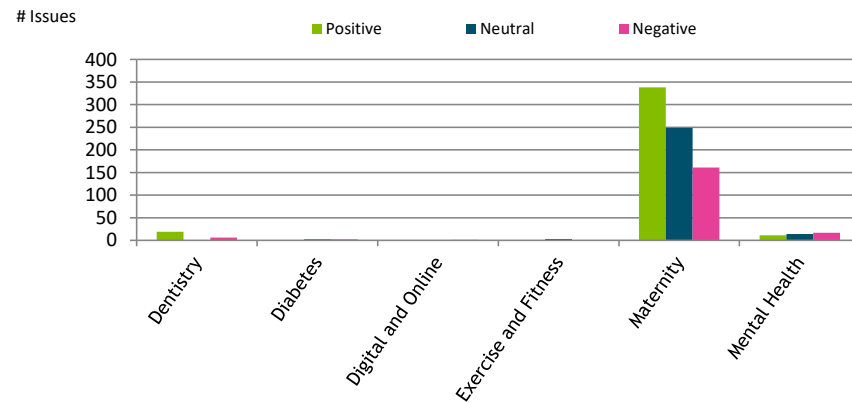
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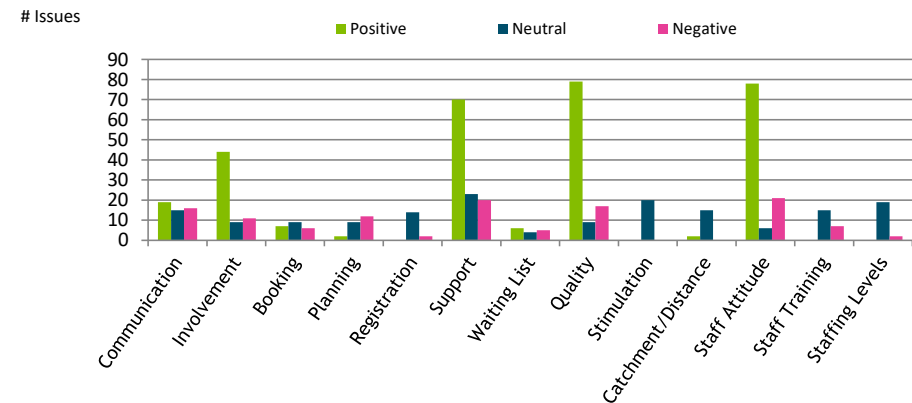
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Medical conditions/topics receiving the most comments overall

### 7.12 Top Trends: 751 issues from 159 people

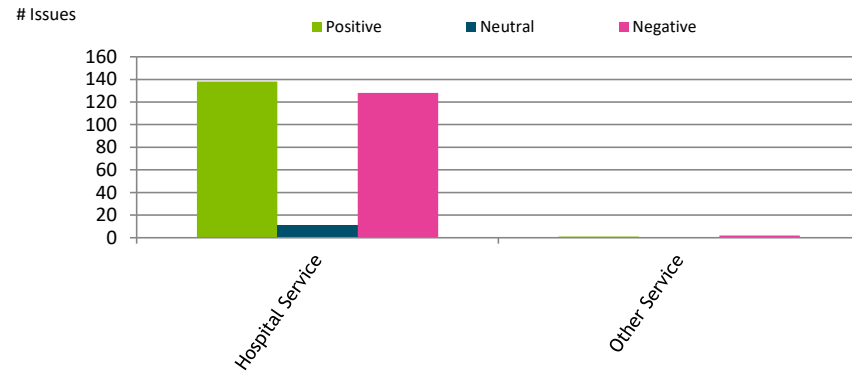


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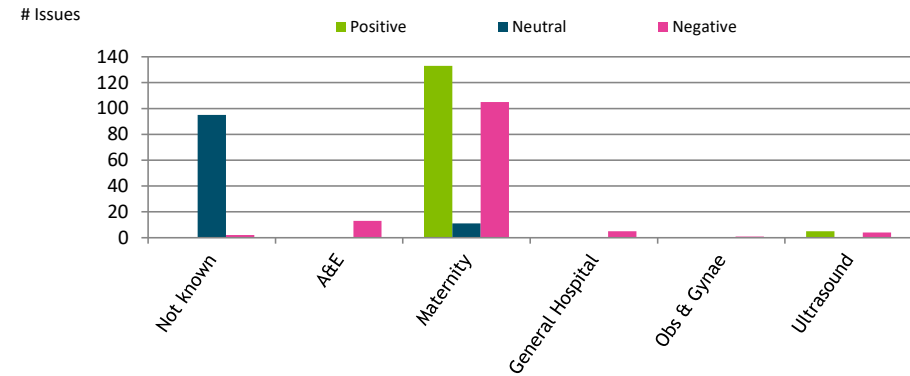


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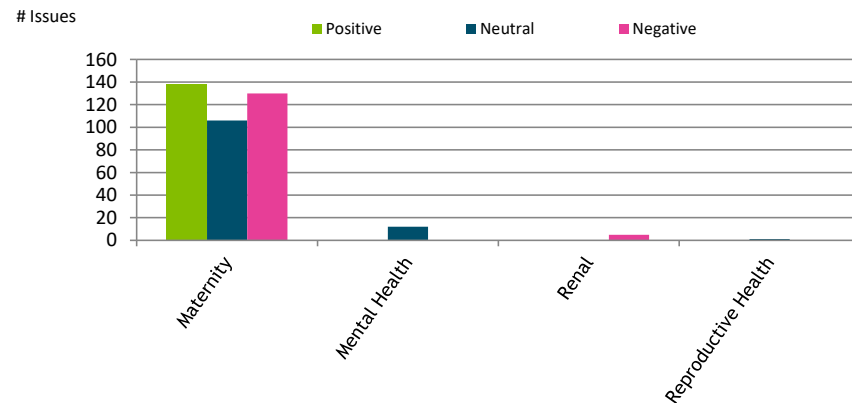
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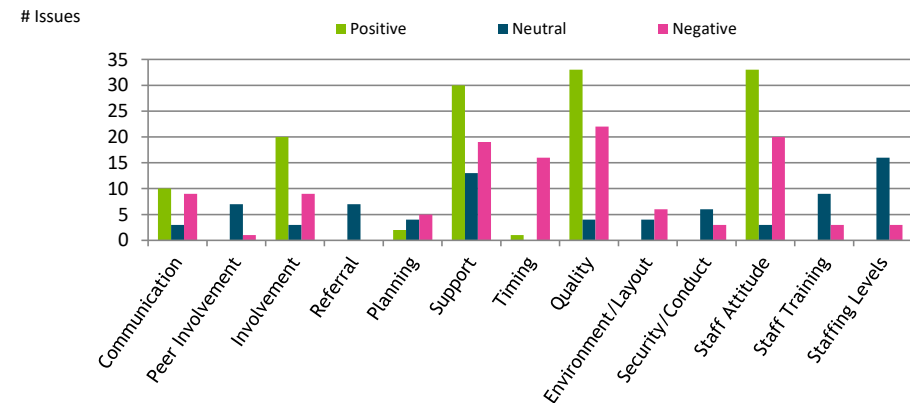
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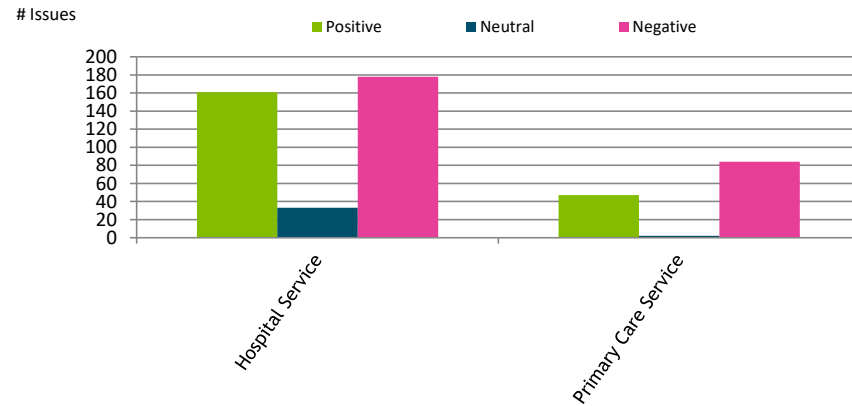


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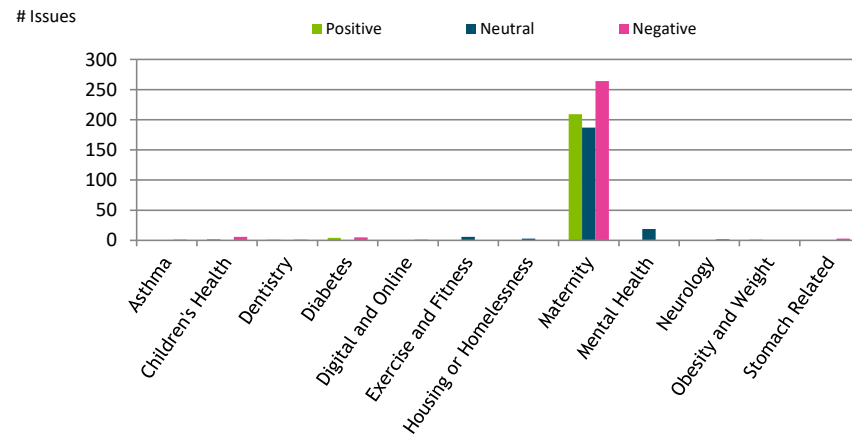


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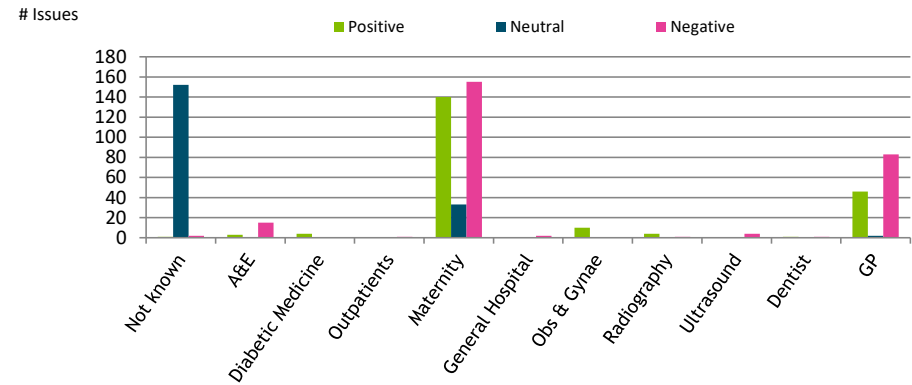
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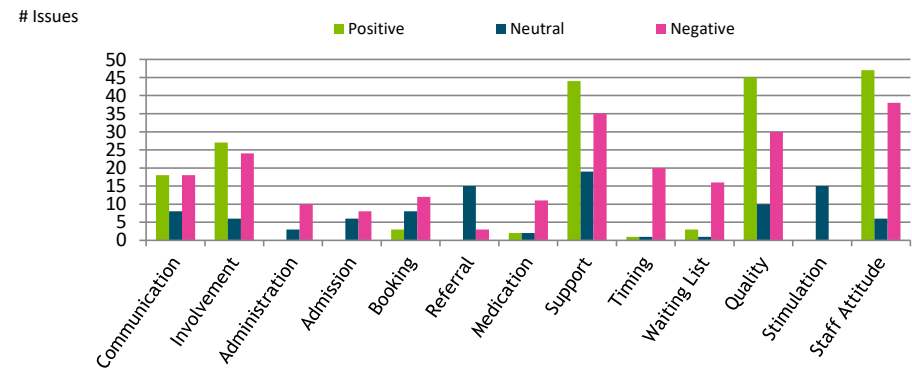
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### 7.18 Service Type



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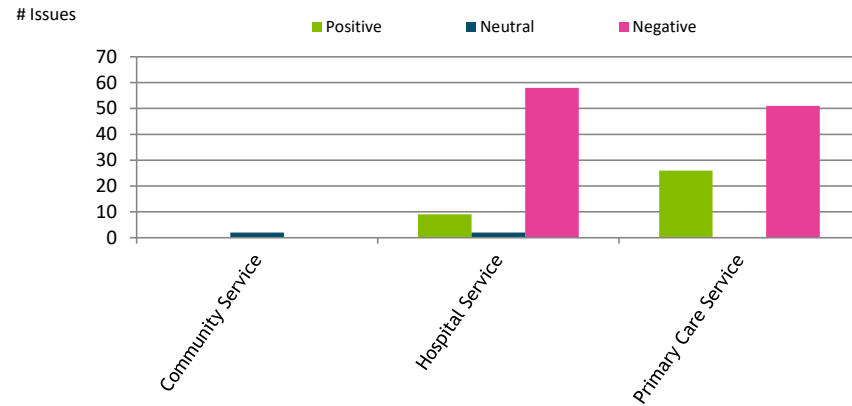


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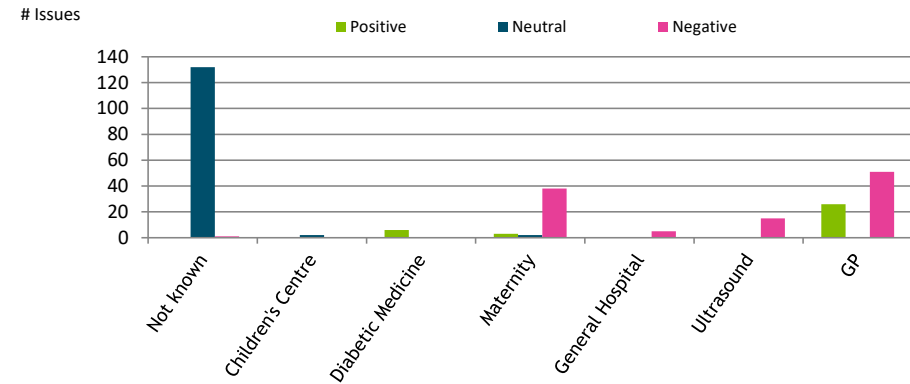


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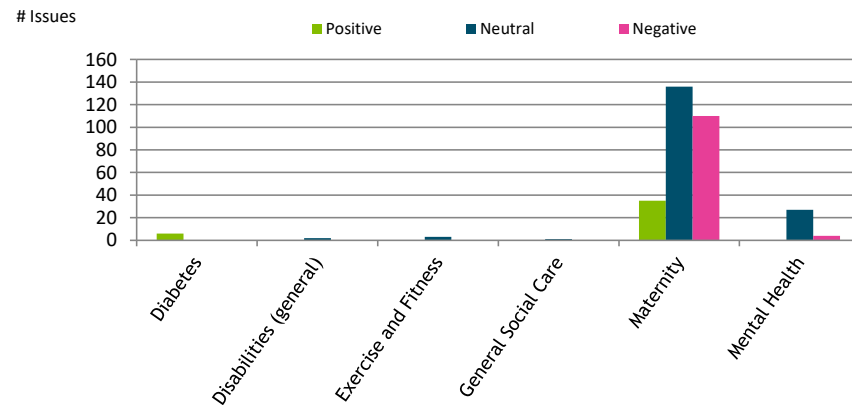
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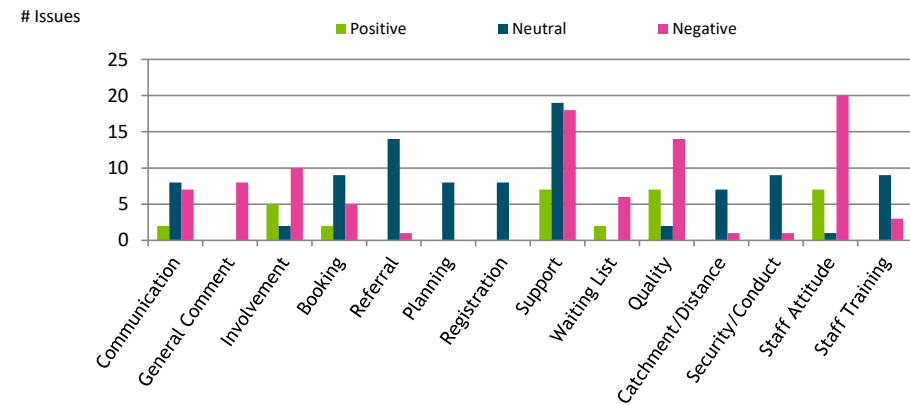
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### 7.23 Stated medical conditions/topics



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### 7.24 Top Trends: 281 issues from 78 people

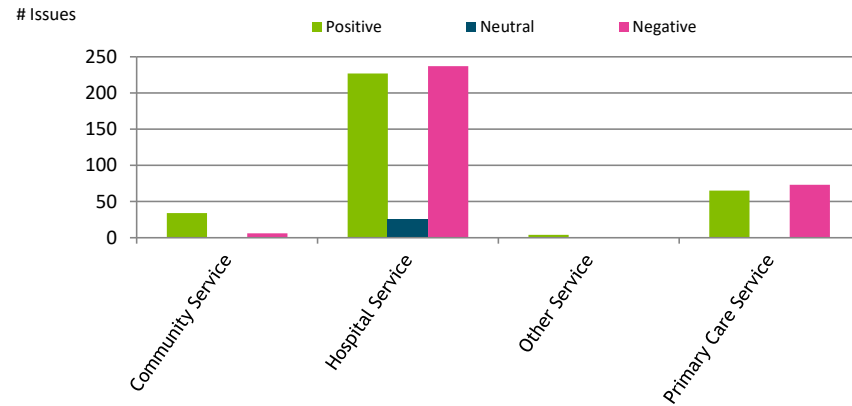


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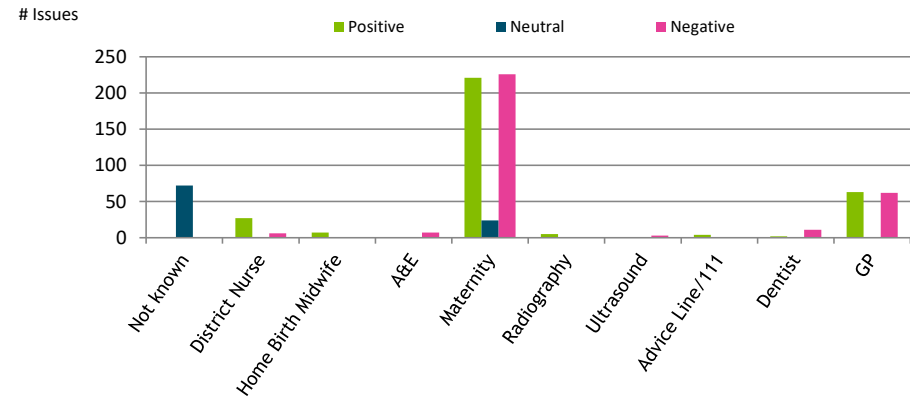


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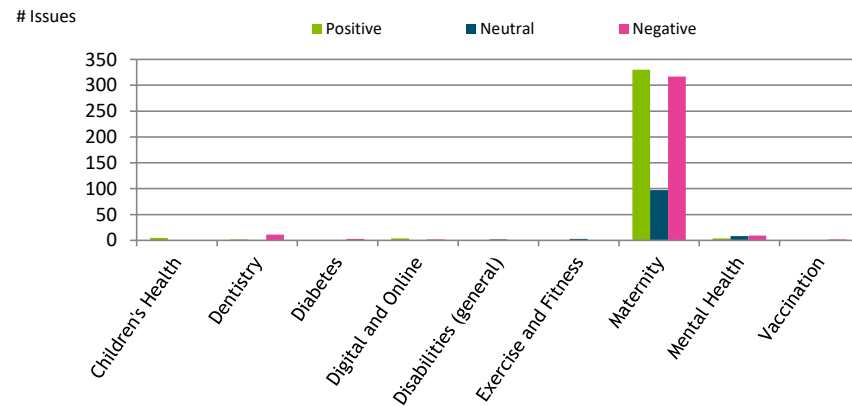
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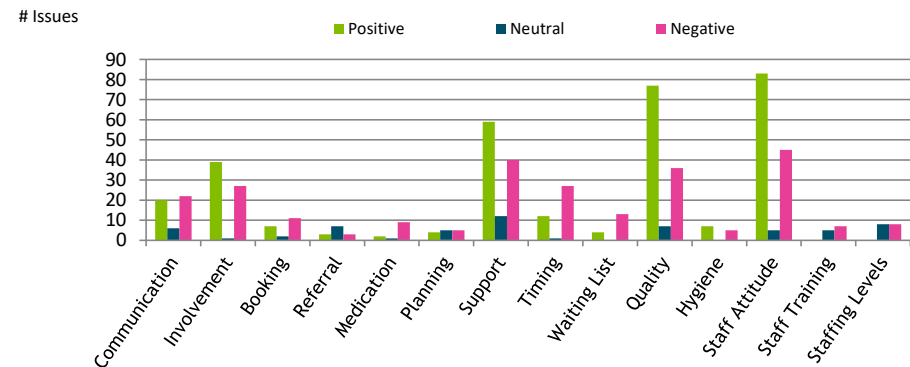
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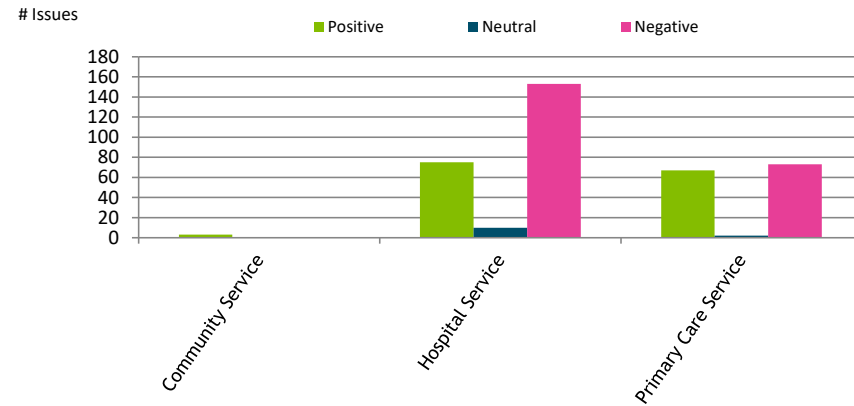


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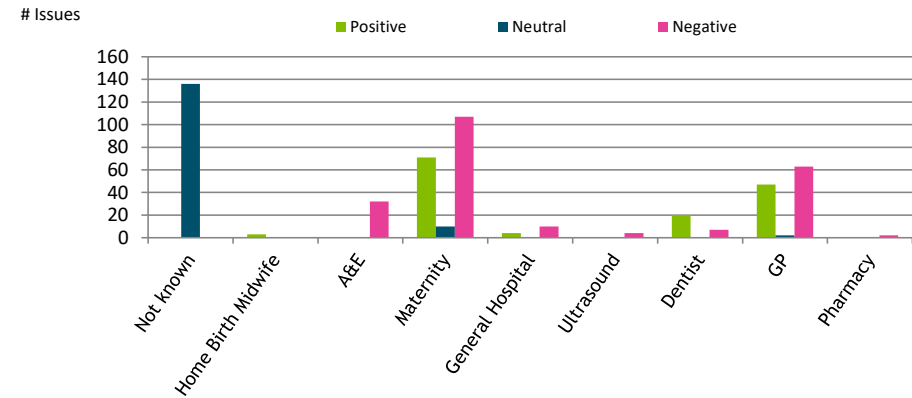


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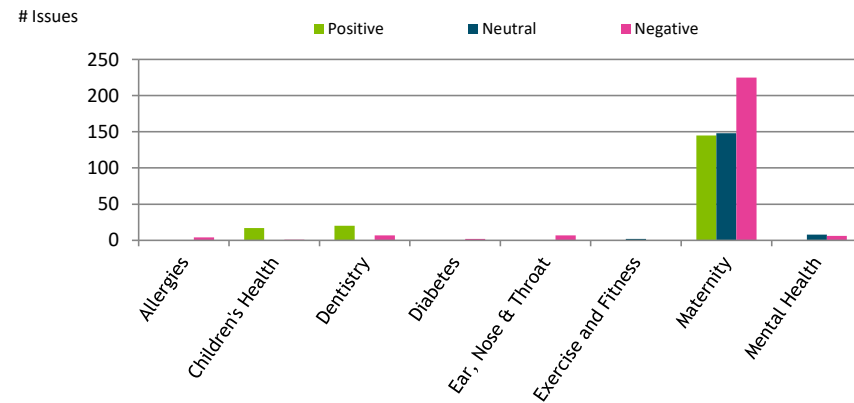
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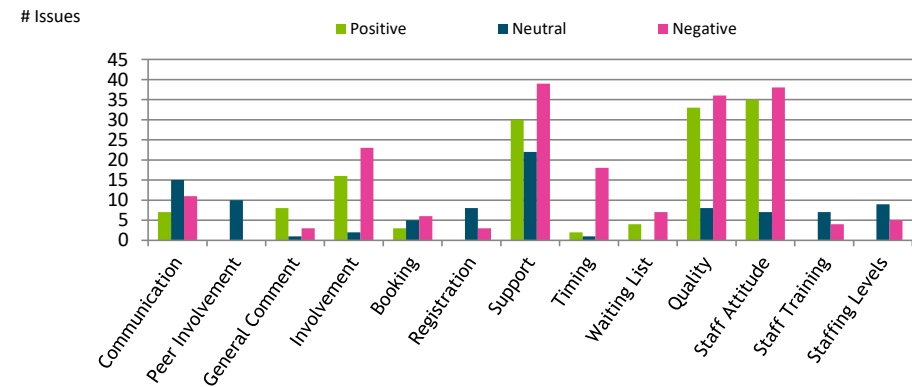
Service type receiving the most comments overall

### 7.31 Stated medical conditions/topics



Medical conditions/topics receiving the most comments overall

### 7.32 Top Trends: 518 issues from 130 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	Communication, including access to advice and information.	78	69	87	234
	Carer Involvement	Involvement or influence of carers and family members.	10	25	6	41
	Peer Involvement	Involvement or Influence of friends.	1	60	1	62
	General Comment	A generalised statement (ie; "The doctor was good.")	23	5	16	44
	User Involvement	Involvement or influence of the service user.	153	26	109	288
Systems	Administration	Administrative processes and delivery.	3	6	31	40
	Admission	Physical admission to a hospital ward, or other service.	0	10	25	35
	Booking	Ability to book, reschedule or cancel appointments.	23	46	40	109
	Cancellations	Cancellation of appointment by the service provider.	0	0	5	5
	Data Protection	General data protection (including GDPR).	0	0	0	0
	Referral	Referral to a service.	5	72	9	86
	Medical Records	Management of medical records.	0	7	0	7
	Medication	Prescription and management of medicines.	8	4	33	45
	Opening Times	Opening times of a service.	0	10	0	10
	Planning	Leadership and general organisation.	11	54	27	92
	Registration	Ability to register for a service.	2	49	10	61
	Support	Levels of support provided.	243	129	176	548
	Telephone	Ability to contact a service by telephone.	3	6	13	22
	Timing	Physical timing (ie; length of wait at appointments).	22	5	92	119
	Waiting List	Length of wait while on a list.	20	5	48	73
Values	Choice	General choice.	7	22	11	40
	Cost	General cost.	0	33	6	39
	Language	Language, including terminology.	3	19	5	27
	Nutrition	Provision of sustenance.	4	15	8	27
	Privacy	Privacy, personal space and property.	2	2	6	10
	Quality	General quality of a service, or staff.	276	44	157	477
	Sensory	Deaf/blind or other sensory issues.	0	3	1	4
	Stimulation	General stimulation, including access to activities.	0	77	0	77

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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>	10	31	17	58
	Equipment	<i>General equipment issues.</i>	0	7	3	10
	Hazard	<i>General hazard to safety (ie; a hospital wide infection).</i>	0	8	3	11
	Hygiene	<i>Levels of hygiene and general cleanliness.</i>	11	0	8	19
	Mobility	<i>Physical mobility to, from and within services.</i>	0	0	5	5
	Travel/Parking	<i>Ability to travel or park.</i>	0	2	5	7
Staff	Omission	<i>General omission (ie; transport did not arrive).</i>	0	21	16	37
	Security/Conduct	<i>General security of a service, including conduct of staff.</i>	2	37	10	49
	Staff Attitude	<i>Attitude, compassion and empathy of staff.</i>	286	28	187	501
	Complaints	<i>Ability to log and resolve a complaint.</i>	0	35	5	40
	Staff Training	<i>Training of staff.</i>	0	57	28	85
	Staffing Levels	<i>General availability of staff.</i>	0	76	22	98
Total:			1211	1163	1232	3606