

# The Complaints Process

## Information leaflet

Whitley House Surgery

Writtle Road

Chelmsford

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[www.whitleyhouse.co.uk](http://www.whitleyhouse.co.uk)

### Talk to us

Every patient has the right to make a complaint about the treatment or care they have received at Whitley House Surgery

We understand that we may not always get everything right and, by telling us about the problem you have encountered, we will be able to improve our services and patient experience.

### Who to talk to

Most complaints can be resolved at a local level. Please speak to a member of staff if you have a concern and they will assist you where possible. Alternatively, ask to speak to the Complaints Manager, Jan Brown, Customer Service and Reception Manager, but note this may need to be a booked appointment.

### How can I make a complaint?

A complaint can be made verbally, via our website or in writing.

### I want to complain to a third-party

If for any reason you do not want to speak to a member of our staff, then you can request that the Integrated Care Board (ICB) investigates your complaint.

They will contact us on your behalf:

#### **NHS Essex ICB**

Website address: <https://www.essex.icb.nhs.uk/health/rights/patient-experience-feedback-essex/nhs-complaints-essex/>

NHS Essex  
Seax House  
Victoria Rod South  
Chelmsford  
Essex  
CM1 1QH

Tel: 0160 348 1283

## Time frames for complaints

The time constraint on bringing a complaint is 12 months from the occurrence giving rise to the complaint, or 12 months from the time you become aware of the matter about which you wish to complain.

The Complaints Manager, Jan Brown, will respond within three business days to acknowledge your complaint.

We will aim to investigate and provide you with the findings as soon as we can and will provide regular updates regarding the investigation of your complaint

## Investigating complaints

We will investigate all complaints effectively and in conjunction with current legislation and guidance.

## Confidentiality

We will ensure that all complaints are investigated with the utmost confidentiality and that any documents are held separately from the patient's healthcare record.

## Third party complaints

We allow third parties to make a complaint on behalf of a patient. The patient must provide consent for them to do so.

## Final response

We will issue a final formal response to all complainants which will provide full details and the outcome of the complaint. We will liaise with you about the progress of any complaint.

## Advocacy support

- [POhWER](#) support centre can be contacted via 0300 456 2370
- [Advocacy People](#) gives advocacy support on 0330 440 9000
- [Age UK](#) on 0800 055 6112
- The [Local Council](#) can give advice on local advocacy services
- Other advocates and links can be found on this [PHSO webpage](#)

## Further action

If you are dissatisfied with the outcome of your complaint from either [Integrated Care Board \(ICB\)](#) or this organisation, then you can escalate your complaint to Parliamentary Health Service Ombudsman (PHSO) at:

Milbank Tower, Milbank  
LONDON  
SW1P 4QP