

COMPLAINTS – INFORMATION FOR PATIENTS

Informal Complaints to the Practice

If you are unhappy about any part of the service that we provide you have a right to have your concerns heard. You can speak to any member of staff or the Practice Manager about your concern and we will try to resolve it as quickly as possible.

If you wish to make a complaint on behalf of a relative, please note that for reasons of confidentiality we will need their agreement before we can discuss anything with you.

Formal Complaints to the Practice

If you do not wish to use our informal procedure, we have a formal complaints procedure which allows you to have your complaint formally investigated. Forms are available from reception or you may prefer to write a letter addressed to the Practice Manager.

If you wish to make a formal complaint on behalf of a relative, please note that for the reasons of confidentiality we will need their agreement before we can proceed.

The practice will acknowledge your complaint in person or in writing within three working days of receiving it. The Senior Partner and Practice Manager will investigate your complaint and the practice will provide a considered response to your complaint within 25 days, or longer with your agreement.

If you need help with your complaint

You may seek representation or support from a friend or advocacy agency if you need help in presenting your concern. The NHS Complaints Advocacy Service is a free and independent service that can help you make a complaint. You can contact their helpline on Barnsley 01226 320106 or Rotherham 01709 717130.

Complaints to the local integrated care board (ICB)

The practice is under contract with the ICB to deliver healthcare. You are able to make a complaint to the ICB about our service if you wish. Contact details are:-

Telephone: 0114 305 1000

Email: syicb-sheffield.icbcomplaints@nhs.net

When submitting a complaint to NHS South Yorkshire, please include the specific area that your complaint is in reference to i.e. Rotherham, Doncaster, Barnsley or Sheffield.

If you are still unhappy after your complaint has been investigated

If you are unhappy with the way your complaint has been handled and investigated, then you have the right to take this to the Parliamentary Health Service Ombudsman (PHSO). The PHSO is an independent body that makes final decisions on complaints that have not been resolved by the NHS in England. They can be contacted via their customer helpline: 0345 015 4033 (Mon-Thurs, 8.30am to 5.30pm, Fri 8.30am to 12pm) or online at <http://www.ombudsman.org.uk/make-a-complaint>.

COMMENT, SUGGESTION OR COMPLAINT RECORD

Date:		Time:	
Name of person making comment:		Tel No:	
Address:			
Patient Details if different from above			
Name:		Tel No:	
Address:			
Relationship to above:		Date of Birth:	
Registered with Dr:			
Full details of comment, suggestion or complaint (continue on reverse if necessary)			
FOR OFFICE USE ONLY			
How was the comment received?			
Telephone <input type="checkbox"/>	Personal Call <input type="checkbox"/>	Letter <input type="checkbox"/>	
Action Taken			
No Action Required <input type="checkbox"/>	Matter concluded satisfactorily Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		
Written acknowledgement	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Date
Investigation?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	By
Conclusion			
Response Summary		Date:	
Within time?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	Letter attached? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>