

## Moreton Group Practice

# COMPLAINT'S & COMMENTS LEAFLET

## How to make a complaint

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## **PRACTICE COMPLAINT'S 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 the Practice Manager who will try to resolve the issue and offer you further advice on the complaints procedure.

If your problem cannot be resolved at 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 the following timescales:

Within 6 months of the incident that caused the problem

**OR**

Within 6 months of discovering that you have a problem, provided this is within 12 months

The practice will acknowledge your complaint within five working days and aim to have looked into your complaint within 20 working days of the date you raised it with us. At this stage you should be offered 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 complaints:
- 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.

**Please see over for the practice complaints form for you to complete .**

## **COMPLAINING ON BEHALF OF SOMEONE ELSE**

Please note that Moreton Group 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 their 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 complaint with us, or you are dissatisfied with the response received from us, you can contact any of the following:

Patient Advisory Liaison Service (PALS)  
WIRED, Unit 7, Wirral Business Park  
Arrove Brook Road  
Upton  
Wirral. CH49 1SX  
Tel: 0800 054 2137 or 0151 647 4251 or email [WirralPals@wired.me.uk](mailto:WirralPals@wired.me.uk)

Independent Complaints and Advocacy Service (ICAS)  
Healthwatch Advocacy  
The Gateway Conference Centre  
71 London Road  
Liverpool. L3 8HY  
Telephone 0808 801 0389 or via website [www.carersfederation.co.uk/services/independent-complaints-advocacy/locations/merseyside-cheshire/](http://www.carersfederation.co.uk/services/independent-complaints-advocacy/locations/merseyside-cheshire/)

## **CONTACTING THE CARE QUALITY COMMISSION**

If you have a genuine concern about a staff member or regulated activity carried out by this Practice then you can contact the Care Quality Commission on 03000 616161, or alternatively visit the following website: <http://www.cqc.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 tell you more about the NHS complaints procedure and may be able to help you resolve your complaint informally. Your local PALS office can be found on [www.wired.me.uk](http://www.wired.me.uk)

### **INDEPENDENT COMPLAINTS AND ADVOCACY SERVICE (ICAS)**

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 on <http://www.carersfederation.co.uk/>

### **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. The Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman, Millbank Tower, Millbank, London. SW1P 4QP.

**NHS England** can act as an 'honest broker' and will liaise with the practice in respect of your complaint. Contact patient Experience Lead, Cheshire, Warrington and Wirral Area Team, NHS England, 2nd Floor, Quayside, Wilderspool Park, Greenalls Avenue, Stockton Heath, Warrington, Cheshire WA4 6HL.

