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## **PATIENT COMPLAINT FORM**

If you have a complaint or concern about the service you have received from the doctors or any of the personnel working in this practice, please let us know. We operate a practice complaint procedure as part of an NHS complaints system, which meets or exceeds national criteria.

### **HOW TO COMPLAIN**

We hope that we can sort most problems out easily and quickly, often at the time they arise and with the person concerned. If you wish to make a formal complaint, please do so **AS SOON AS POSSIBLE** - ideally within a matter of a few days. This will enable us to establish what happened more easily. If doing that is not possible your complaint should be submitted within 12 months of the incident that caused the problem; or within 12 months of discovering that you have a problem.

- We ask that you address your complaint in writing to the Complaints Manager (**you can use the attached form below**)
- You can also contact us via phone - **0114 2293090**
- Alternatively, you can email your complaint to - **[SHECCG.WoodhouseHealthCentre@nhs.net](mailto:SHECCG.WoodhouseHealthCentre@nhs.net)**

We will make sure that we deal with your concerns promptly and in the correct way. You should be as specific and concise as possible.

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

We keep strictly to the rules of medical confidentiality (a separate leaflet giving more detail on confidentiality is available on request). If you are not the patient, but are complaining on their behalf, you must have their permission to do so. An authority signed by the person concerned will be needed, unless they are incapable (because of illness or infirmity) of providing this. A Third Party Consent Form is provided below.

### **WHAT WE WILL DO**

We will acknowledge your complaint within 3 working days. When we look into your complaint, we will investigate the circumstances; make it possible for you to discuss the problem with those concerned; make sure you receive an apology if this is appropriate, and take steps to make sure any problem does not arise again.

You will receive a final letter setting out the result of any practice investigations

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**PATIENT COMPLAINT - THIRD-PARTY CONSENT FORM**

PATIENT'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

ENQUIRER /  
COMPLAINANT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**IF YOU ARE COMPLAINING ON BEHALF OF A PATIENT OR YOUR COMPLAINT OR ENQUIRY INVOLVES THE MEDICAL CARE OF A PATIENT THEN THE CONSENT OF THE PATIENT WILL BE REQUIRED. PLEASE OBTAIN THE PATIENT'S SIGNED CONSENT BELOW.**

I fully consent to my Doctor releasing information to, and discussing my care and medical records with the person named above.

This authority is for an indefinite period / for a limited period only (delete as appropriate)

Where a limited period applies, this authority is valid until.....(insert date)

Signed ..... (Patient)

Date.....

Should the patient be physically incapacitated through ill health please fill in your details above and sign below. A copy of this will be sent to the patient.

The patient is unable to sign the form at this stage but I acknowledge the patient is aware that I have gained their agreement to consent to the Doctor releasing information to, and discussing their care and medical records with the person named above in relation to this complaint, and I wish this person to complain on my behalf.

Signed: ..... (Patient representative)

Date: .....

## TAKING IT FURTHER

### Complaining to NHS England

NHS England welcomes concerns, compliments and complaints as valuable feedback that will help us learn from your experiences and make improvements to services we commission.

You can complain or give feedback:

By post to: NHS England  
PO Box 16738  
Redditch  
B97 9PT

By email to: [england.contactus@nhs.net](mailto:england.contactus@nhs.net)

If you are making a complaint please state: 'For the attention of the complaints team' in the subject line.

By telephone: **0300 311 22 33**

For more information please visit:

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/contact-us/complaint/complaining-to-nhse/>

### Sheffield NHS Complaints Advocacy

Do you have a complaint about a NHS service? Do you live in Sheffield?

We can provide information on the complaints process, and if necessary, support you to make your complaint.

For more information please visit:

<https://sheffieldadvocacyhub.org.uk/sheffield-nhs-complaints-advocacy/>

If you need an advocate for yourself, friends or family, call us on **0800 035 0396**

Email: [info@sheffieldadvocacyhub.org.uk](mailto:info@sheffieldadvocacyhub.org.uk)

Our support is free, confidential and independent of the NHS.

### Ombudsman

If you remain dissatisfied with the outcome you may refer the matter to:

The Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman  
3 New York Street  
Manchester  
M1 4HN

Tel 0345 0154033

[www.ombudsman.org.uk](http://www.ombudsman.org.uk)

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