

The Experience of GP Services

A trends analysis report by Healthwatch Waltham Forest



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 2025 - 30 June 2026

Index and overview of findings

Data Source (Page 4)

This report is based on the experience of 3,106 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, with good levels of involvement. According to feedback, patients would like greater levels of service access.

Overall sentiment is 84% positive and 16% negative, comments suggest.

Trends...

According to feedback, overall satisfaction has improved by 3% this quarter.

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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 declined by 2% this quarter, comments suggest. Complaints are down by 6% on telephone access, while up by 6% on waiting times and by 1% on booking processes.

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Clinical Treatment and Staff Attitude (Pages 7-8)

Experiences indicate a broad majority of people receive good quality treatment and nursing care, with good levels of involvement. On staff attitude, there is general praise for clinicians, while notable criticism of reception staff.

Trends...

This quarter, complaints are down by 4% on treatment and care, and by 2% on 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 3% on communication.

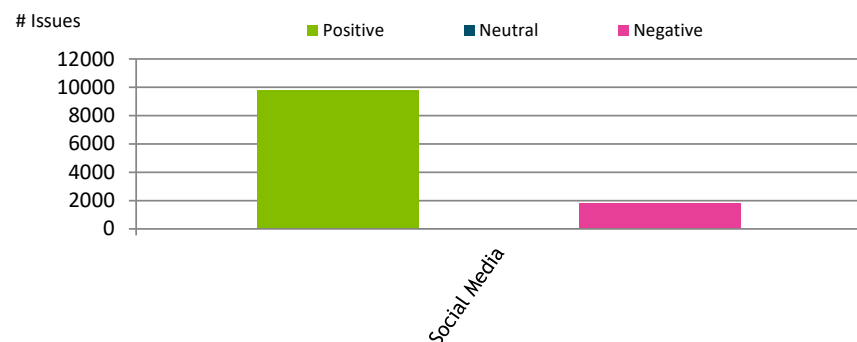
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Disclaimer: The trends within this report are based on service user comments we have obtained from sources outlined on Page 4. Comments obtained from these sources may not be representative of all service users experiences or opinions.



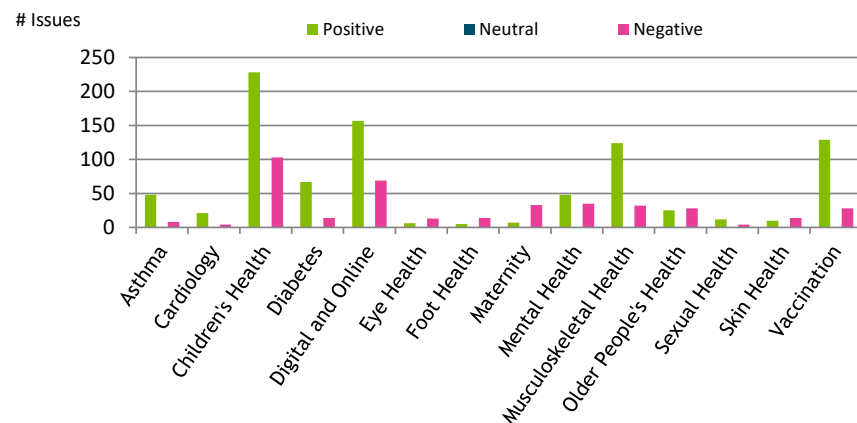
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1.1 Source

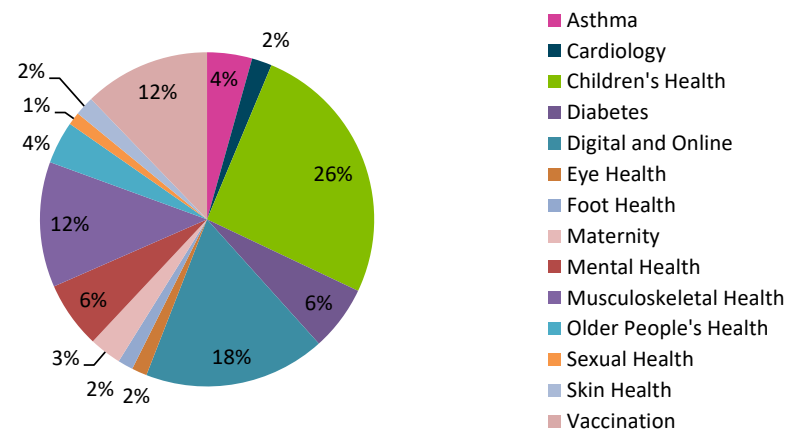


Sources providing the most comments overall

1.2 Stated medical conditions/topics



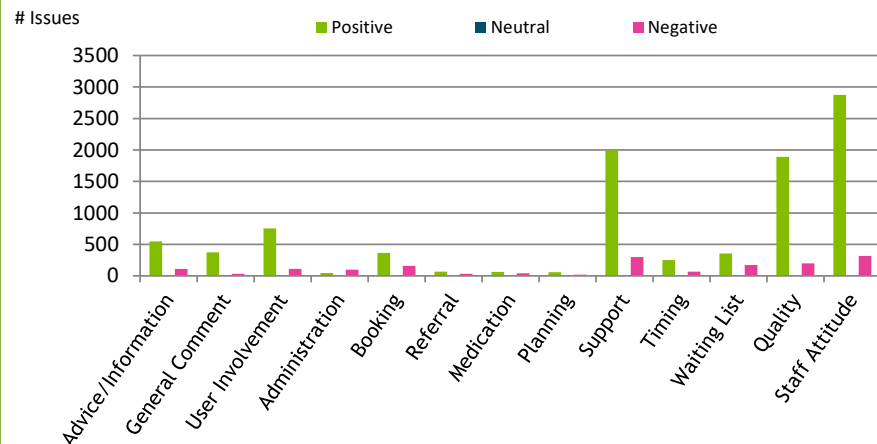
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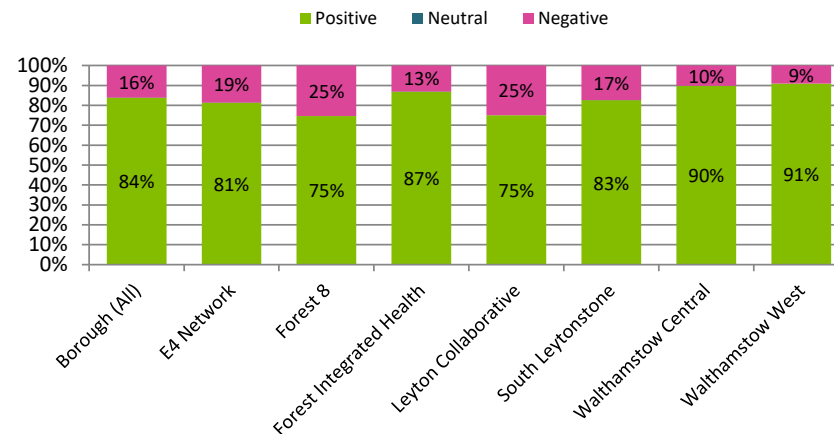
2.1 Overall Themes and Sentiment

2.1.1 Overall, Top Trends: 11765 issues from 3106 people



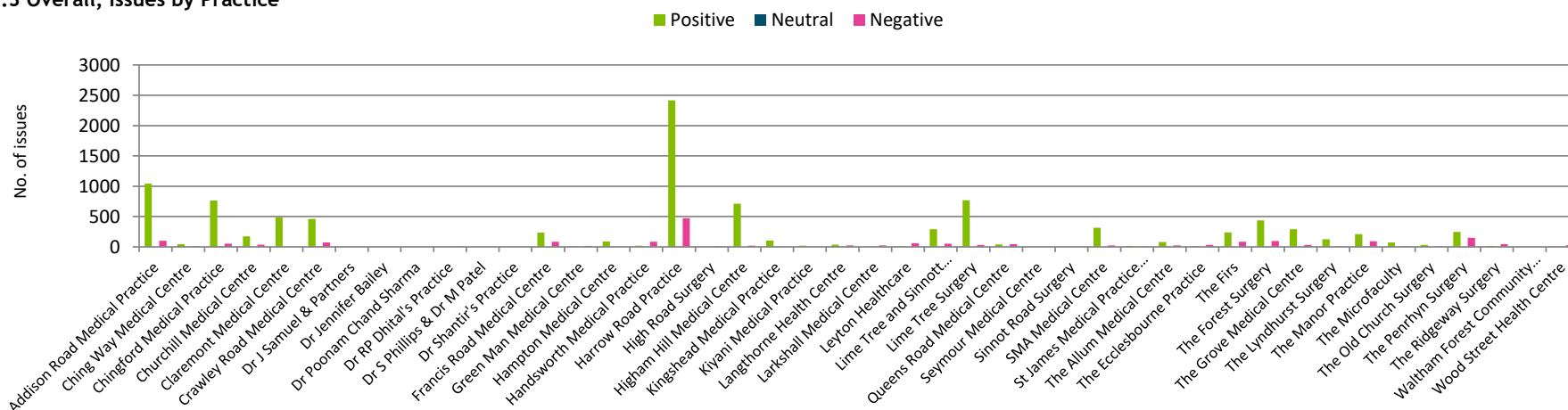
Issues receiving the most comments overall. See pages 14-15 for issue descriptions

2.1.2 Overall, Sentiment by Primary Care Network



Sentiment by PCN

2.1.3 Overall, Issues by Practice

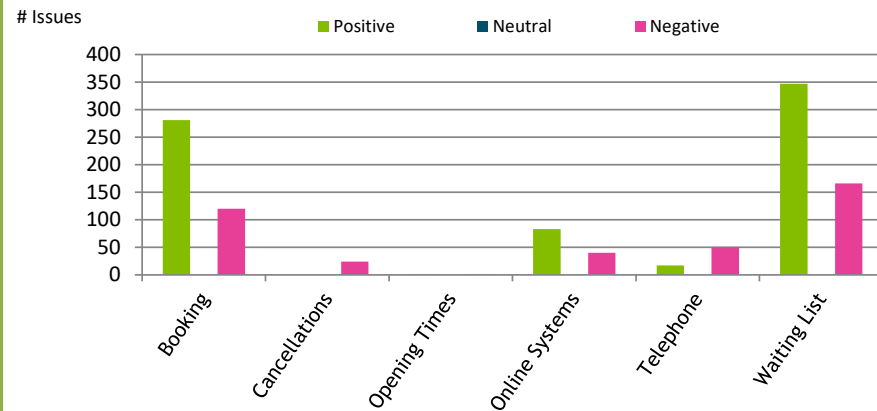


Practices receiving the most comments overall



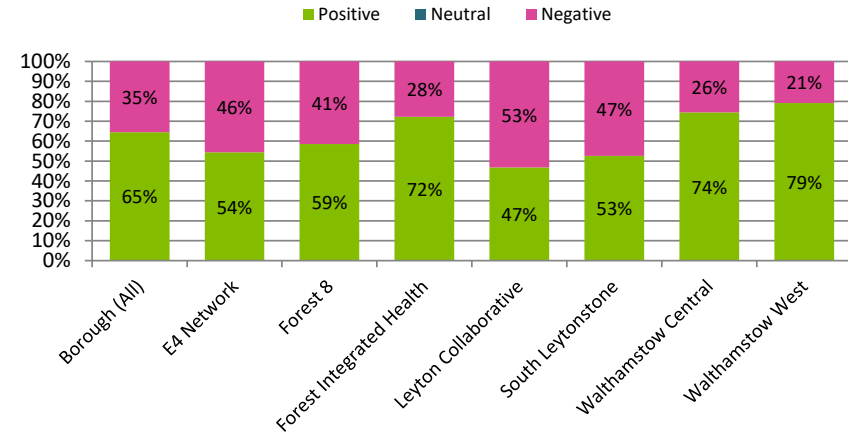
2.2 Service Access

2.2.1 Service Access: 1130 issues detected



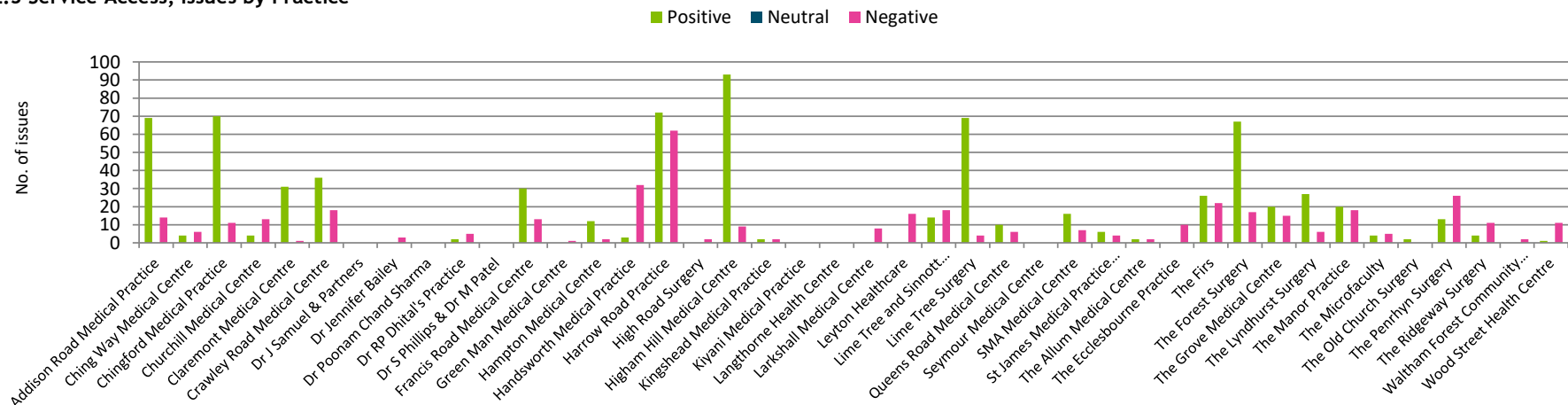
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2.2.2 Service Access, Sentiment by Primary Care Network



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2.2.3 Service Access, Issues by Practice

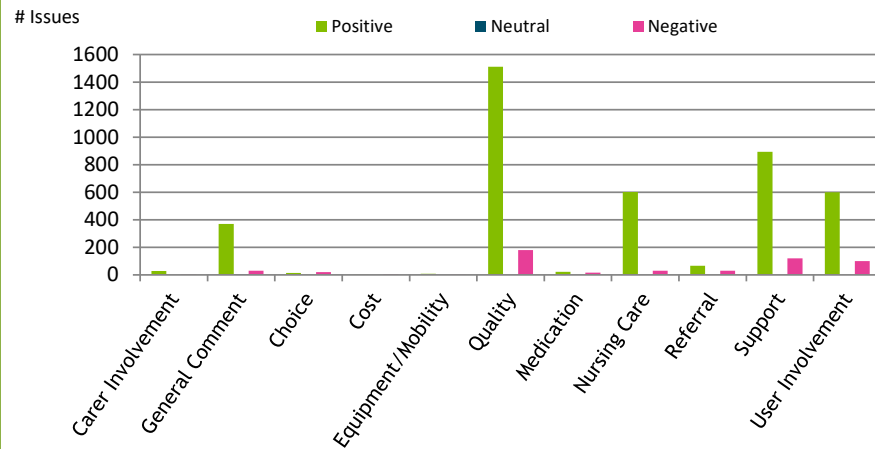


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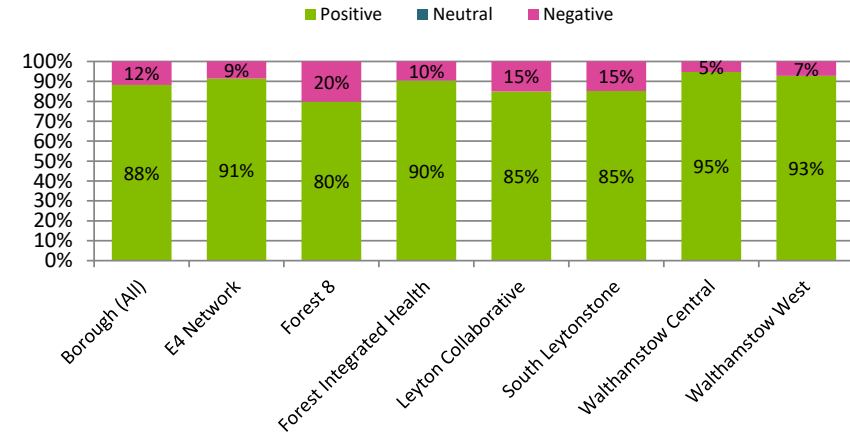
2.3 Clinical Treatment and Care

2.3.1 Treatment: 4666 issues detected



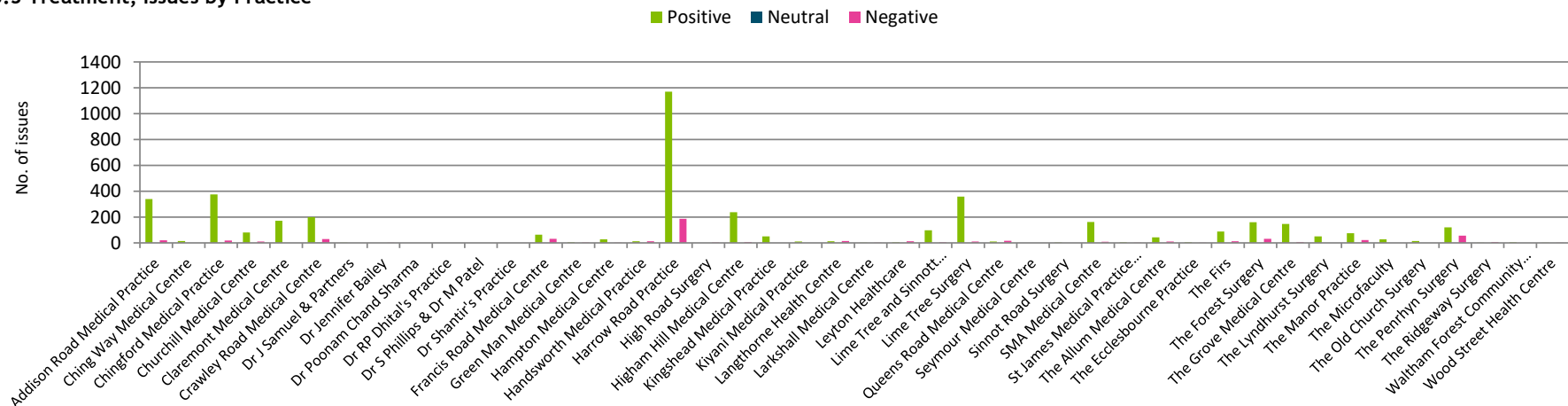
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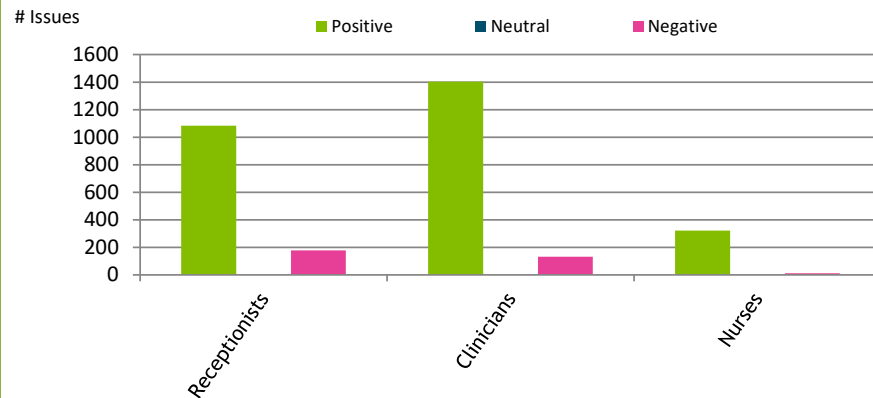


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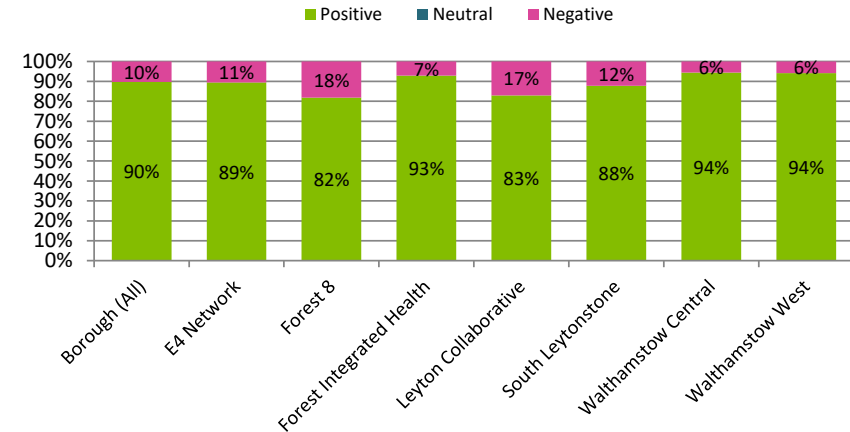
2.4 Staff Attitude

2.4.1 Staff Attitude: 3128 issues detected



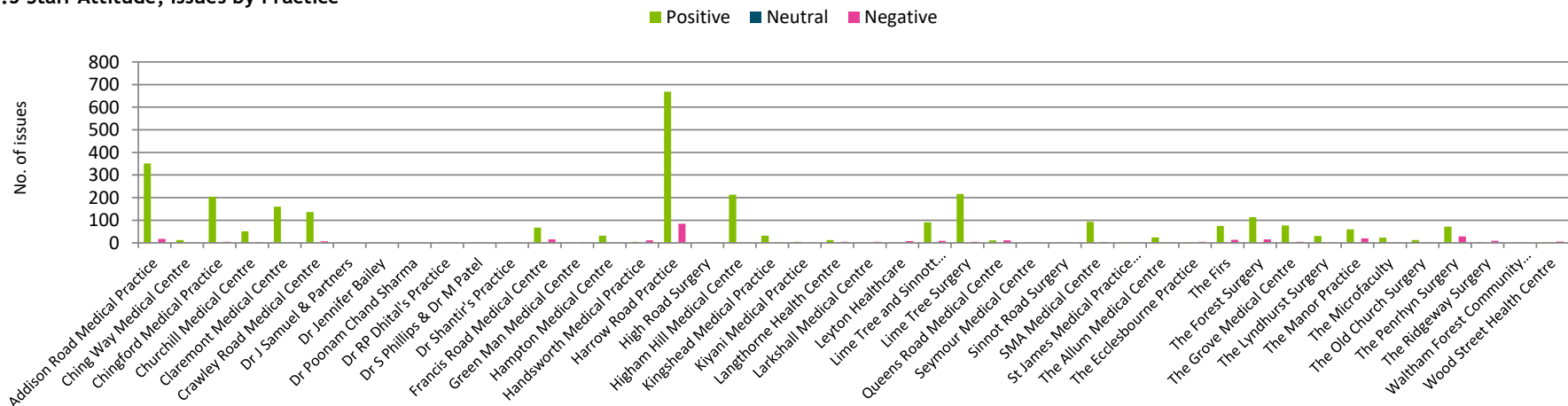
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2.4.3 Staff Attitude, Issues by Practice

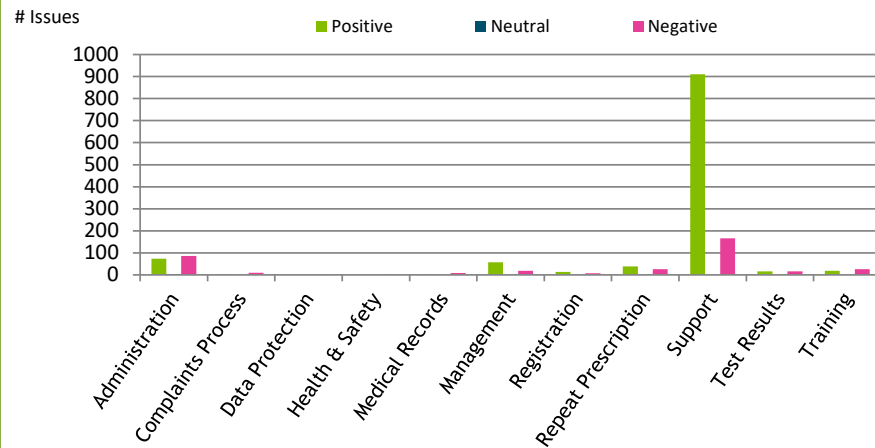


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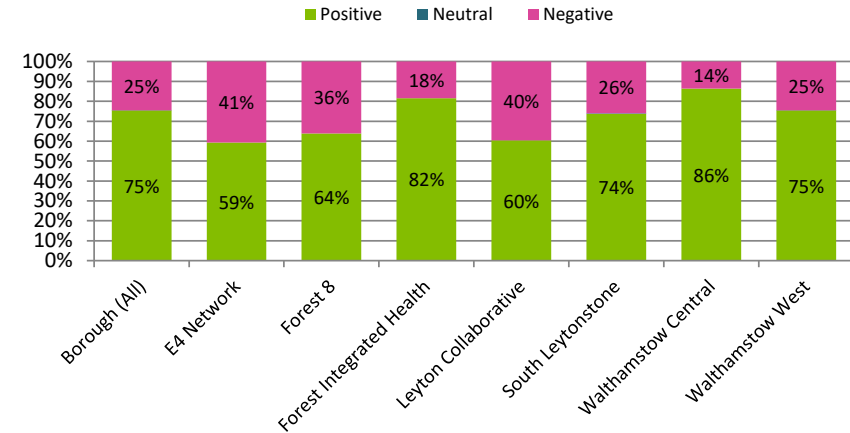
2.5 Administration

2.5.1 Administration: 1502 issues detected



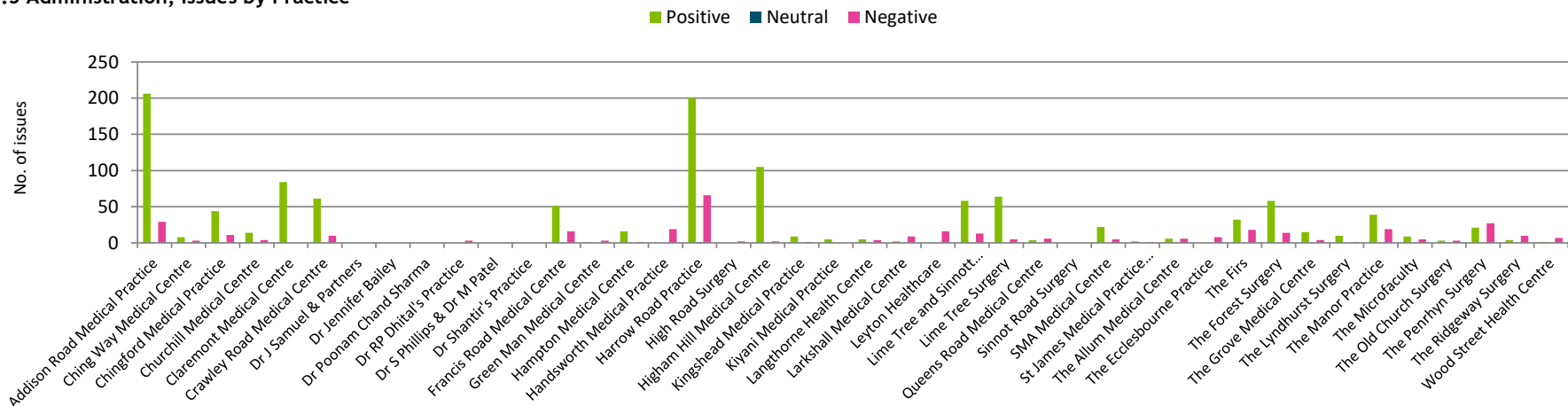
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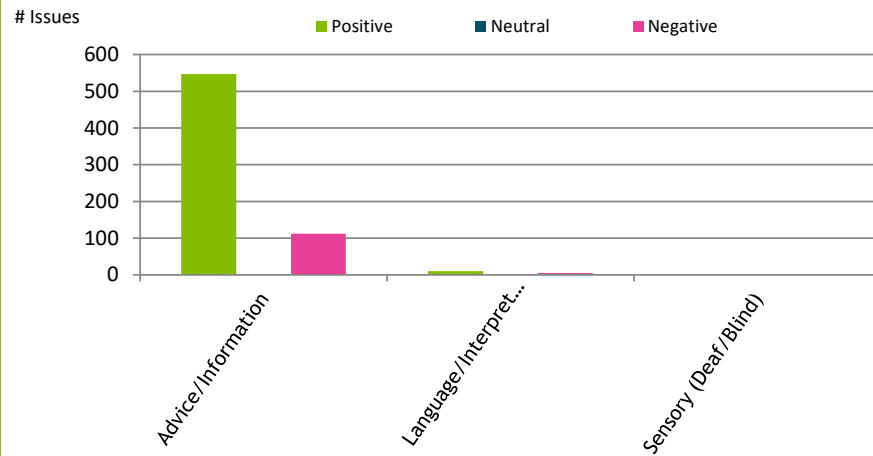


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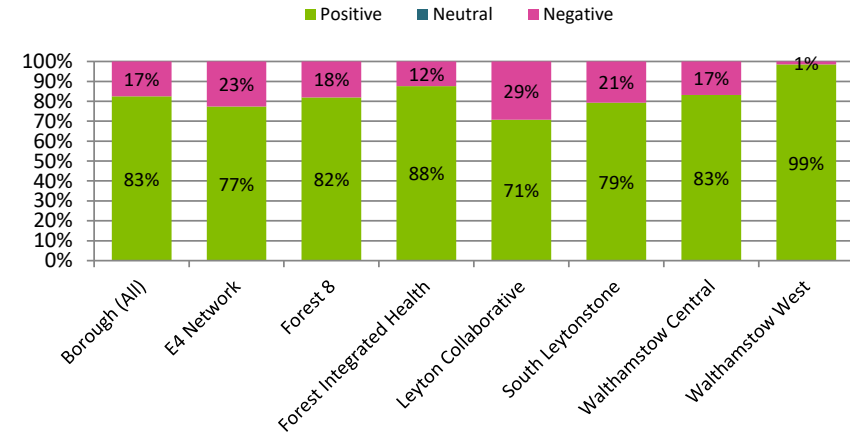
2.6 Communication

2.6.1 Communication: 676 issues detected



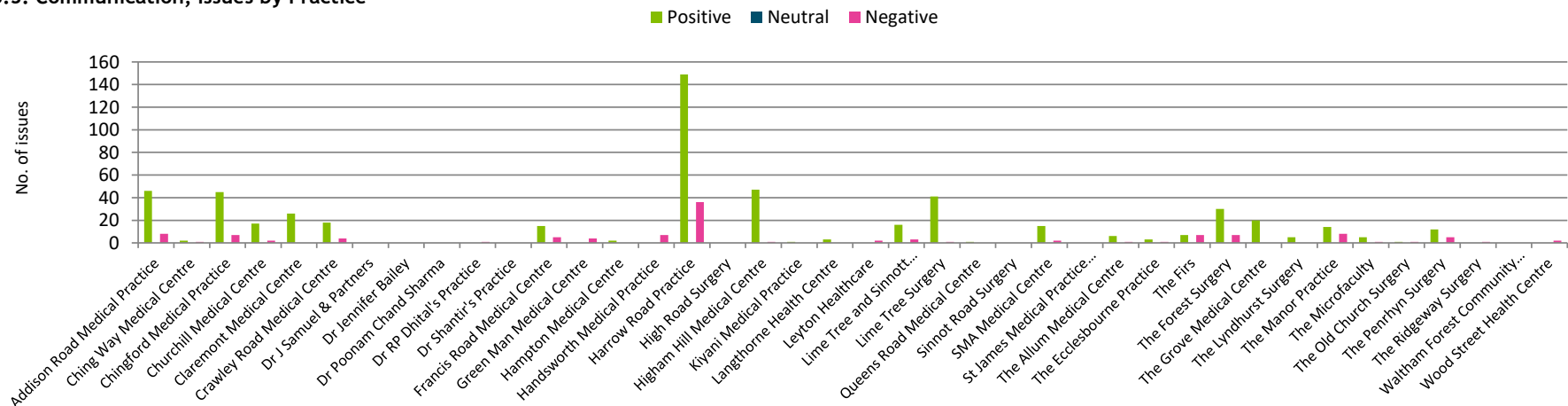
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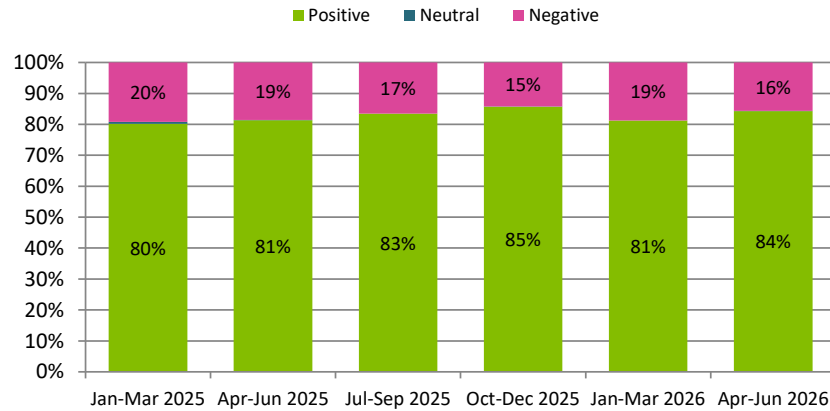


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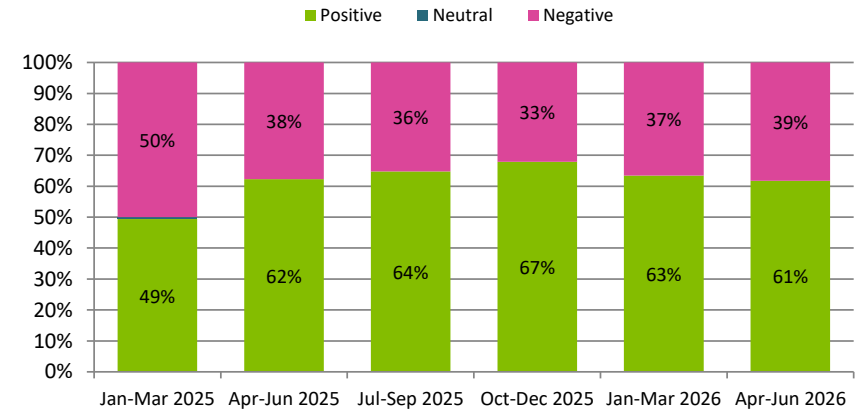


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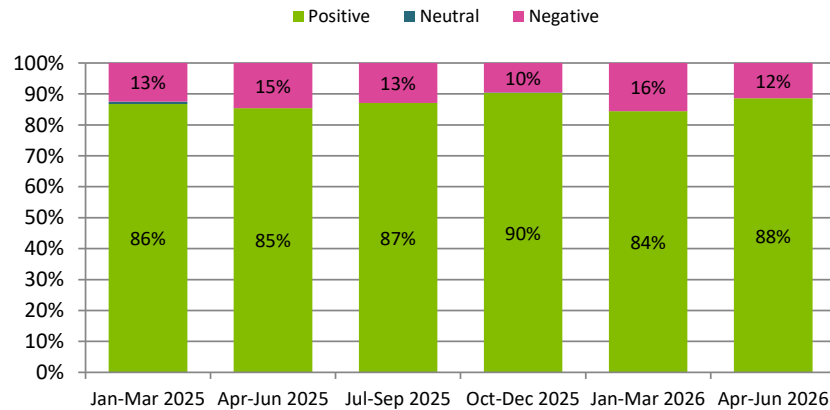
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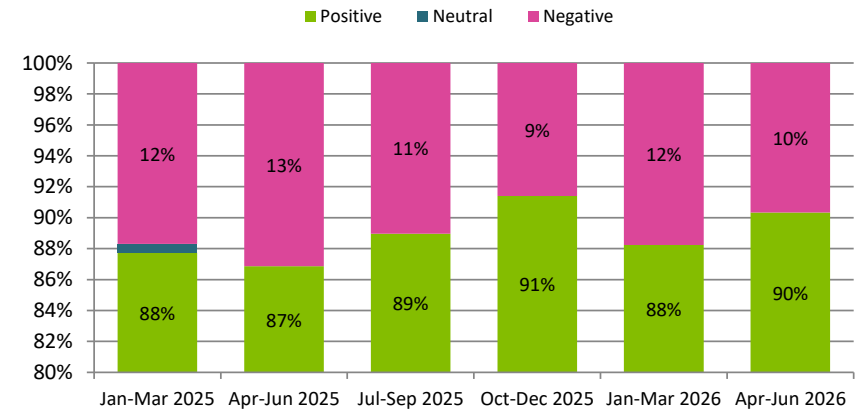
3.2 Service Access, Sentiment



3.3 Treatment and Care, Sentiment



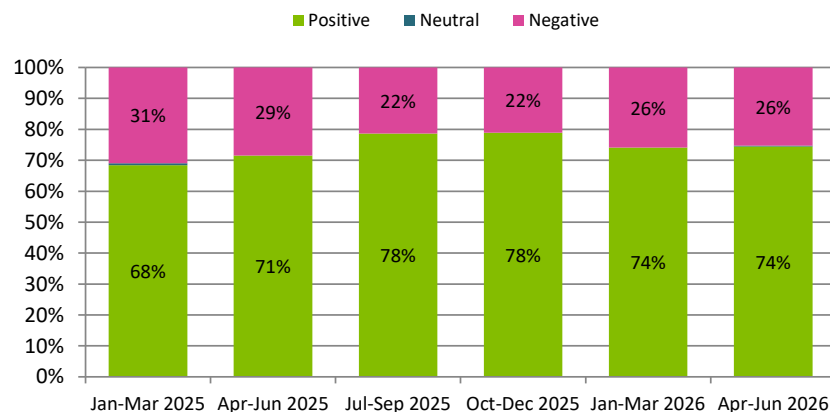
3.4 Staff Attitude, Sentiment



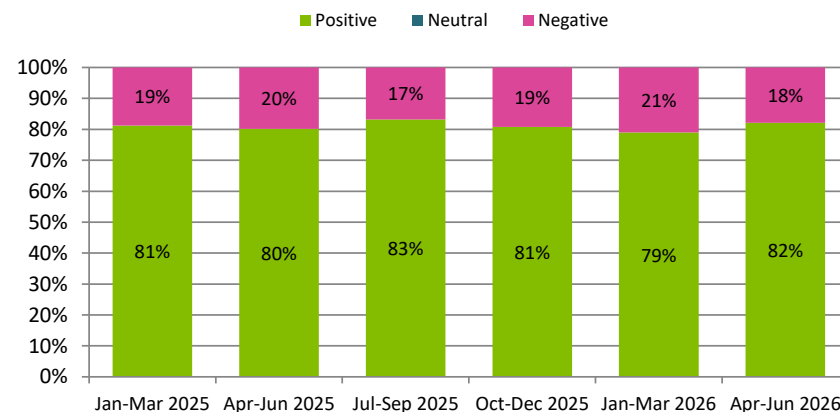


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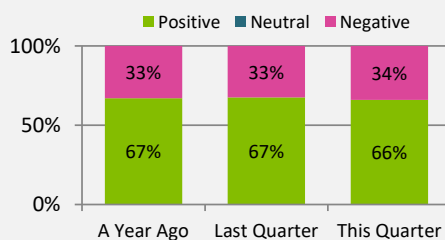
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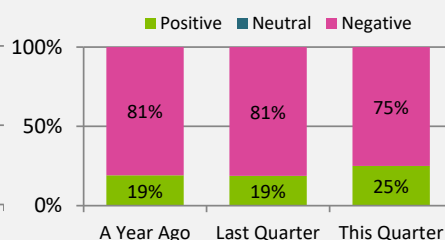
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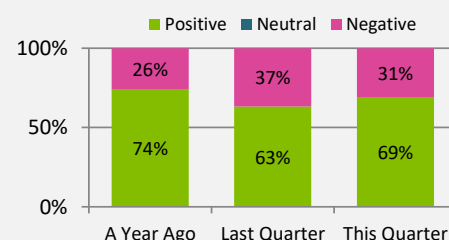
3.7 Booking, Snapshot



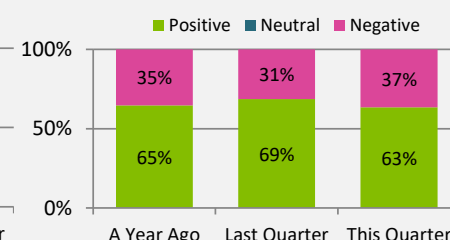
3.8 Telephone, Snapshot



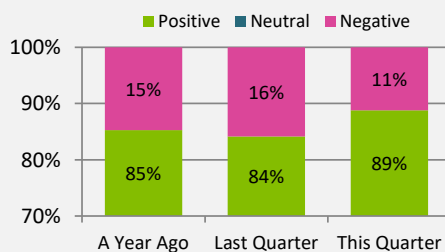
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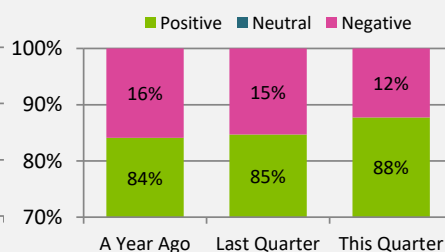
3.10 Waiting List, Snapshot



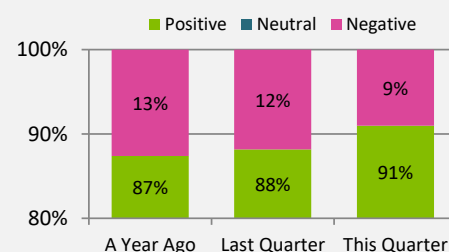
3.11 Involvement Snapshot



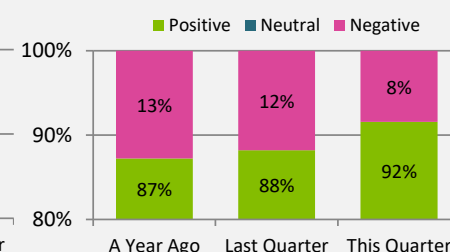
3.12 Support, Snapshot



3.13 Staff Attitude, Snapshot



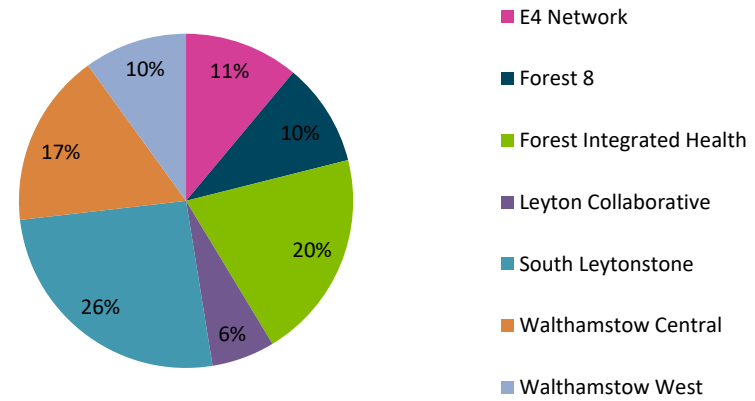
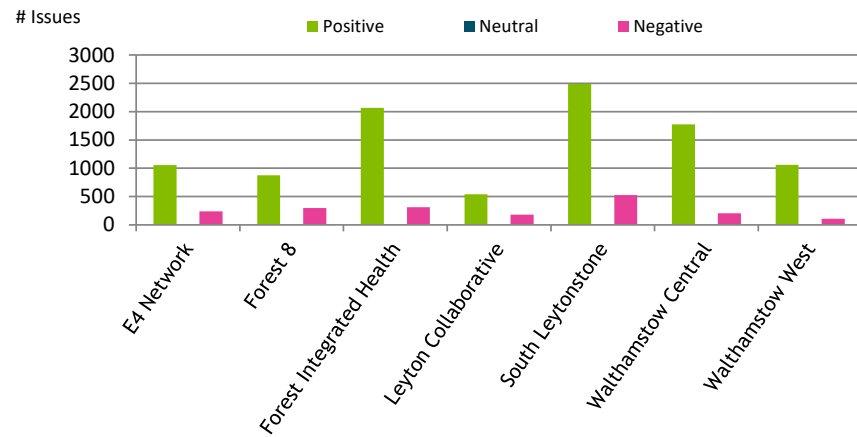
3.14 Quality, Snapshot





4. Volume by Primary Care Network

4.1 PCN



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>	547	0	112	659
	Carer Involvement	<i>Involvement of carers, friends or family members.</i>	40	0	6	46
	General Comment	<i>A generalised statement (ie; "The doctor was good.")</i>	374	2	33	409
	User Involvement	<i>Involvement of the service user.</i>	752	0	112	864
Systems	Administration	<i>Administrative processes and delivery.</i>	47	1	96	144
	Booking	<i>Ability to book, reschedule or cancel appointments.</i>	366	0	160	526
	Cancellations	<i>Cancellation of appointment by the service provider.</i>	0	0	24	24
	Data Protection	<i>General data protection (including GDPR).</i>	0	0	1	1
	Referral	<i>Referral to a service.</i>	68	0	31	99
	Medical Records	<i>Management of medical records.</i>	2	0	10	12
	Medication	<i>Prescription and management of medicines.</i>	63	0	43	106
	Opening Times	<i>Opening times of a service.</i>	1	0	2	3
	Planning	<i>Leadership and general organisation.</i>	58	0	19	77
	Registration	<i>Ability to register for a service.</i>	14	0	7	21
	Support	<i>Levels of support provided.</i>	1997	0	299	2296
	Telephone	<i>Ability to contact a service by telephone.</i>	17	0	50	67
	Timing	<i>Physical timing (ie; length of wait at appointments).</i>	252	1	69	322
	Waiting List	<i>Length of wait while on a list.</i>	355	0	174	529
Values	Choice	<i>General choice.</i>	15	0	21	36
	Cost	<i>General cost.</i>	1	0	9	10
	Language	<i>Language, including terminology.</i>	10	0	5	15
	Nutrition	<i>Provision of sustenance.</i>	0	0	0	0
	Privacy	<i>Privacy, personal space and property.</i>	1	0	2	3
	Quality	<i>General quality of a service, or staff.</i>	1890	0	200	2090
	Sensory	<i>Deaf/blind or other sensory issues.</i>	3	0	1	4
	Stimulation	<i>General stimulation, including access to activities.</i>	1	0	0	1

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Environment	Catchment/Distance	<i>Distance to a service (and catchment area for eligibility).</i>	10	0	2	12
	Environment/Layout	<i>Physical environment of a service.</i>	38	0	8	46
	Equipment	<i>General equipment issues.</i>	5	0	6	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>	31	0	5	36
	Mobility	<i>Physical mobility to, from and within services.</i>	8	0	3	11
	Travel/Parking	<i>Ability to travel or park.</i>	1	0	4	5
Staff	Omission	<i>General omission (ie; transport did not arrive).</i>	0	0	17	17
	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>	2876	0	318	3194
	Complaints	<i>Ability to log and resolve a complaint.</i>	4	0	10	14
	Staff Training	<i>Training of staff.</i>	18	0	26	44
	Staffing Levels	<i>General availability of staff.</i>	0	0	4	4
Total:			9865	4	1896	11765