

PATIENT COMPLAINT FORM

If you have a complaint or concern about the service you have received from the doctors or any of the personnel working in this practice, please let us know. We operate a practice complaint procedure as part of an NHS complaints system, which meets or exceeds national criteria.

HOW TO COMPLAIN

We hope that we can sort most problems out easily and quickly, often at the time they arise and with the person concerned. Please ask to speak to a member of our Management Team (this is not always the Practice Manager) who can try and resolve your concerns over the telephone. If you wish to make a formal complaint, please do so AS SOON AS POSSIBLE - ideally within a matter of a few days. This will enable us to establish what happened more easily. If doing that is not possible your complaint should be submitted within 12 months of the incident that caused the problem; or within 12 months of discovering that you have a problem. You should address your complaint in writing to the Practice Manager (you can use the attached form). He/she will make sure that we deal with your concerns promptly and in the correct way. You should be as specific and concise as possible.

COMPLAINING ON BEHALF OF SOMEONE ELSE

We keep strictly to the rules of medical confidentiality (a separate leaflet giving more detail on confidentiality is available on request). If you are not the patient, but are complaining on their behalf, you must have their permission to do so. An authority signed by the person concerned will be needed unless they are incapable (because of illness or infirmity) of providing this. A Third-Party Consent Form is provided below.

WHAT WE WILL DO

We will acknowledge your complaint within 5 working days and aim to have fully investigated within 20 working days of the date it was received. If we expect it to take longer we will explain the reason for the delay and tell you when we expect to finish. When we look into your complaint, we will investigate the circumstances; make it possible for you to discuss the problem with those concerned; make sure you receive an apology if this is appropriate and take steps to make sure any problem does not arise again.

You will receive a final letter setting out the result of any practice investigations.

TAKING IT FURTHER

We hope that if you have a problem, you will use our Practice complaints procedure. We believe that this will give us the best chance of putting right whatever has gone wrong and the opportunity to improve our practice.

However, this does not affect your right to complain directly with your primary care provider.

Contact West Yorkshire Integrated Care Board (ICB)

Please contact by:

Email: [wyicb.complaints@nhs.net](mailto:wyicb.complaints@nhs.net)

Telephone: 01924 552 150

In writing: Complaints Team, West Yorkshire Integrated Care Board, White Rose House, West Parade, Wakefield WF1 1LT

Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm, excluding bank holidays. Out of hours: please leave a voice message about the best time to contact you to discuss the details.

If you remain dissatisfied with the outcome you may refer the matter to:

The Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman

Millbank Tower

Millbank

London

SW1P 4QP

Tel 0345 0154033

[www.ombudsman.org.uk](http://www.ombudsman.org.uk)

The Complaint Form is on the next page >>>COMPLAINT FORM

Patient Full Name:

Date of Birth:

Address:

Complaint details: (Include dates, times, and names of practice personnel, if known)

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SIGNED………………………………….Print name…………………………(Continue overleaf if necessary)

PATIENT THIRD-PARTY CONSENT

PATIENT'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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ENQUIRER / COMPLAINANT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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IF YOU ARE COMPLAINING ON BEHALF OF A PATIENT OR YOUR COMPLAINT OR ENQUIRY INVOLVES THE MEDICAL CARE OF A PATIENT THEN THE CONSENT OF THE PATIENT WILL BE REQUIRED. PLEASE OBTAIN THE PATIENT’S SIGNED CONSENT BELOW.

I fully consent to my Doctor releasing information to, and discussing my care and medical records with the person named above in relation to this complaint only, and I wish this person to complain on my behalf.

This authority is for an indefinite period / for a limited period only (delete as appropriate)

Where a limited period applies, this authority is valid until…………………….. (insert date)

Signed: ………………………………………. (Patient only)

Date: …………………………………………..