

The Complaints Process

Mid Downs Medical Practice



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
- Local Council can give advice on local advocacy services

Further action

If you are dissatisfied with the outcome of your complaint from either NHS England or this organisation then you can escalate your complaint to Parliamentary Health Service Ombudsman (PHSO) at either:

Milbank Tower, Milbank
LONDON
SW1P 4QP

or

Citygate, Mosley Street
MANCHESTER
M2 3HQ

Tel: 0345 015 4033
www.ombudsman.org.uk

Talk to us

Every patient has the right to make a complaint about the treatment or care they have received at Mid Downs Medical Practice.

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 complaint; our staff are trained to handle complaints. Alternatively, ask to speak to the complaint's manager, Julie Acey.

If for any reason you do not want to speak to a member of our staff, then you can request that NHS England investigates your complaint. They will contact us on your behalf:

NHS England
PO BOX 16738
Redditch
B97 9PT
03003 112233
england.contactus@nhs.net

A complaint can be made verbally or in writing. A complaints form is available from reception. Additionally, you can complain via email to hwlhccg.newick@nhs.net.

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 will respond to all complaints within three business days. We will aim to investigate and provide you with the findings within 20 working days, should we require longer to investigate your complaint we will update you on where the investigation is and advise you of the additional time required.

Investigating complaints

Mid Downs Medical Practice will investigate all complaints effectively and in conjunction with extant legislation and guidance.

Confidentiality

Mid Downs Medical Practice 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

Mid Downs Medical Practice allows a third party to make a complaint on behalf of a patient. The patient must provide consent for them to do so. A third-party patient complaint form is available from reception.

Final response

Mid Downs Medical Practice 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.

