

The Experience of GP Services

A trends analysis report by Healthwatch Tower Hamlets



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.

Qualitative Feedback, 1 July 2024 - 30 June 2025

Index and overview of findings

Data Source (Page 4)

This report is based on the experience of 1,759 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 60% positive, 39% negative and 1% neutral, feedback suggests.

Trends...

According to feedback, overall satisfaction has improved by 8% this quarter.

Harford Health Centre, Blithedale Health Centre, Barkantine Practice and Wellington Way Health Centre receive a notable volume and ratio of positive comments.

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 by 7% this quarter, according to comments. Complaints are down by 10% on booking processes and by 8% on waiting times, while up by 6% on telephone access.

Feedback suggests 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 & nursing care, however user involvement is in cases lacking. On staff attitude, there is general praise for clinicians, while notable criticism of reception staff.

Trends...

This quarter, complaints are down by 7% on treatment and care, and staff attitude.

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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. Repeat prescriptions, test results and staff training are also cited as issues.

Trends...

Complaints are down by 7% on administration and by 1% on communication.

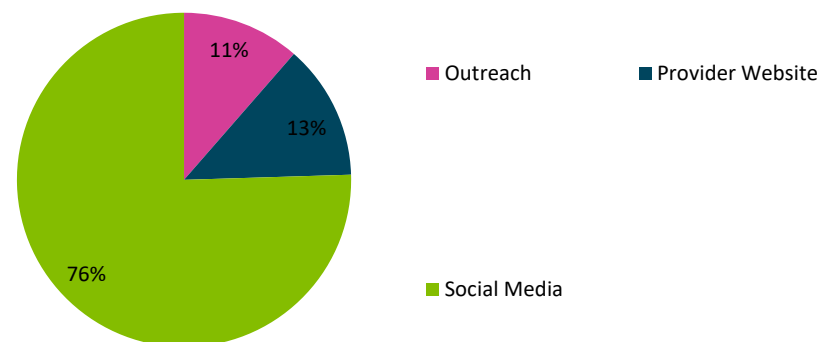
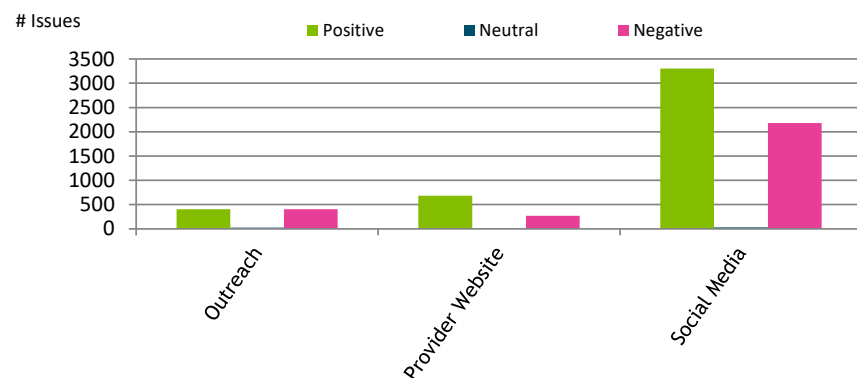
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Disclaimer: The trends within this report are based on service user comments we have obtained from sources outlined on Page 4. Comments obtained from these sources may not be representative of all service users experiences or opinions.



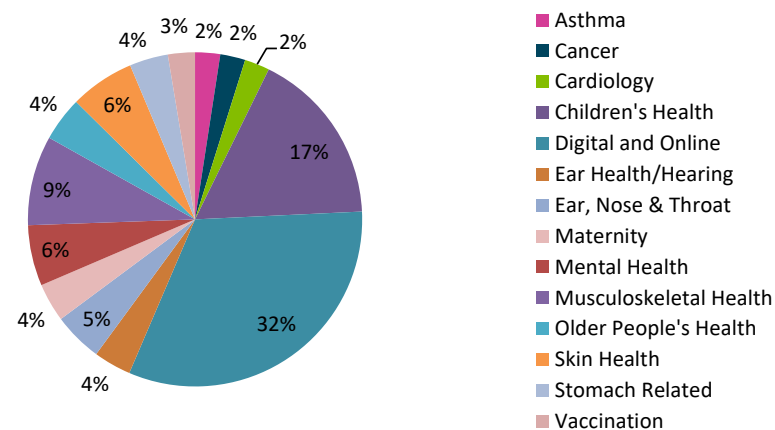
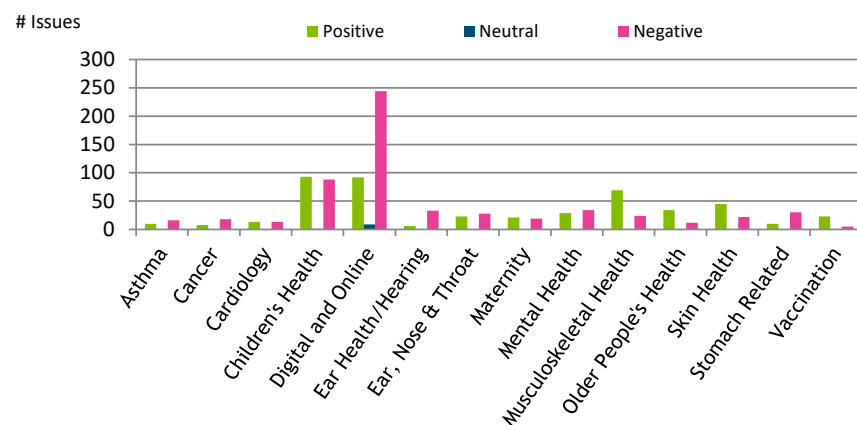
1. Data Source and Conditions/Topics

1.1 Source



Sources providing the most comments overall

1.2 Stated medical conditions/topics

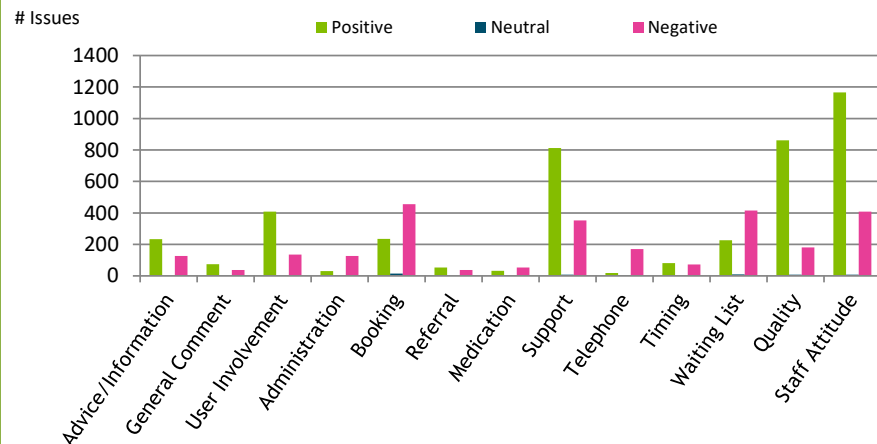


Medical conditions/topics receiving the most comments overall



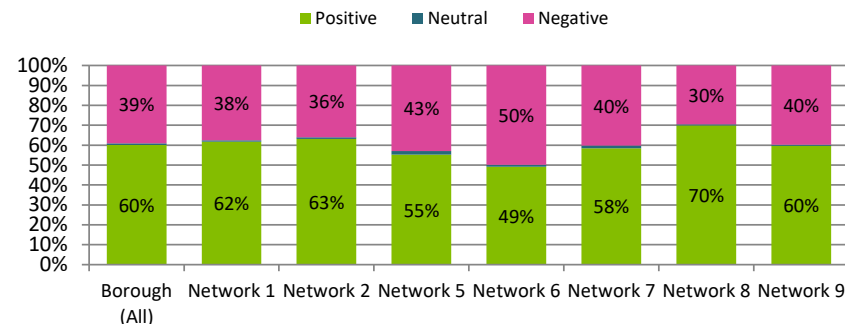
2.1 Overall Themes and Sentiment

2.1.1 Overall, Top Trends: 7302 issues from 1759 people



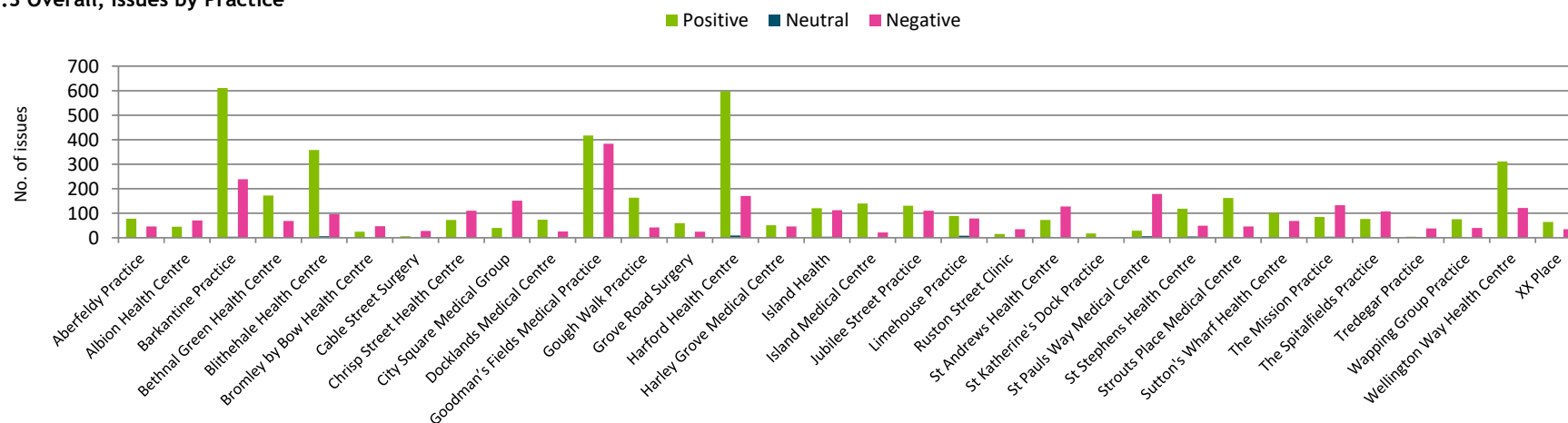
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2.1.2 Overall, Sentiment by Primary Care Network



Sentiment by PCN

2.1.3 Overall, Issues by Practice

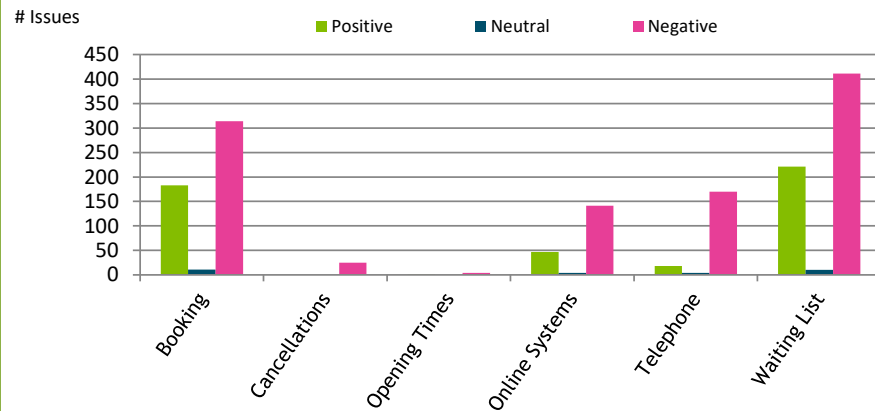


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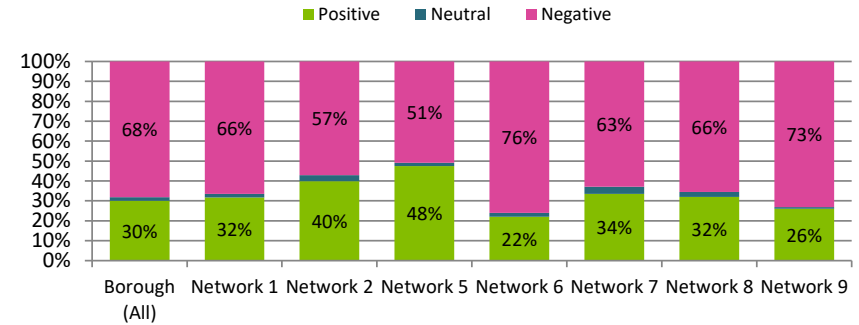
2.2 Service Access

2.2.1 Service Access: 1564 issues detected



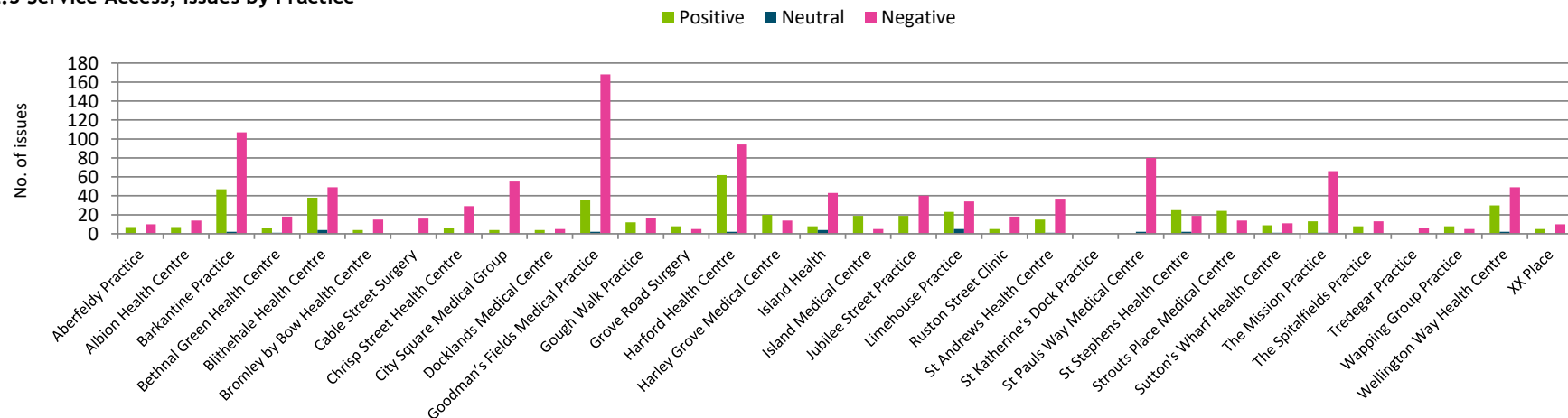
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Sentiment by PCN

2.2.3 Service Access, Issues by Practice

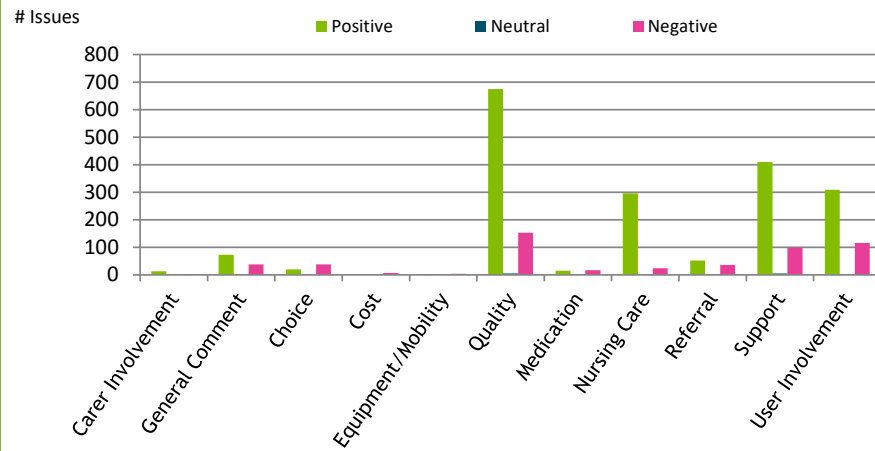


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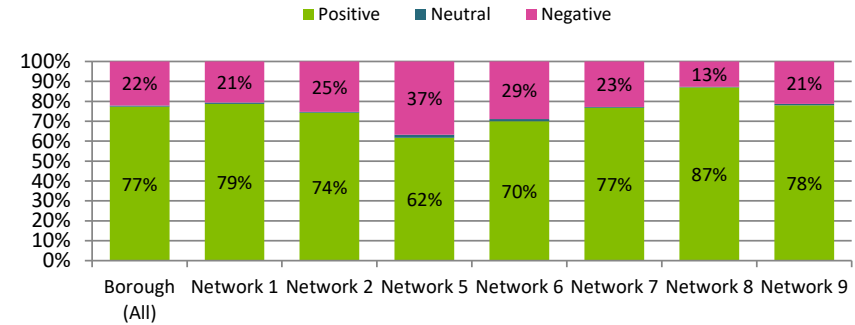
2.3 Clinical Treatment and Care

2.3.1 Treatment: 2415 issues detected



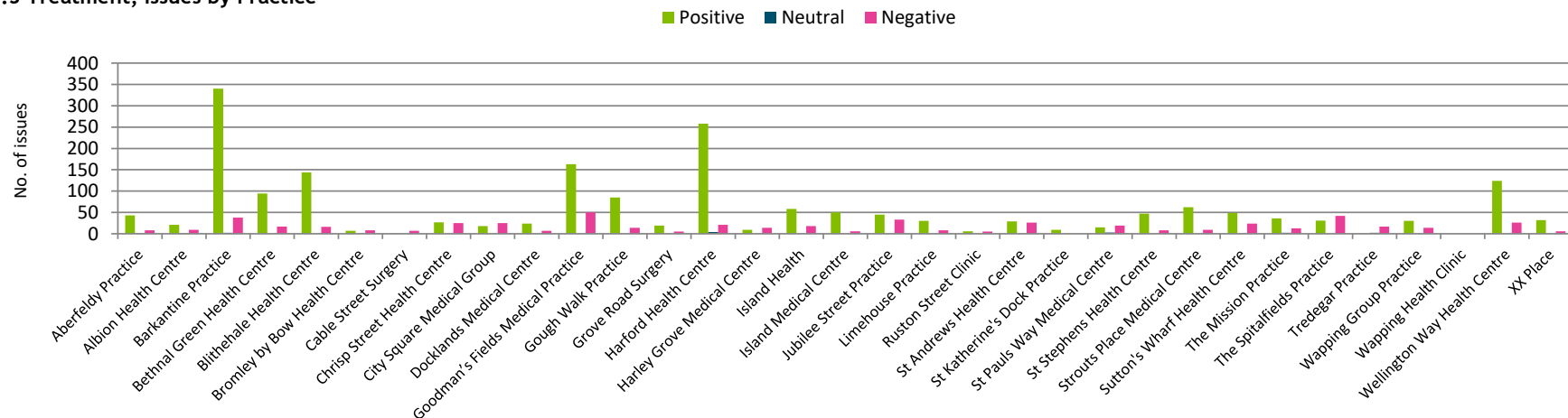
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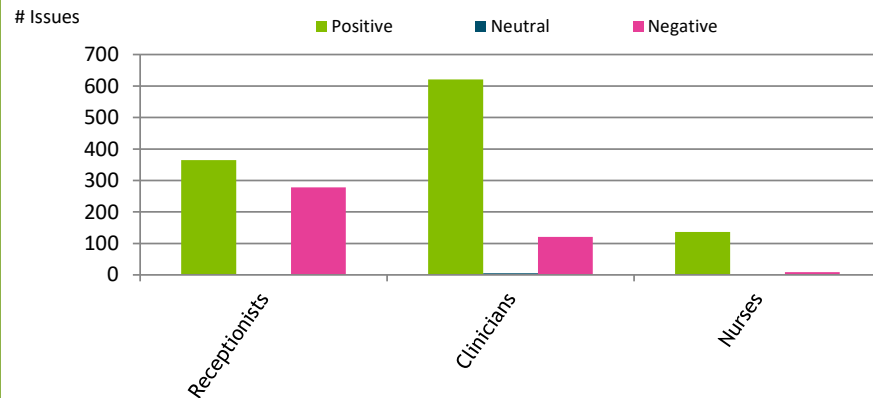


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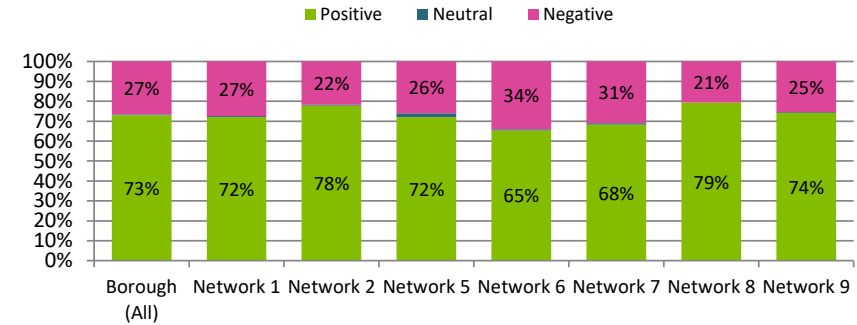
2.4 Staff Attitude

2.4.1 Staff Attitude: 1538 issues detected



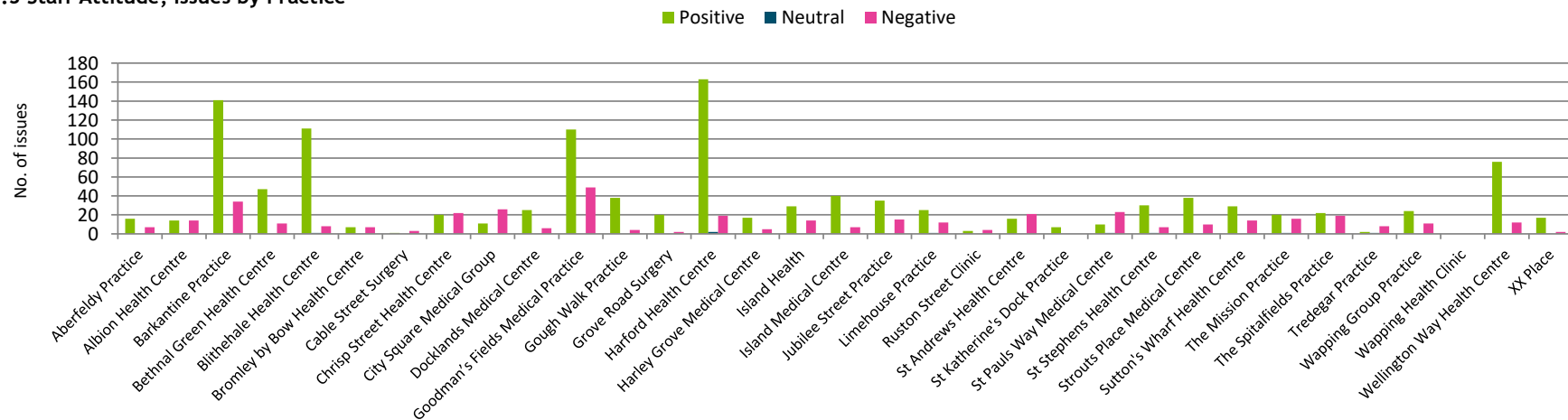
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Sentiment by PCN

2.4.3 Staff Attitude, Issues by Practice

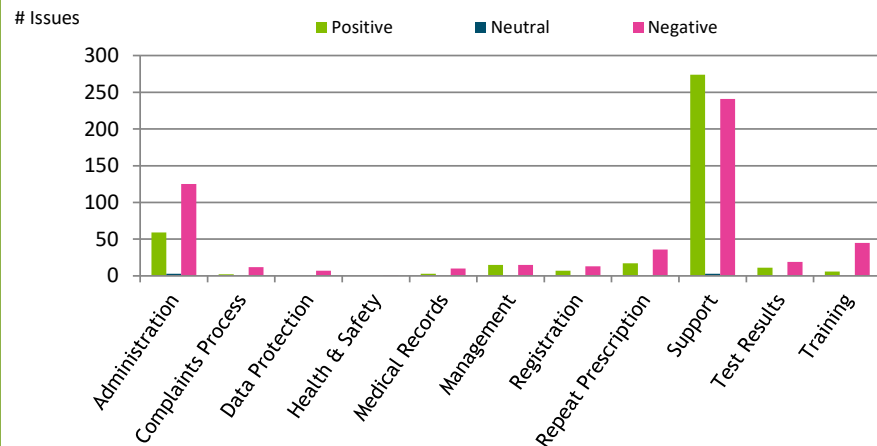


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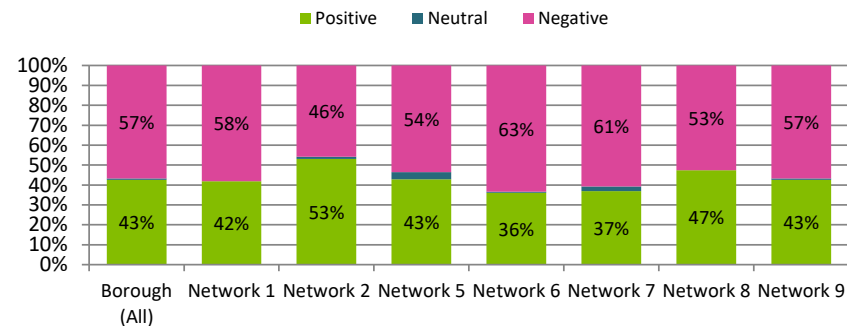
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2.5.1 Administration: 924 issues detected



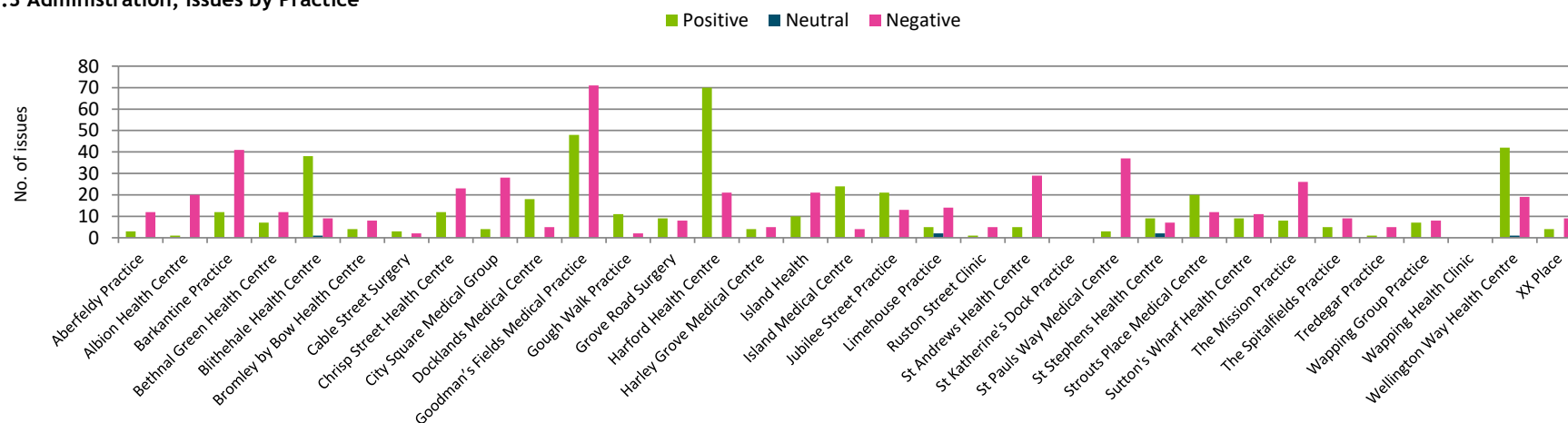
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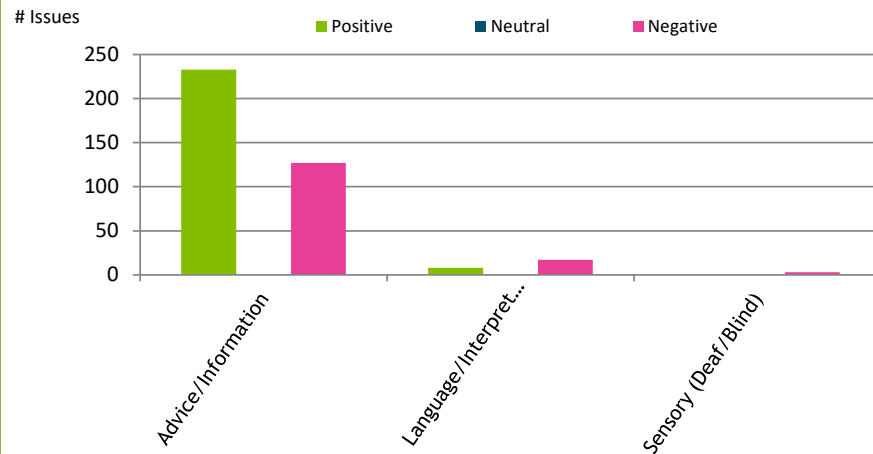


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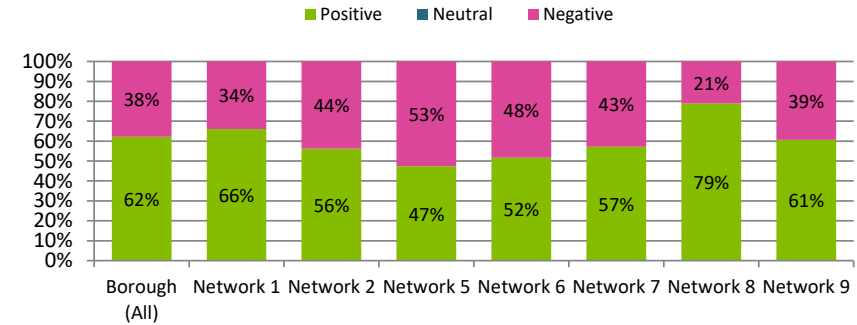
2.6 Communication

2.6.1 Communication: 388 issues detected



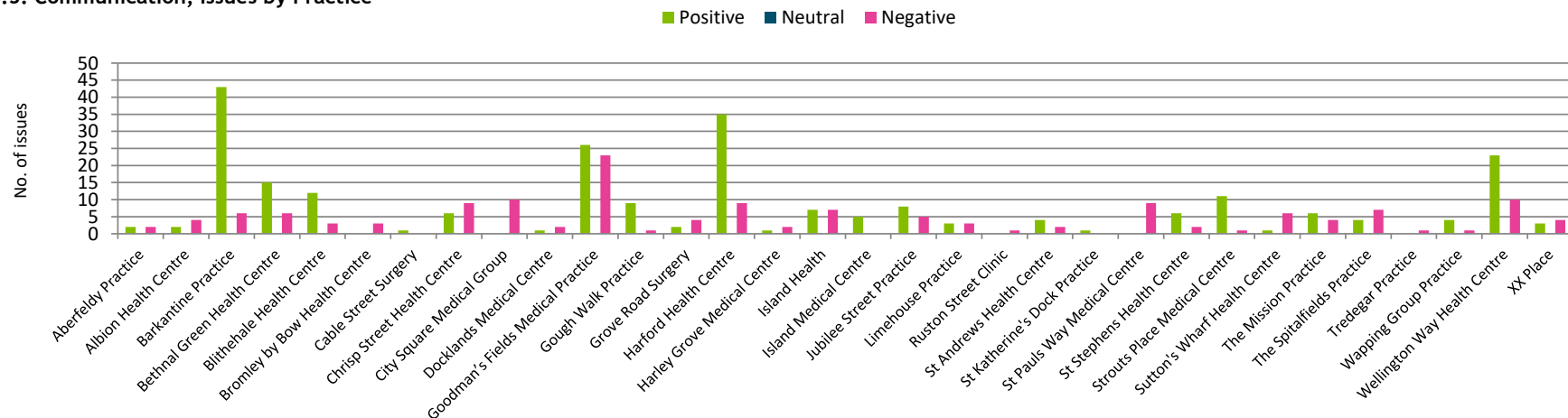
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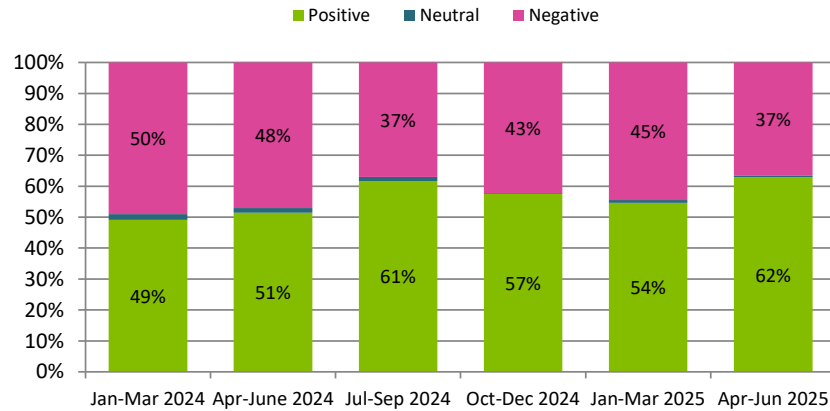


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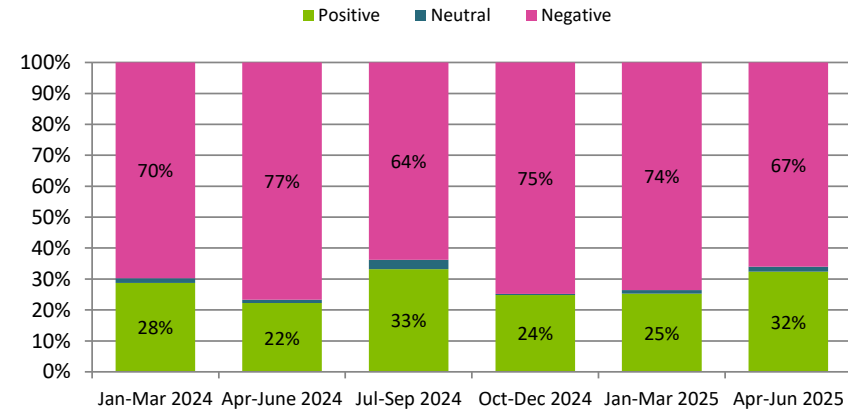
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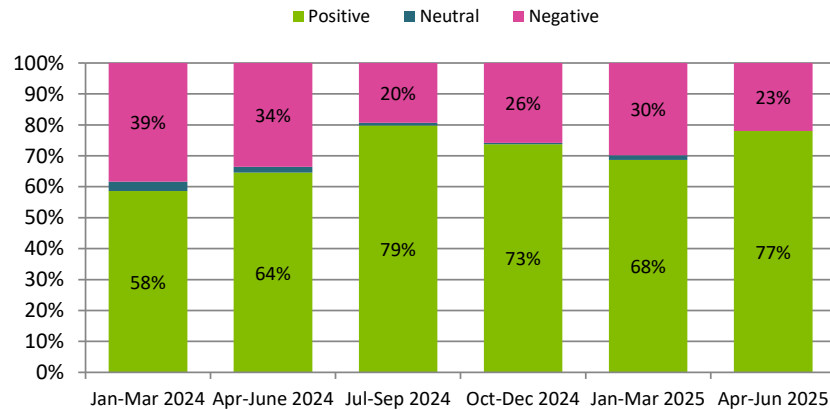
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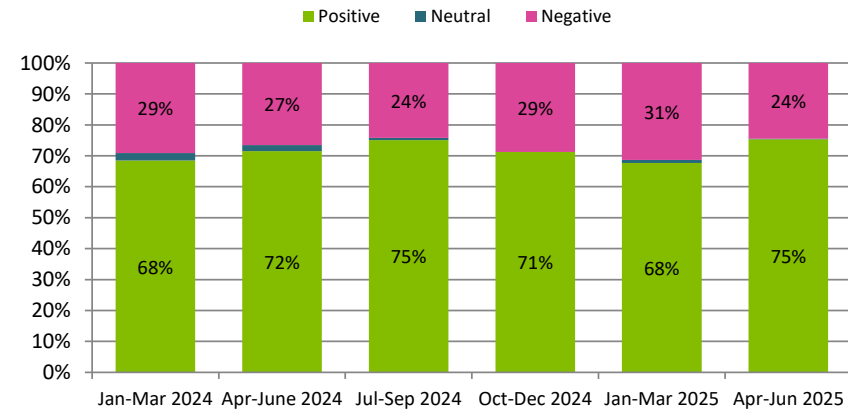
3.2 Service Access, Sentiment



3.3 Treatment and Care, Sentiment



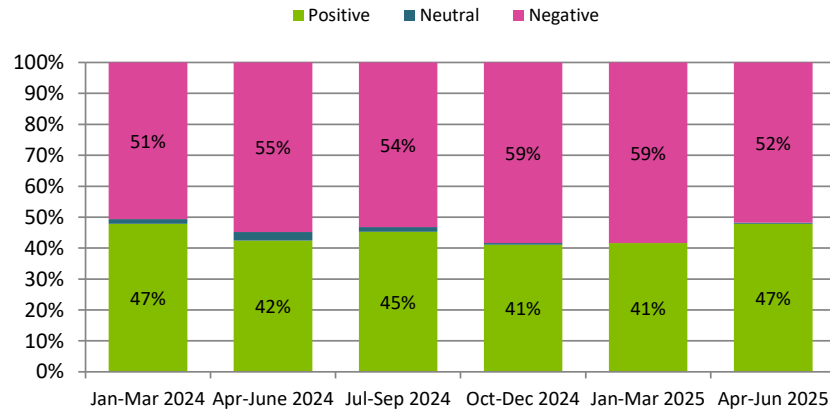
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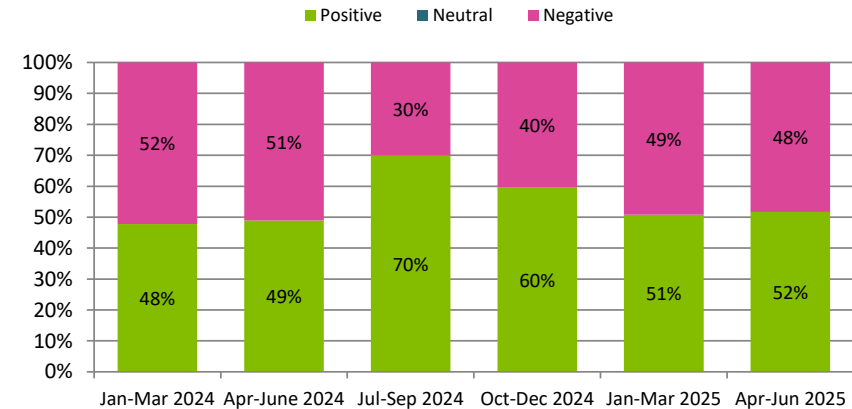


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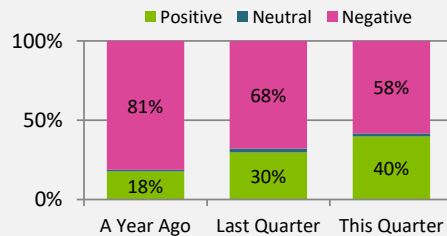
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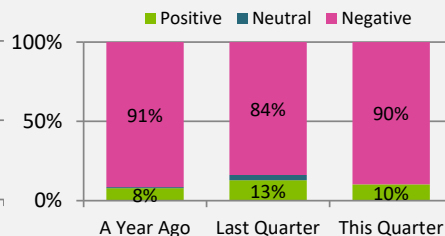
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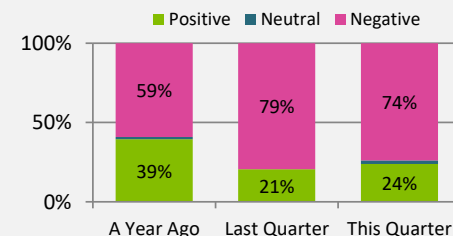
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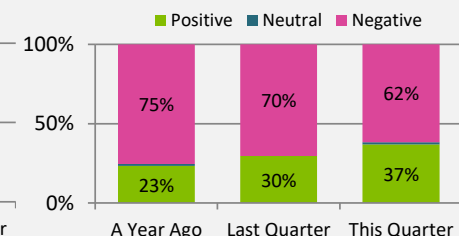
3.8 Telephone, Snapshot



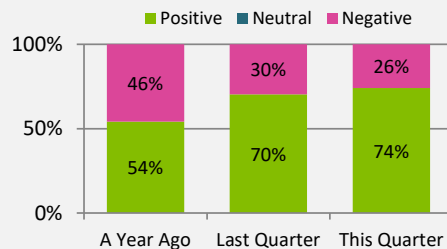
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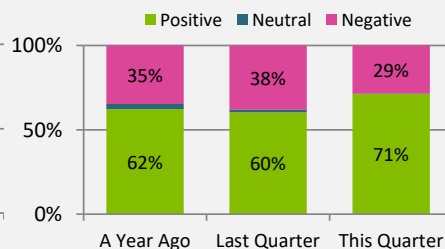
3.10 Waiting List, Snapshot



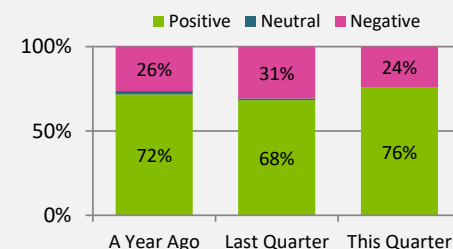
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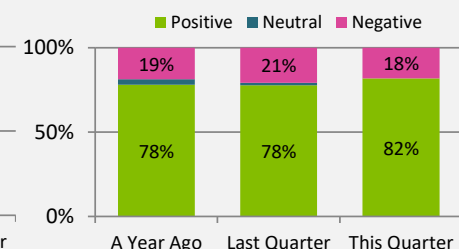
3.12 Support, Snapshot



3.13 Staff Attitude, Snapshot



3.14 Quality, Snapshot

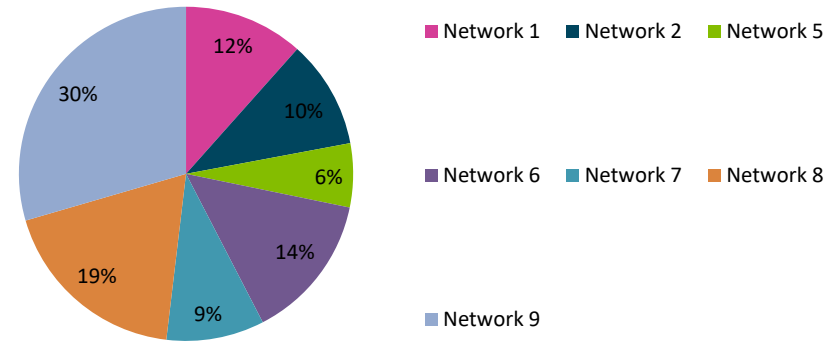
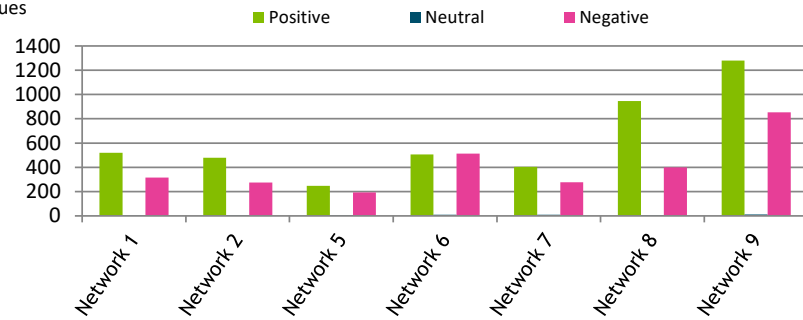


4. Volume by Primary Care Network



4.1 PCN

Issues



5. Data Table: Number of issues



	Issue Name	Descriptor	# Issues			
			Positive	Neutral	Negative	Total
Patients/Carers	Advice/Information	Communication, including access to advice and information.	233	0	127	360
	Carer Involvement	Involvement of carers, friends or family members.	18	0	3	21
	General Comment	A generalised statement (ie; "The doctor was good.")	74	3	38	115
	User Involvement	Involvement of the service user.	409	1	135	545
Systems	Administration	Administrative processes and delivery.	30	1	127	158
	Booking	Ability to book, reschedule or cancel appointments.	235	15	456	706
	Cancellations	Cancellation of appointment by the service provider.	0	0	25	25
	Data Protection	General data protection (including GDPR).	0	0	7	7
	Referral	Referral to a service.	53	0	37	90
	Medical Records	Management of medical records.	3	0	10	13
	Medication	Prescription and management of medicines.	33	1	53	87
	Opening Times	Opening times of a service.	1	0	5	6
	Planning	Leadership and general organisation.	15	0	15	30
	Registration	Ability to register for a service.	7	0	13	20
	Support	Levels of support provided.	812	8	353	1173
	Telephone	Ability to contact a service by telephone.	18	4	170	192
	Timing	Physical timing (ie; length of wait at appointments).	82	0	73	155
	Waiting List	Length of wait while on a list.	226	10	415	651
Values	Choice	General choice.	20	0	38	58
	Cost	General cost.	0	0	8	8
	Language	Language, including terminology.	8	0	17	25
	Nutrition	Provision of sustenance.	2	0	1	3
	Privacy	Privacy, personal space and property.	2	0	4	6
	Quality	General quality of a service, or staff.	862	7	181	1050
	Sensory	Deaf/blind or other sensory issues.	0	0	3	3
	Stimulation	General stimulation, including access to activities.	0	0	1	1

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	Issue Name	Descriptor	# Issues			
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Environment	Catchment/Distance	<i>Distance to a service (and catchment area for eligibility).</i>	16	1	4	21
	Environment/Layout	<i>Physical environment of a service.</i>	24	0	17	41
	Equipment	<i>General equipment issues.</i>	4	0	7	11
	Hazard	<i>General hazard to safety (ie; a hospital wide infection).</i>	0	0	2	2
	Hygiene	<i>Levels of hygiene and general cleanliness.</i>	26	0	3	29
	Mobility	<i>Physical mobility to, from and within services.</i>	1	0	1	2
	Travel/Parking	<i>Ability to travel or park.</i>	0	0	2	2
Staff	Omission	<i>General omission (ie; transport did not arrive).</i>	0	0	20	20
	Security/Conduct	<i>General security of a service, including conduct of staff.</i>	0	0	5	5
	Staff Attitude	<i>Attitude, compassion and empathy of staff.</i>	1165	8	408	1581
	Complaints	<i>Ability to log and resolve a complaint.</i>	2	0	12	14
	Staff Training	<i>Training of staff.</i>	6	0	45	51
	Staffing Levels	<i>General availability of staff.</i>	1	0	14	15
Total:			4388	59	2855	7302