

If you are Dissatisfied with the Outcome

Complaints Team (Open: Mon – Fri 8am to 6pm)

NHS England

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Tel: 0300 311 2233

Email: England.contactus@nhs.net

(Hospital complaints)

Patient Service Team

Sheffield Teaching hospitals NHS foundation Trust,

8 Beech hill Road

Sheffield, S10 2JF

Tel: 0114 2712400

Email: PST@sth.nhs.uk

Advisory service in Sheffield:

VoiceAbility (Open: Mon – Fri 9am – 5pm)

Sheffield advocacy hub

Michael Charles centre

75 Osbourne Road

Sheffield S11 9BF

Tel: Helpline number 0300 330 5454

Email: nhscomplaints@voiceability.org

You may also approach

The Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman

Citygate, Mosley Street,

Manchester, M2 3HQ

(These is also a London address) Millbank Tower, 30

Millbank, LondonSW1P 4QP

Tel: 0345 015 4033

Email: phso.enquiries@ombudsman.org.uk

The practice Complaints Manager is:

Karla levy

DUKE MEDICAL CENTRE

Complaints Procedure

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Making a Complaint

Most problems can be sorted out quickly and easily, often at the time they arise with the person concerned and this may be the approach you try first.

Where you are not able to resolve your complaint in this way and wish to make a formal complaint you should do so, preferably **in writing** as soon as possible after the event and ideally within a few days, as this helps us to establish what happened more easily. In any event, complaints can be made up to 12 months after the incident that gave rise to the complaint. Beyond this timescale it is at the discretion of the practice as to whether to investigate the matter.

If you are a registered patient you can complain about your own care. You are unable to complain about someone else's treatment without their written authority.

We are able to provide you with a separate complaints form to register your complaint and this includes a third-party authority form to enable a complaint to be made by someone else. Please ask at reception for this. You can provide this in your own format providing this covers all the necessary aspects.

Send your written complaint to:

Karla levy (Practice Manager)

What we do next

We look to settle complaints as soon as possible.

We will acknowledge receipt within 3 working days, and aim to have looked into the matter within 10 working days. You may then receive a formal reply in writing, or you may be invited to meet with the person(s) concerned to attempt to resolve the issue. If the matter is likely to take longer than this we will let you know, and keep you informed as the investigation progresses.

When looking into a complaint we attempt to see what happened and why, to see if there is something we can learn from this, and make it possible for you to discuss the issue with those involved if you would like to do so.

When the investigations are complete your complaint will be determined and a final response sent to you.

Where your complaint involves more than one organisation (e.g. social services) we will liaise with that organisation so that you receive one coordinated reply. We may need your consent to do this. Where your complaint has been sent initially to an incorrect organisation, we may seek your consent to forward this to the correct person to deal with.

The final response letter will include details of the result of your complaint and also your right to escalate the matter further if you remain dissatisfied with the response.

Complaining on Behalf of Someone Else

We keep to the strict rules of medical and personal confidentiality. If you wish to make a complaint and are not the patient involved, we will require the written consent of the patient to confirm that they are unhappy with their treatment and that we can deal with someone else about it.

Please ask at reception for the Complaints Form which contains a suitable authority for the patient to sign to enable the complaint to proceed.

Where the patient is incapable of providing consent due to illness or accident it may still be possible to deal with the complaint. Please provide the precise details of the circumstances which prevent this in your covering letter.

Please note that we are unable to discuss any issue relating to someone else without their express permission, which must be in writing, unless the circumstances above apply.

We may still need to correspond direct with the patient, or may be able to deal direct with the third party, and this depends on the wording of the authority provided.