

Advocacy support

- POhWER support centre can be contacted via 0300 456 2370
- SeAp Advocacy 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)
Milbank Tower
Milbank
London
SW1P 4QP
Tel: [0345 015 4033](tel:03450154033)
www.ombudsman.org.uk



Darwen Healthcare

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Darwen Healthcare
Darwen Health Centre
James Street West
Darwen
BB3 1PY

Telephone: 01254 964640

Email:
darwen.healthcare@nhs.net



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The Complaints Process





Talk to us

Every patient has the right to make a complaint about the treatment or care they have received at Darwen Healthcare

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, if unresolved please ask to speak to the complaint's manager, Ann Neville, Business Manager or Kim Cunningham, Deputy Complaints Manager.

The Practice Responsible Person is Dr S Hafez.

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 darwen.healthcare@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.

Darwen Healthcare will acknowledge all complaints within three business days.

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

Darwen Healthcare will investigate all complaints effectively and in conjunction with extant legislation and guidance.

Confidentiality

Darwen Healthcare 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

Darwen Healthcare 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

Darwen Healthcare will issue a final formal response to all complainants which will provide full details and the outcome of the complaint. Further information is detailed in our organisation policy.

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