# **Escalating your complaint**

You have the right to approach the

Ombudsman;

The Parliamentary and Health Service
Ombudsman
Millbank Tower
Millbank
London
SW1P 4QP

Tel: 0345 0154033

Website: www.ombudsman.org.uk

You may also approach PALS for help or advice;

The Patient Advice and Liaison Service (PALS) is based at Solihull Hospital. They provide confidential advice and support, helping you to sort out any concerns you may have about the care we provide, guiding you through the different services available from the NHS.

Contact them on 0121 424 1212

# **GPS Healthcare Head Office GPS House**

198 Tanworth Lane Shirley B90 4DD

### **GPS Healthcare Surgeries**

**Knowle Surgery** 

1500 Warwick Road Knowle B93 9LE

### **Meadowside FHC**

30 Winchcombe Road Solihull B92 8PJ

### **Park Surgery**

278 Stratford Road Shirley B90 3AF

### **Tanworth Lane Surgery**

198 Tanworth Lane Shirley B90 4DD

## **Village Surgery**

Cheswick Way Shirley B90 4JA

### **Yew Tree Medical Centre**

100 Yew Tree Lane Solihull B91 2RA



# **Complaints Procedure**

This leaflet explains how to make a complaint, what we do with your complaint and how we respond. It also demonstrates guidelines for complaining on behalf of somebody else and what to do if you are not satisfied with our response.

For further information please contact the **Site Supervisor** at your local surgery.

### We value your feedback

If you have a comment, complaint or suggestion about the service you have received from the clinicians or any of the personnel working in this practice, please let us know as soon as possible.

We appreciate patient feedback and use this to help review and improve our service.

We aim to resolve problems at the point of being raised in a quick and efficient manner.

Where this is not possible and you wish to make a formal complaint, please do so as soon as possible.

## How to make a complaint

Please address your complaint to the **Site Supervisor** of your local surgery.

Your local surgery address details can be found on the last page of this leaflet.

Your complaint should preferably be in writing and must contain your contact details, dates, times and names of personnel involved (where known).

Please ask at the reception desk for a complaint form.

Please raise your complaint as soon as possible and ideally within a couple of days.

This enables us to trace the events more easily. Where this 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

# Complaining on behalf of someone else

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 required, unless they are incapable (because of illness or infirmity) of providing this.

Please ask at the reception desk for a **Third Party Consent Form.** 

### What we shall do next

- We shall aim to acknowledge your complaint within 5 working days
- We shall aim to investigate and provide a written response to your complaint within 10 working days
  - Where your complaint involves more than one organisation we shall liaise with that organisation so that you received one co-ordinated reply. We may need your consent to do this
- We shall aim to fully investigate your complaint and make it possible for you to liaise with those concerned where required. Ensuring an apology is provided where appropriate
- We shall aim to Identify how we may improve our service to stop this problem from occurring again

### **The Complaints Responsible Person**

All complaints are reviewed by the Complaints Responsible Person at your local surgery.

### **GPS** Healthcare surgeries;

Knowle Surgery	:	Dr L Khan
Meadowside FHC	:	Dr J Wilkinson
Park Surgery	:	Dr A Waddell
Tanworth Lane Surgery	:	Dr L Stacey
Village Surgery	:	Dr N Patel
Yew Tree MC	:	Dr C Naylor

All complaints for GPS Healthcare as a whole are reviewed by the Complaints Responsible Person for GPS Healthcare

#### **GPS Healthcare**

Dr C Naylor, GP Partner GPS Healthcare Head Office