

Complaints Procedure. However, if you feel you cannot raise your complaint with us, you can contact either of the following two official bodies: Aylesbury Vale Clinical commissioning Group (CCG) feedback.aylesburyvaleccg@nhs.net NHS England, PO Box 16738, Redditch, B97 9PT England.contactus@nhs.net FAO: The Complaints Manager
Tel: 0300 311 2233 Mon-Fri 8am-6pm

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>



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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>

Ombudsman

If you have not received a satisfactory response from the 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

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Complaints & Comments

Dr Wakeford & Partners

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Let the Practice Know your Views

Dr Wakeford and Partners 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 suggesting 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

- Could you easily get through on the telephone?
- Did you get an appointment with the practitioner you wanted to see/
- Were you seen within 20 minutes of your scheduled appointment time?
- Was our staff helpful and courteous?

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 that you are not discriminated against, or subjected to any negative effect on your care, treatment or support.

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 contact Sue Thomson - Office Manager, 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 six months of the incident that caused the problem

OR

- Within six months of discovering that you have a problem, provided this is within 12 months

The practice will acknowledge your complaint within two working days and aim to have looked into your complaint within ten working days of the date you raised it with us. At this stage you should be offered an explanation or a meeting with the person(s) involved. 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

Complaining on behalf of someone else

Please note that Dr Wakeford & Partners 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

Complaints and Comments Form

Name

Address

Telephone

Date of complaint/Comment.....

Details

Signed