

COMPLAINING ON BEHALF OF SOMEONE ELSE

Please note that Dukinfield Medical Practice keeps strictly to the rules of medical confidentiality. If you are complaining on behalf of someone else, the practice needs to know that you have his or her permission to do so. A note signed by the person concerned will be required, unless they are incapable of providing this due to illness or disability.

COMPLAINING TO OTHER AUTHORITIES

The practice management team hope that if you have a problem, you will use the Practice Complaints Procedure. However, if you feel you cannot raise your complaints with us, or you are dissatisfied with the response received from us, you can contact either of the following bodies:

NHS England, PO Box 16738, Redditch, B97 9PT,
Tel: 0300 3112233

Independent Complaints and Advocacy Service (ICAS)
Arthur House, Chorlton Street, Manchester, M1 3FH
Tel: 0808 8023000

CONTACTING THE CARE QUALITY COMMISSION

If you have a genuine concern about a staff member or regulated activity carried on by this Practice then you can contact the Care Quality Commission on 03000 616161, or alternatively visit the following website:
<http://www.coc.org.uk>

PALS, ICAS & OMBUDSMAN

PATIENT ADVISORY LIAISON SERVICE (PALS)

PALS provide a confidential service designed to help patients get the most from the NHS. PALS can provide information about the NHS complaints procedure and may be able to help you resolve your complaint informally if it concerns a hospital. This service does not assist in complaints solely about the care provided by your GP. You can contact your local PALS office using the web address below:

<https://www.nhs.uk/service-search/other-health-services/patient-advice-and-liaison-services-pals>

NHS INDEPENDENT COMPLAINTS AND ADVOCACY SERVICE

ICAS is a national service that supports people who want to make a complaint about their NHS care or treatment. Your local ICAS service can be found using the Web Address Below:

<https://healthwatchcheshireeast.org.uk/what-we-do/help-making-a-complaint/>

OMBUDSMAN

As a last resort, if you are not happy with the response from this practice, you can refer your complaint to the Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman who investigates complaints about the NHS in England. You can call the Ombudsman's Complaints Helpline on 0345 015 4033 or <http://www.ombudsman.org.uk> or Textphone (Minicom): 0300 061 4298

Dukinfield Medical Practice

Complaints & Comments Leaflet

LET THE PRACTICE KNOW YOUR VIEWS

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Please Take a Copy

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LET THE PRACTICE KNOW YOUR VIEWS

Dukinfield Medical Practice is always looking for ways to improve the services it offers to patients. To do this effectively, the practice needs to know what you think about the services you receive. Tell us what we do best, where we don't meet your expectations plus any ideas and suggestions you may have. Only by listening to you can the practice continue to build and improve upon the service it offers.

TELL US ABOUT OUR SERVICE BY COMPLETING THE COMMENTS FROM AT THE END OF THIS LEAFLET

- Could you easily get through on the telephone?
- Did you get an appointment with the practitioner you wanted to see?
- Were you seen within 20 minutes of your scheduled appointment time?
- Were our staff helpful and courteous?

PRACTICE COMPLAINTS PROCEDURE

If you have a complaint about the service you have received from any member of staff working in this practice, please let us know. The practice operates a Complaints Procedure as part of the NHS system for dealing with complaints. Our complaints system meets national criteria.

Note: If you make a complaint, it is practice policy to ensure you are not discriminated against, or subjected to any negative effect on your care, treatment or support.

HOW TO COMPLAIN

In the first instance please discuss your complaint with the staff member concerned. Where the issue cannot be resolved at this stage, please contact Mrs Julie Pregnall, Practice Director who will try to resolve the issue and offer you further advice on the complaint's procedure. If your problem cannot be resolved this stage and you wish to make a formal complaint please let us know as soon as possible, ideally within a matter of days. This will enable the practice to get a clear picture of the circumstances surrounding the complaint.

If it is not possible to raise your complaint immediately, please let us have details of your complaint within 12 months of the incident that caused the problem, OR within 12 months of discovering that you had a problem.

We set a timescale of 12 months because our investigations may be hampered if the length of time elapsed since the incident exceeds this.

The practice will acknowledge your complaint within 3 working days. At this stage we would hope to agree a plan with you on how we will deal with your complaint. This may include an explanation or a meeting with the person(s) involved. When the practice looks into your complaint it aims to:

- Ascertain the full circumstances of the complaint.
- Make arrangements for you to discuss the problem with those concerned, if you would like this.
- Make sure you receive an apology, where this is appropriate.
- Identify what the practice can do to make sure the problem does not happen again.

COMPLAINTS AND COMMENTS FORM

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Date of complaint / comment: _____

Details: _____

Please continue on a separate sheet of paper if needed

Signed: _____