

COMPLAINING ON BEHALF OF SOMEONE ELSE

Please note that Bournbrook Varsity Medical Centre keeps strictly to the rules of medical confidentiality. If you are complaining on behalf of someone else, the practice needs to know that you have their permission to do so. A note signed by the person concerned will be required, unless they are incapable of providing this due to illness or disability.

COMPLAINING TO OTHER AUTHORITIES

The practice management team hope that if you have a problem with the service you have received, that you will use the Practice Complaints Procedure.

However, if you feel you cannot raise your complaint with us, you can contact Birmingham & Solihull Integrated Care Board (ICB):

Write to: NHS Birmingham and Solihull Integrated Care Board, Patient Experience and Complaints Team, Alpha Tower, 8th Floor, Suffolk Street Queensway, Birmingham, B1 1TT

Email for complaints and patient enquiries: bsol.patientexperience@nhs.net

Call: 0121 203 3313

CONTACTING THE CARE QUALITY COMMISSION

If you have a genuine concern about a staff member or regulated activity carried on by this Practice then you can contact the Care Quality Commission on 03000 616161, or alternatively visit the following website:

<http://www.cqc.org.uk/contact-us>

ICAS & OMBUDSMAN

ADVOCACY SERVICE FOR NHS COMPLAINTS

This is a national service that supports people who want to make a complaint about their NHS Care or treatment. Your local service can be found on:

<http://www.pohwer.net/our-services/nhs-complaints-advocacy>

or by:

Telephone - 0300 456 2370 (charged at local rate)

Minicom - 0300 456 2364

Text - send the word 'pohwer' with your name and number to 81025

Email - pohwer@pohwer.net

Skype - pohwer.advocacy 8am to 6pm Monday to Friday

Post - PO Box 17943, Birmingham, B9 9PB

OMBUDSMAN

If you have not received a satisfactory response from this practice, your local Clinical Commissioning Group, or NHS England, you can then refer your complaint to the Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman who investigates complaints about the NHS in England.

You can call the Ombudsman's Complaints Helpline on 0345 015 4033 or <http://www.ombudsman.org.uk> or Textphone (Minicom): 0300 061 4298

Bournbrook Varsity Medical
Centre

Complaints & Comments Leaflet

LET THE PRACTICE KNOW YOUR VIEWS

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Please Take a Copy

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LET THE PRACTICE KNOW YOUR VIEWS

Bournbrook Varsity Medical Centre is always looking for ways to improve the services it offers to patients. To do this effectively, the practice needs to know what you think about the services you receive. Tell us what we do best, where we don't meet your expectations plus any ideas and suggestions you may have. Only by listening to you can the practice continue to build and improve upon the service it offers.

TELL US ABOUT OUR SERVICE BY COMPLETING THE COMMENTS FORM IN THIS LEAFLET

PRACTICE COMPLAINTS PROCEDURE

If you have a complaint about the service you have received from any member of staff working in this practice, please let us know. The practice operates a Complaints Procedure as part of the NHS system for dealing with complaints. Our complaints system meets national criteria.

Note: If you make a complaint it is practice policy to ensure you are not discriminated against, or subjected to any negative effect on your care, treatment or support.

DATA PROTECTION COMPLAINTS

Patients and other individuals may raise a complaint if they have concerns about how the Practice has collected, used, shared, retained or otherwise handled their personal information.

Data protection complaints can be made verbally, in writing or electronically and should be referred to the Practice Manager or Data Protection Officer. The Practice will acknowledge the complaint within 30 days of receipt, make appropriate enquiries without undue delay and keep the complainant informed where the investigation is ongoing.

HOW TO COMPLAIN

In the first instance please discuss your complaint with the staff member concerned. Where the issue cannot be resolved at this stage, please put your complaint in writing to our Management Team who will try to resolve the issue and offer you further advice on the complaints procedure. If your problem cannot be resolved at this stage and you wish to make a formal complaint, please let us know as soon as possible, ideally within a matter of days. This will enable the practice to get a clear picture of the circumstances surrounding the complaint.

If it is not possible to raise your complaint immediately, please let us have details of your complaint within the following timescales:

- Within 12 months of the incident that caused the problem
- OR**
- Within 12 months from when the complaint comes to your notice

The Practice will acknowledge your complaint within three working days.

The Practice will arrange a call or meeting with you to discuss the complaint, to agree with you how the complaint is going to be investigated and the timescale for this to be completed.

When the practice looks into your complaint it aims to:

- Ascertain the full circumstances of the complaint
- Make arrangements for you to discuss the problem with those concerned, if you would like this
- Make sure you receive an apology, where this is appropriate
- Identify what the practice can do to make sure the problem does not happen again

COMPLAINTS AND COMMENTS FORM

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Date of complaint / comment: _____

Details: _____

Signed: _____