

directed to the appropriate bodies. What we do offer is an 'In-House Procedure' to try and bring about a mutually satisfactory conclusion to your grievance.

Our aim is to deal swiftly and efficiently with your problem.

PATIENT GUIDELINES

All complaints will be dealt with in the strictest of confidence.

Please try to put your complaint forward as soon as possible.

It may be possible to deal with minor problems as they occur by speaking to a member of staff.

If your problem requires more attention, please ask to speak to the Practice Manager or put your complaint in writing. The practice has a specially designed form for your use.

Please ask at Reception if you require one.

Complaints should be made within 12 months of the date of the incident. Your complaint will be acknowledged in writing within two days of receipt.

The Practice Manager will deal with all complaints in the first instant. However, should your complaint be related to a clinical matter, then your complaint will be handled by a nominated doctor.

ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLAINTS

- The Practice Manager will acknowledge your complaint within 2 working days of receipt. A full response will be provided within 10 working days of receipt of the complaint. Parties will be kept informed of progress.
- Complaints of a more serious nature will be fully investigated by the Practice Manager and a Partner. Parties will be kept informed of progress.

CLINICAL COMPLAINTS

- These will always be fully investigated by a nominated Partner.
- A full written reply will be given in due course or you may be invited to meet with the nominated Partner for an informal discussion.

PLEASE NOTE

If you are pursuing a complaint on behalf of a third party, the Practice must have written permission from that party to allow you to proceed. Their consent must be received before you act.

We hope that your problems can be resolved quickly and efficiently and that a satisfactory conclusion can be reached by using our own Practice-based Complaints Procedure.

However, it is possible that you may feel unable to complain directly to the Practice and wish to have your complaint handled by an 'independent body'.

In these circumstances, you should contact:-

Patient Complaints Experience Manager
NHS Sheffield
722 Prince of Wales Road
SHEFFIELD
S9 4EU

Telephone 0114 305 1637



Tel: 0114 266 5344

Fax: 0114 268 0179

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Dr L Brittain, Dr R Foster, Dr C Brennan

PRACTICE COMPLAINTS PROCEDURE

The doctors and staff at the practice are totally committed to giving you the best possible service at all times. There may be occasions, however when you wish to express concern or dissatisfaction.

The purpose of this leaflet is to give you guidance on how to proceed if you feel you need to complain about the service we provide.

Obviously we cannot deal with matters of legal liability or compensation at surgery level – these matters must be