

The Experience of GP Services

A trends analysis report by Healthwatch Newham



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 2,782 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)

The vast majority of people receive good quality, compassionate treatment and care, with good levels of support and involvement. According to feedback, patients would like greater levels of service access.

Overall sentiment is 77% positive and 23% negative.

Trends...

According to feedback, overall satisfaction has declined by 4% this quarter.

Abbey Road Medical Practice, Claremont Clinic, Glen Road Surgery, Sangam Practice, Stratford Village Surgery, Upton Lane Medical Centre and Vicarage Lane Surgery 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...

Overall satisfaction on service access has declined by 15% this quarter, comments suggest. Complaints are up by 14% on waiting times, by 12% on telephone access, and by 11% on booking processes.

Glen Road Medical Centre receives a notable volume and ratio of positive comments.

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 3% on treatment and care, while up by 1% on staff attitude.

Satisfaction is positive overall at most practices, comments suggest.

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...

This quarter, complaints are up by 7% on administration, and by 2% on communication.

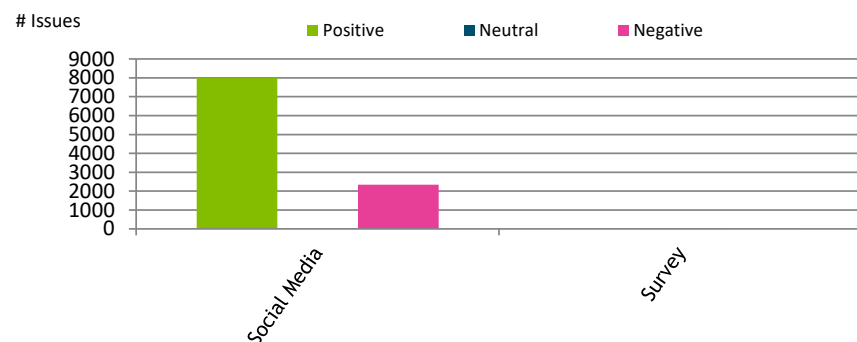
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Disclaimer: The trends within this report are based on service user comments we have obtained from sources outlined on Page 4. Comments obtained from these sources may not be representative of all service users experiences or opinions.



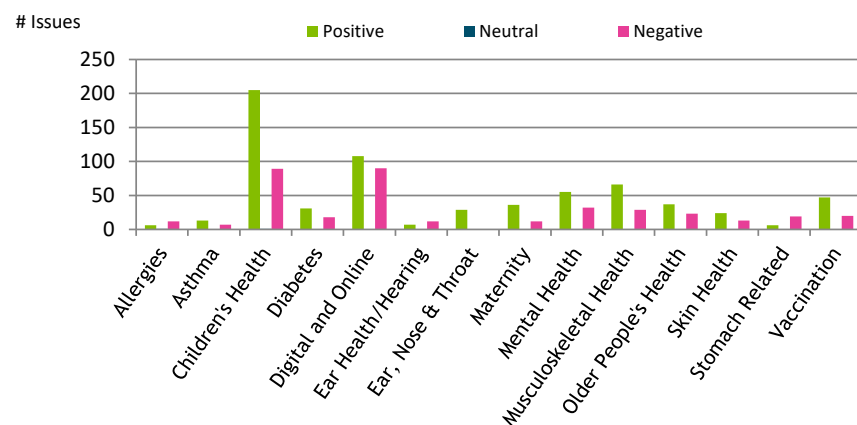
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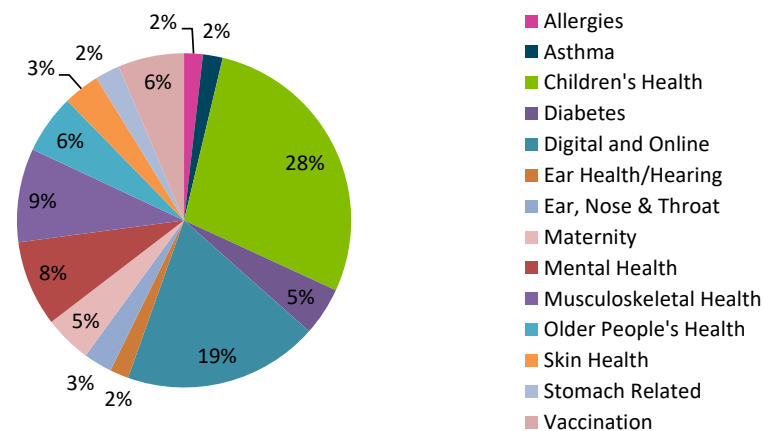


Sources providing the most comments overall

1.2 Stated medical conditions/topics



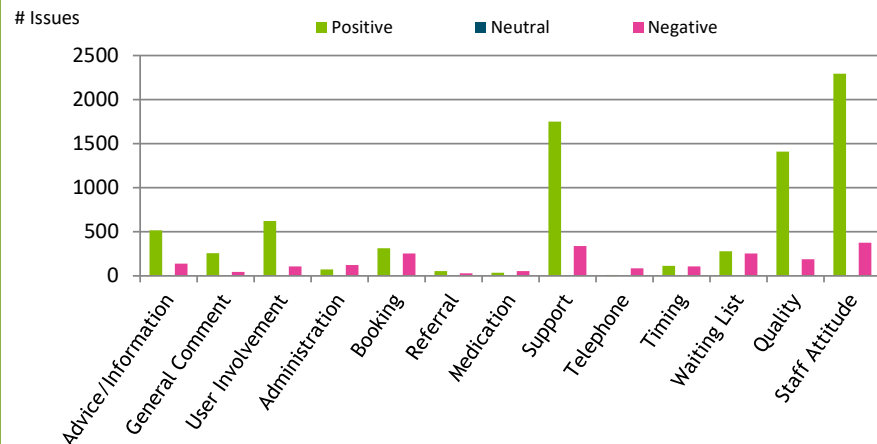
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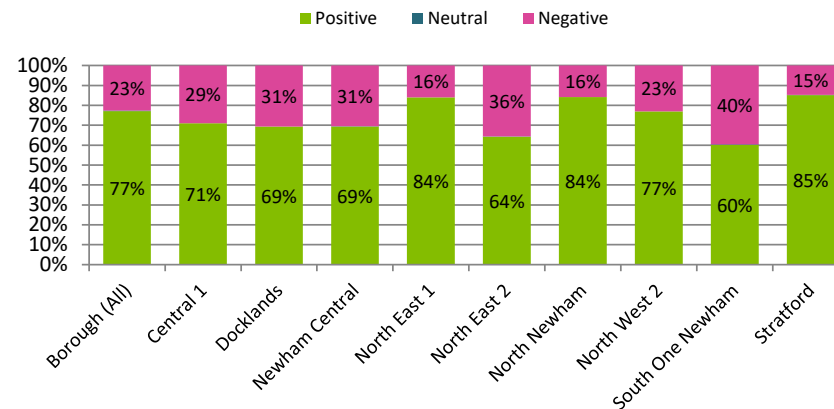
2.1 Overall Themes and Sentiment

2.1.1 Overall, Top Trends: 10368 issues from 2782 people



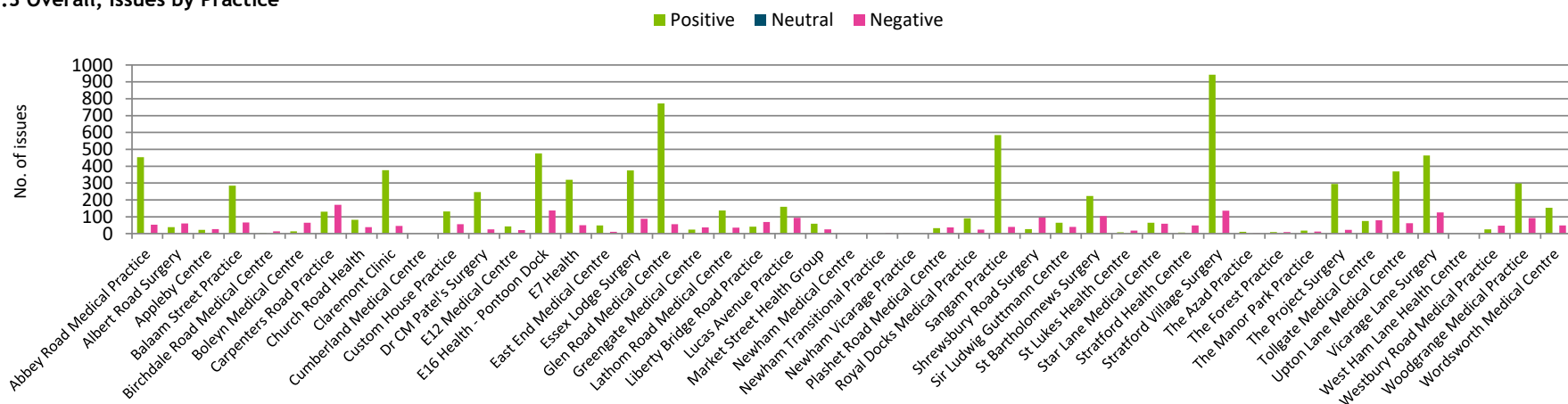
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2.1.2 Overall, Sentiment by Primary Care Network



Sentiment by PCN

2.1.3 Overall, Issues by Practice

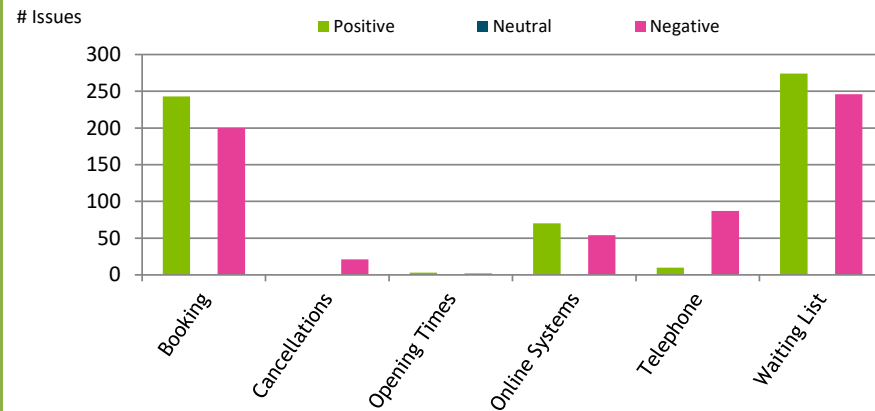


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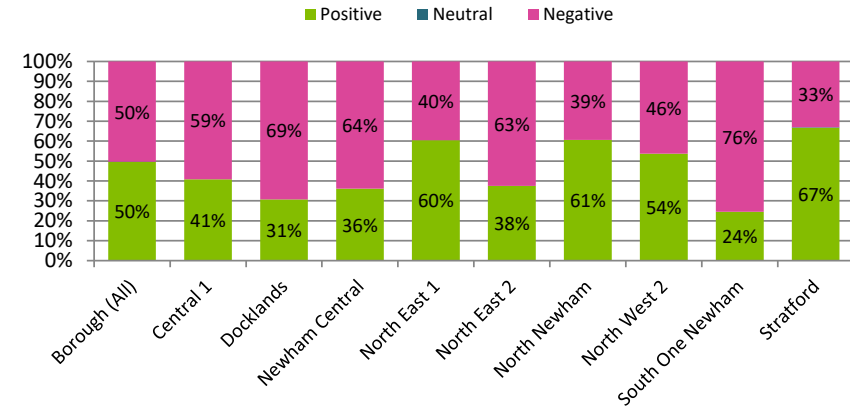
2.2 Service Access

2.2.1 Service Access: 1211 issues detected



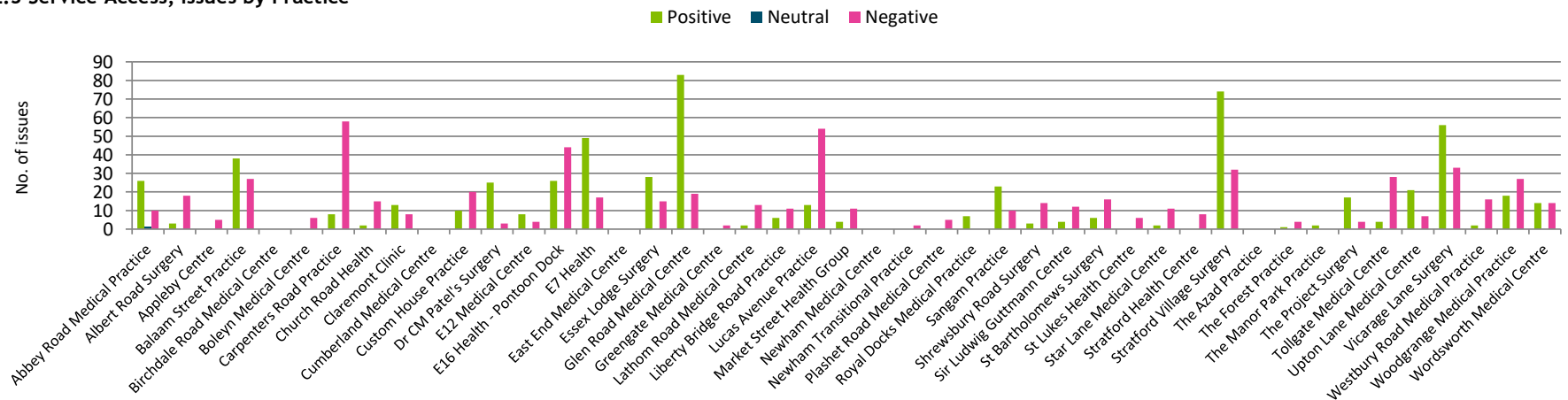
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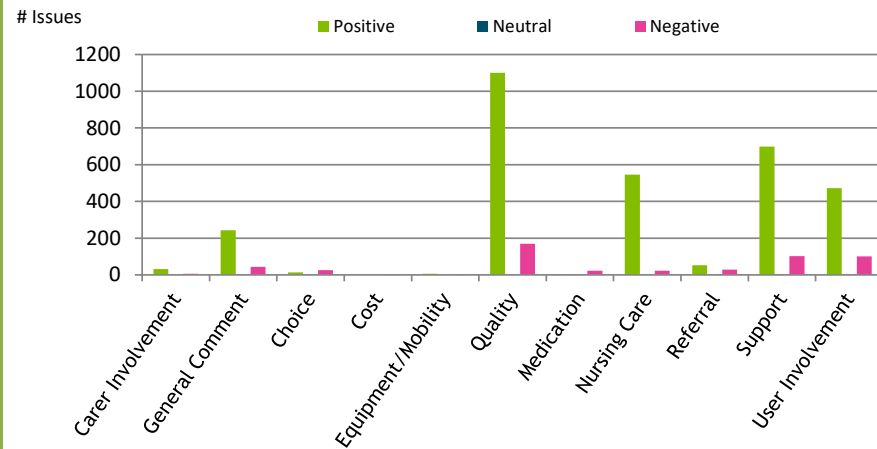


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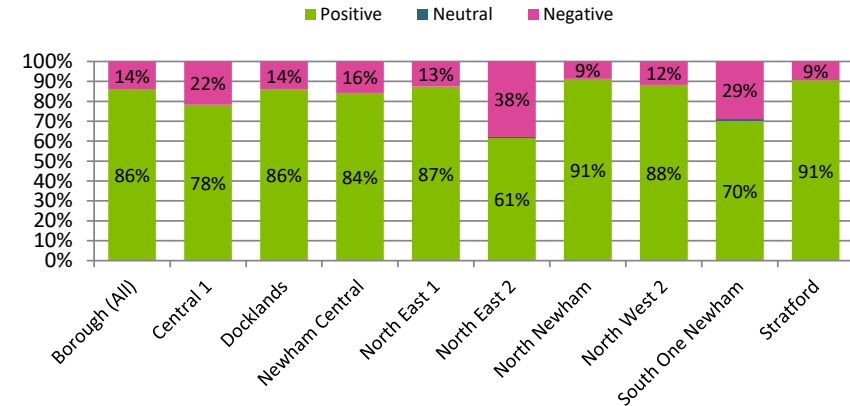
2.3 Clinical Treatment and Care

2.3.1 Treatment: 3696 issues detected



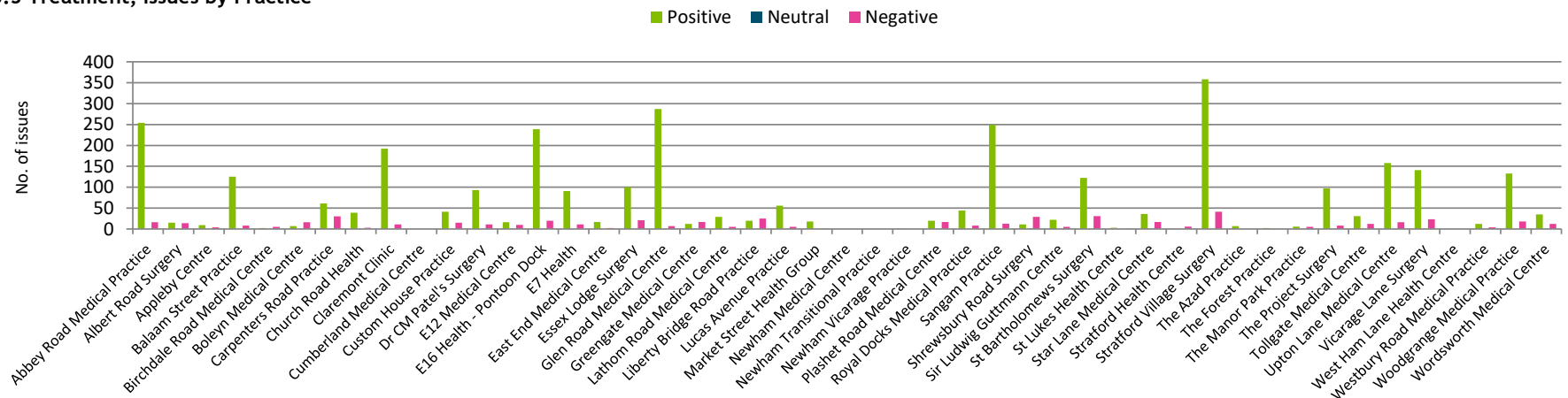
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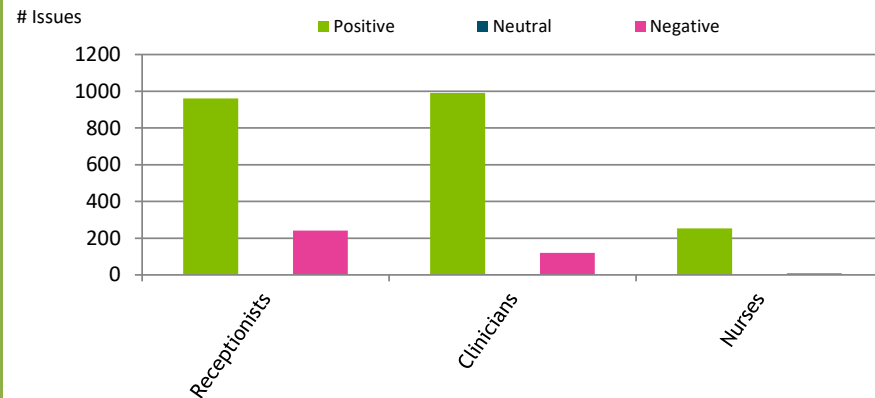


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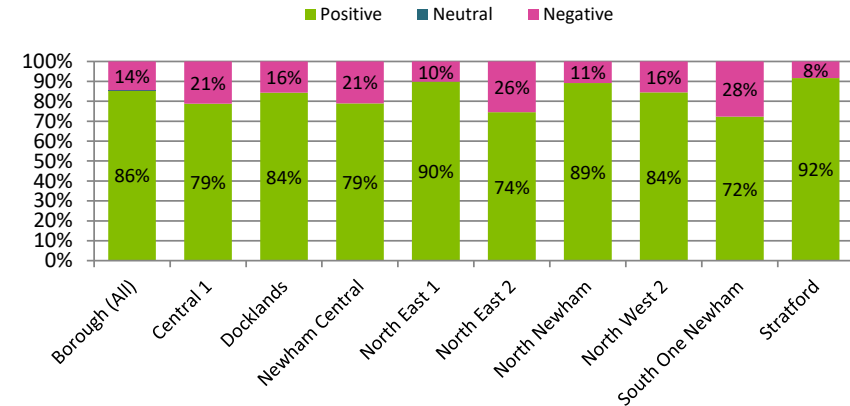
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2.4.1 Staff Attitude: 2578 issues detected



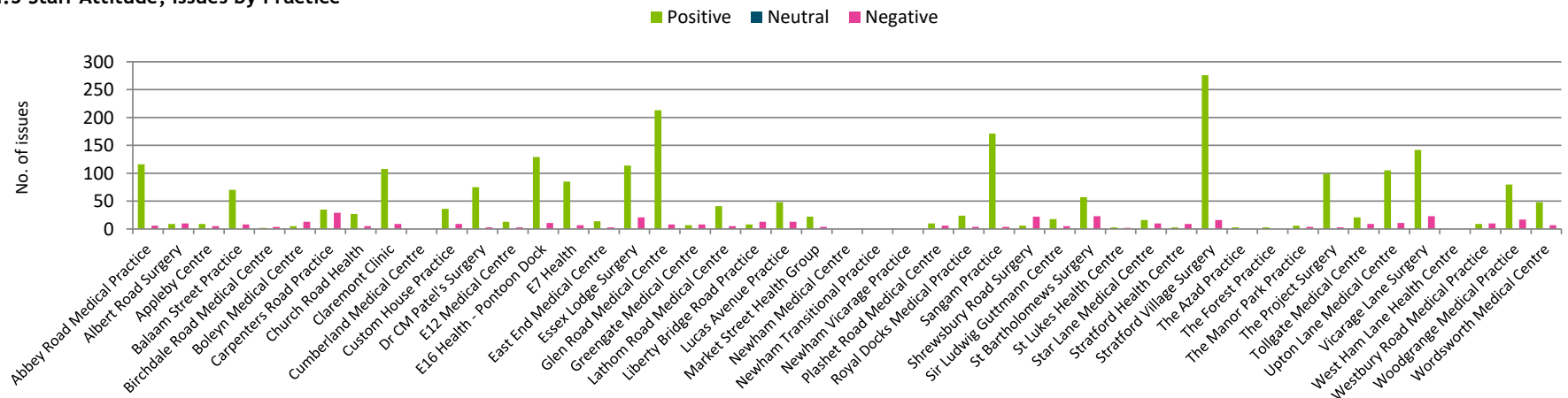
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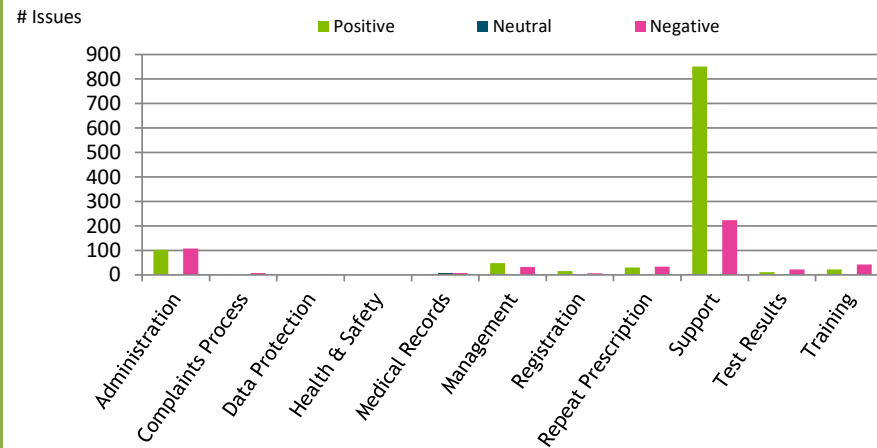


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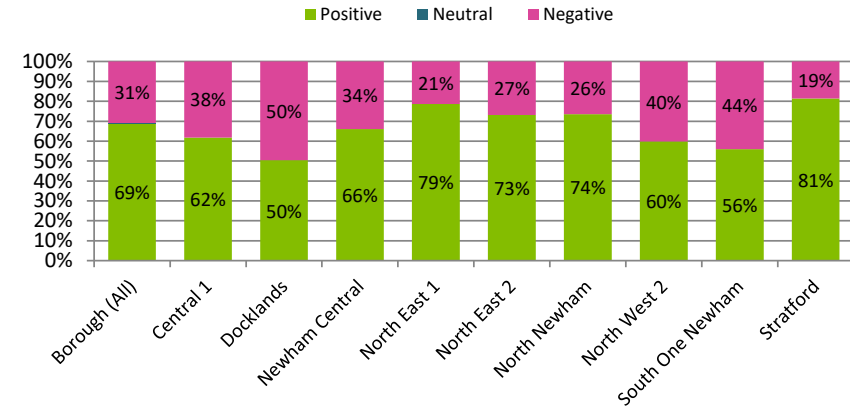
2.5 Administration

2.5.1 Administration: 1577 issues detected



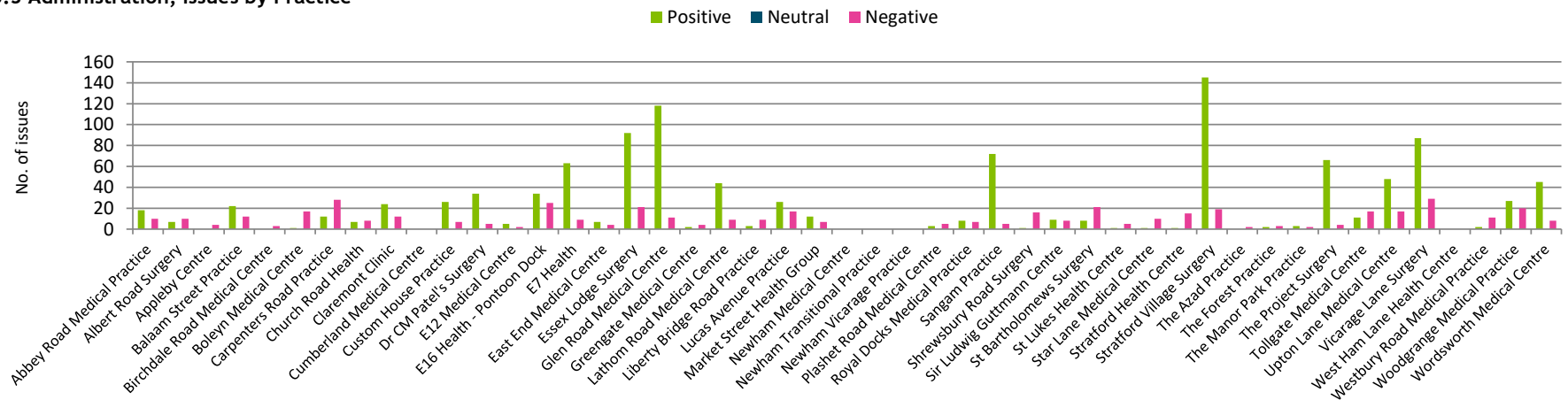
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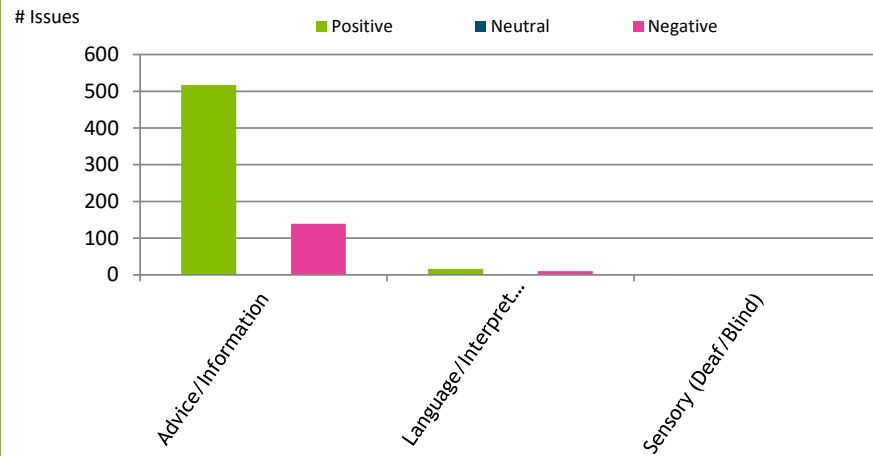


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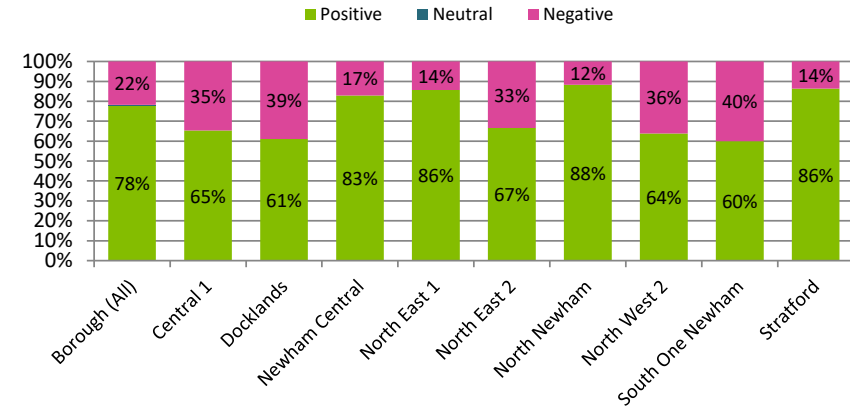
2.6 Communication

2.6.1 Communication: 684 issues detected



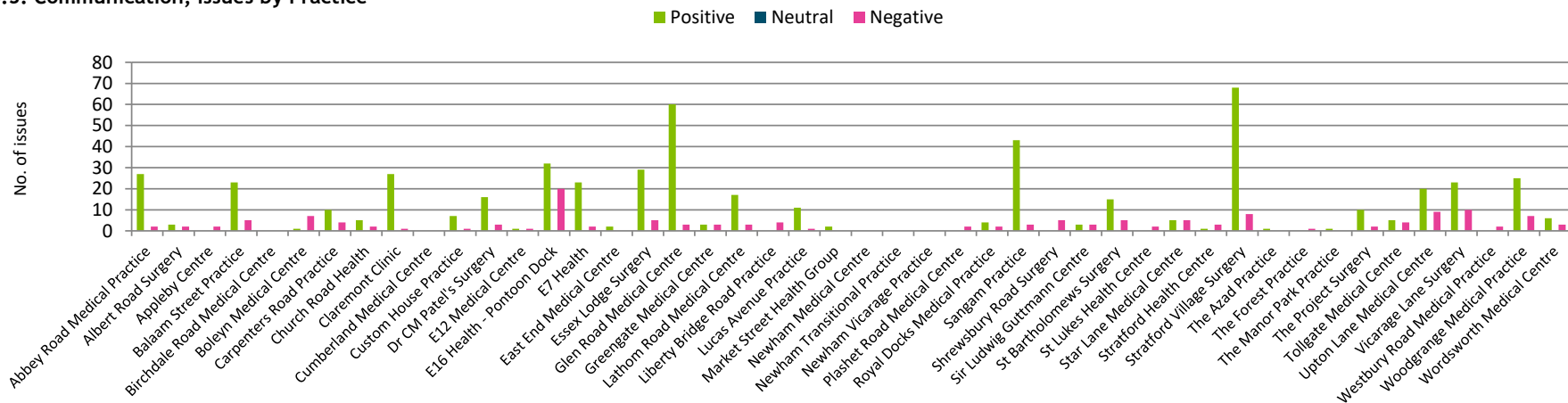
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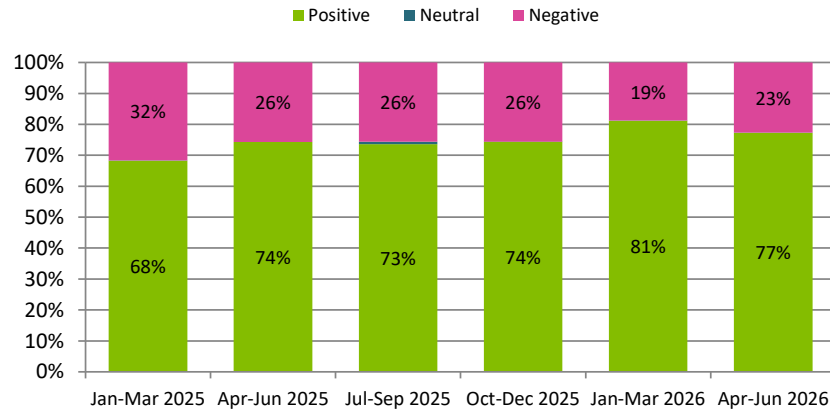


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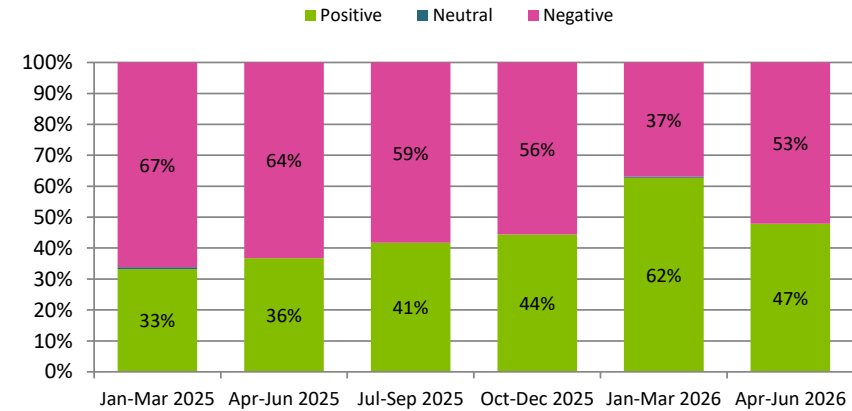


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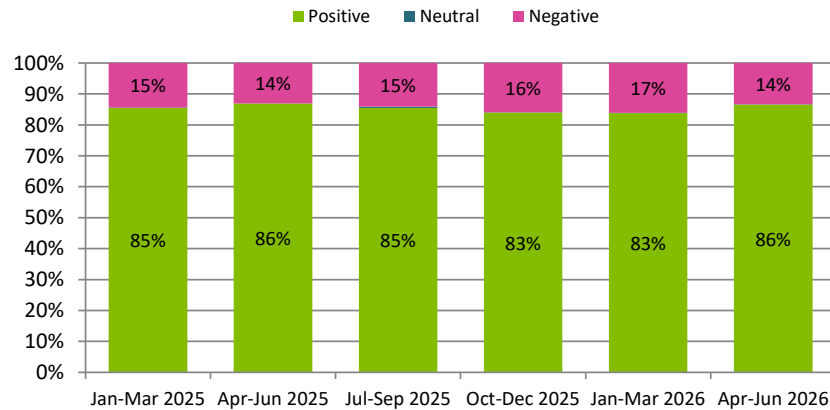
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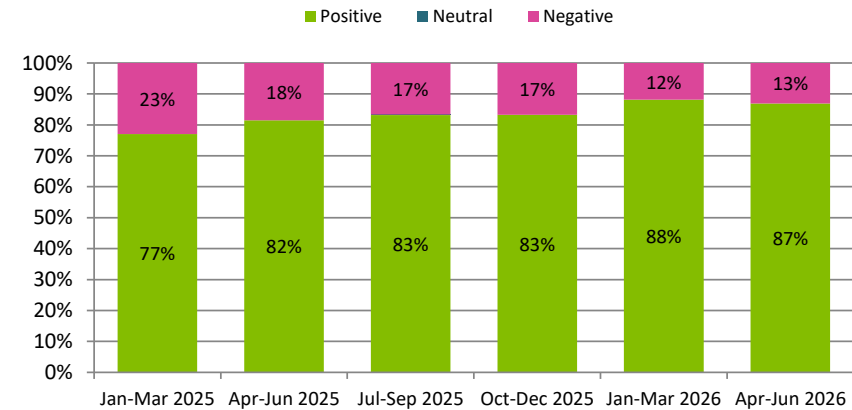
3.2 Service Access, Sentiment



3.3 Treatment and Care, Sentiment



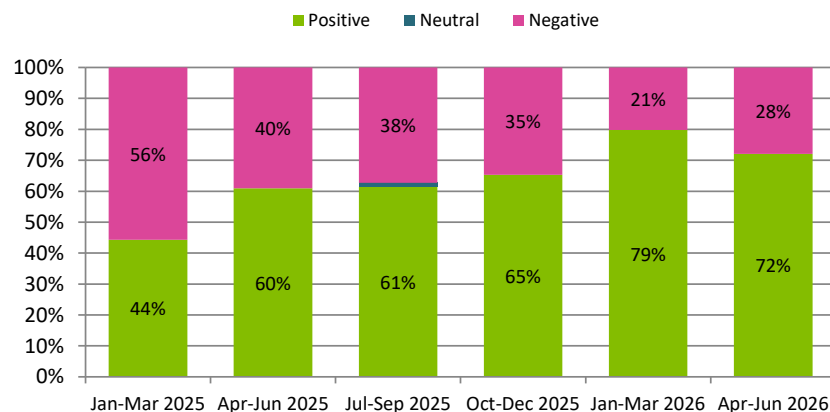
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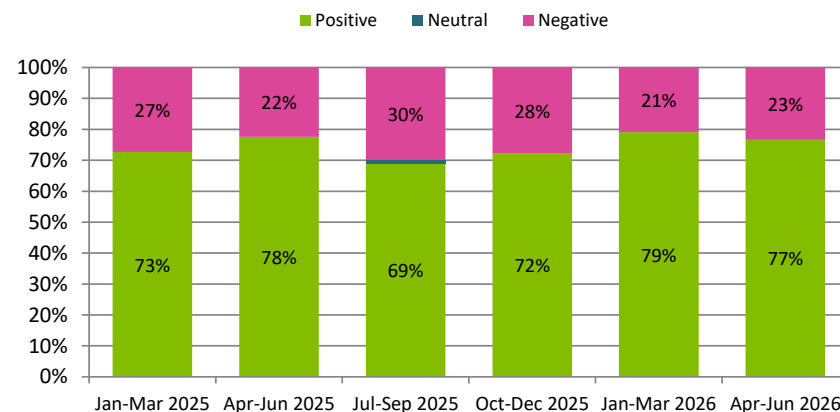


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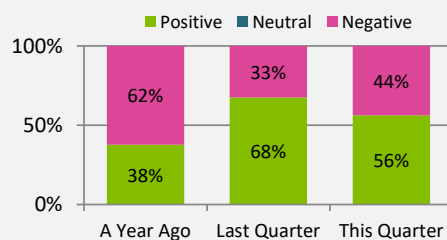
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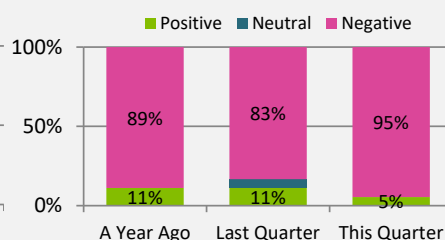
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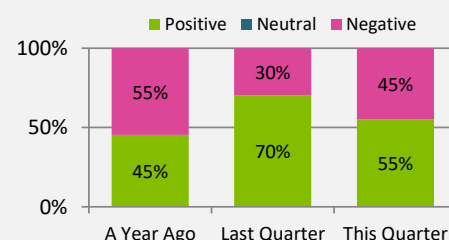
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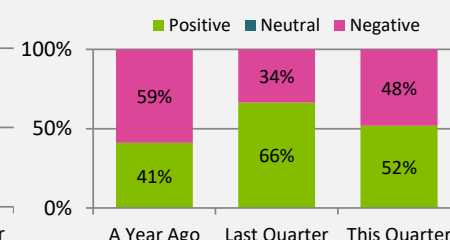
3.8 Telephone, Snapshot



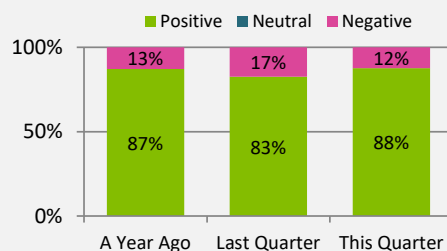
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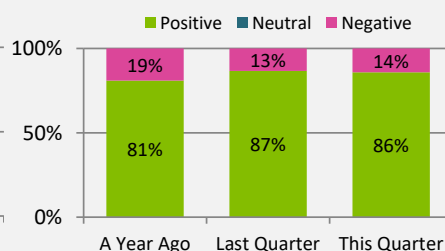
3.10 Waiting List, Snapshot



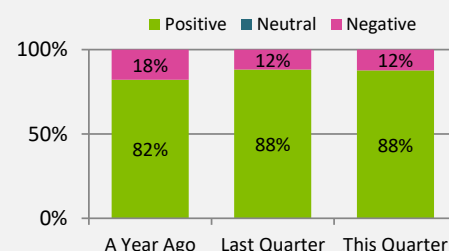
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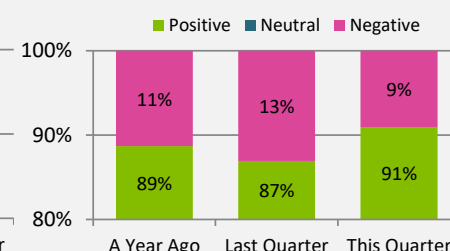
3.12 Support, Snapshot



3.13 Staff Attitude, Snapshot



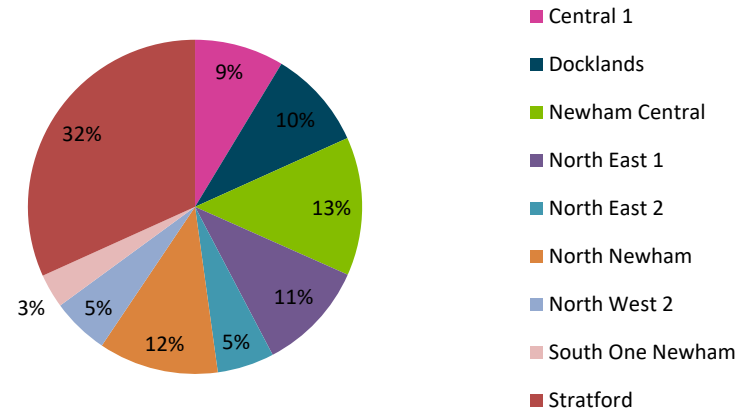
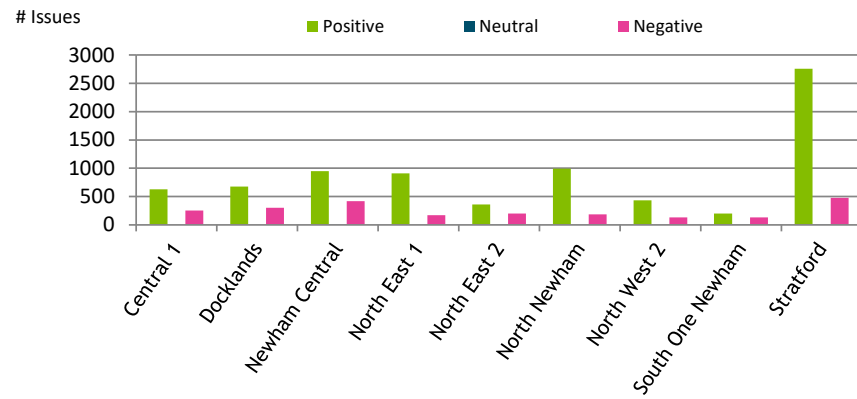
3.14 Quality, Snapshot





4. Volume by Primary Care Network

4.1 PCN



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>	517	1	139	657
	Carer Involvement	<i>Involvement of carers, friends or family members.</i>	43	0	7	50
	General Comment	<i>A generalised statement (ie; "The doctor was good.")</i>	259	2	45	306
	User Involvement	<i>Involvement of the service user.</i>	624	1	108	733
Systems	Administration	<i>Administrative processes and delivery.</i>	74	0	123	197
	Booking	<i>Ability to book, reschedule or cancel appointments.</i>	313	0	255	568
	Cancellations	<i>Cancellation of appointment by the service provider.</i>	0	0	21	21
	Data Protection	<i>General data protection (including GDPR).</i>	0	0	3	3
	Referral	<i>Referral to a service.</i>	55	4	28	87
	Medical Records	<i>Management of medical records.</i>	3	4	10	17
	Medication	<i>Prescription and management of medicines.</i>	37	0	55	92
	Opening Times	<i>Opening times of a service.</i>	3	0	2	5
	Planning	<i>Leadership and general organisation.</i>	48	0	33	81
	Registration	<i>Ability to register for a service.</i>	16	0	6	22
	Support	<i>Levels of support provided.</i>	1751	1	339	2091
	Telephone	<i>Ability to contact a service by telephone.</i>	10	1	87	98
	Timing	<i>Physical timing (ie; length of wait at appointments).</i>	114	0	106	220
	Waiting List	<i>Length of wait while on a list.</i>	278	0	253	531
Values	Choice	<i>General choice.</i>	15	1	25	41
	Cost	<i>General cost.</i>	0	0	7	7
	Language	<i>Language, including terminology.</i>	16	0	10	26
	Nutrition	<i>Provision of sustenance.</i>	2	0	1	3
	Privacy	<i>Privacy, personal space and property.</i>	1	0	4	5
	Quality	<i>General quality of a service, or staff.</i>	1409	0	188	1597
	Sensory	<i>Deaf/blind or other sensory issues.</i>	1	0	0	1
	Stimulation	<i>General stimulation, including access to activities.</i>	2	1	0	3

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Environment	Catchment/Distance	<i>Distance to a service (and catchment area for eligibility).</i>	9	2	0	11
	Environment/Layout	<i>Physical environment of a service.</i>	35	0	4	39
	Equipment	<i>General equipment issues.</i>	4	0	2	6
	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>	29	0	6	35
	Mobility	<i>Physical mobility to, from and within services.</i>	4	0	1	5
	Travel/Parking	<i>Ability to travel or park.</i>	3	0	3	6
Staff	Omission	<i>General omission (ie; transport did not arrive).</i>	0	0	40	40
	Security/Conduct	<i>General security of a service, including conduct of staff.</i>	0	0	7	7
	Staff Attitude	<i>Attitude, compassion and empathy of staff.</i>	2293	1	376	2670
	Complaints	<i>Ability to log and resolve a complaint.</i>	3	0	8	11
	Staff Training	<i>Training of staff.</i>	22	0	42	64
	Staffing Levels	<i>General availability of staff.</i>	1	2	7	10
Total:			7994	21	2353	10368