

We would prefer you to write down your complaint as this enables us to be clear about the issues you want us to address.

We will take complaints over the phone



If you are Dissatisfied with the Outcome..

You have the right to approach the Ombudsman.
The contact details are:
The Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman.
Millbank Tower
Millbank
London
SW1P 4QP
Tel: 0345 0154033
Website: www.ombudsman.org.uk
You may also approach PALS for help and advice:
The patient advice and liaison service (PALS) is based at South Staffordshire PCT, provide confidential advice and support.
Tel: 01889 571700

**Mansion House Surgery
Abbey Street
Stone
ST15 8YE**

Tel: 01785 815555

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Complaints process

The practice takes all complaints seriously and will work with patients to ensure the quality of patient care is continually being improved.

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 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, this should be:

Within 12 months of the incident,

Or within 12 months of you discovering that you wish to raise an issue giving as much detail as you can. 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. See the separate section in this leaflet.

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:
Carol Rodgers—Practice Manager

What we do next

We look to settle complaints as soon as possible.

We will where practical acknowledge receipt within 3 working days, and will fully investigate the matter. 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 that 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 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 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 directly with the patient, or may be able to deal directly with the third party, and this depends on the wording if the authority provided.