

# ●●● The Garden Surgery

## **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. 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.

## **WHAT WE WILL DO**

We will acknowledge your complaint within 3 working days and aim to have fully investigated within 10 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 investigate 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**

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)

2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, East Leeds Health Centre, 78 Osmondthorpe Lane, Leeds LS9 9EF

Tel: 0113 2009190

G P Partners: Dr J Procter, Dr R Flint, Dr J Salih

Salaried GP: Dr M Uddin

Practice Manager: Mrs Sarah Cave

We are part of the York Road Primary Care Network (PCN)