

**If you are dissatisfied with the outcome
of your complaint**

You have the right to approach the
Health Service Ombudsman. The contact
details are:

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

Tel: 0345 0154033

Website: www.ombudsman.org.uk

The practice Complaints Manager is:

Ms Zoe Brogan

CRESSEX HEALTH CENTRE

Complaints Procedure

Hanover House
Coronation Road
High Wycombe
HP12 3PP

And

Lynton House
43 London Road
High Wycombe
HP11 1BP

Making a Complaint

Most problems can be sorted out quickly and easily, often at the time they arise with the person concerned and this may be the approach you try first.

Where you are not able to resolve your complaint in this way and wish to make a formal complaint you should do so, preferably **in writing** as soon as possible after the event and ideally within a few days, as this helps us to establish what happened more easily. In any event, this should be within 12 months of the incident. However the time limit can be waived if there are good reasons you have not complained earlier.

We are able to provide you with a separate complaints form to register your complaint and this includes a third-party authority form to enable a complaint to be made by someone else. Please ask at reception for this. You can provide this in your own format providing this covers all the necessary aspects.

Send your written complaint to:

Ms Zoe Brogan

Cressex Health Centre,
Hanover House
Coronation Road
High Wycombe
HP12 3PP

We would recommend that you contact the practice in the first instance to resolve your complaint. However, you can send your complaint to NHS England

By Mail:

NHS England
PO Box 16738
Redditch
B97 9PT

By email to: england.contactus@nhs.net

When you contact NHS England via email ensure you state 'For the attention of the complaints manager' in the subject line.

You should provide as much information as possible to allow NHS England to investigate your complaint, such as:

- your name and contact details
- a clear description of your complaint and any relevant times and dates
- details of any relevant healthcare providers or services
- any relevant correspondence, if applicable

Or by telephone: 0300 311 22 33

What we do next

We look to settle complaints as soon as possible.

We will acknowledge receipt of your complaint within 3 working days, and aim to have looked into the matter within 10 working days. You may then receive a formal reply in writing, or you may be invited to meet with the person(s) concerned to attempt to resolve the issue. If the matter is likely to take longer than this we will let you know, and keep you informed as the investigation progresses.

When looking into a complaint we attempt to see what happened and why, to see if there is something we can learn from this, and make it possible for you to discuss the issue with those involved if you would like to do so.

When the investigations are complete your complaint will be determined and a final response sent to you.

Where your complaint involves more than one organisation (e.g. social services) we will liaise with that organisation so that you receive one coordinated reply. We may need your consent to do this. Where your complaint has been sent initially to an incorrect organisation, we may seek your consent to forward this

to the correct person to deal with.

The final response letter will include details of the result of your complaint and also your right to escalate the matter further if you remain dissatisfied with the response.

Complaining on Behalf of Someone Else

We keep to the strict rules of medical and personal confidentiality. If you wish to make a complaint and are not the patient involved, we will require the written consent of the patient to confirm that they are unhappy with their treatment and that we can deal with someone else about it.

Please ask at reception for the Complaints Form which contains a suitable authority for the patient to sign to enable the complaint to proceed.

Where the patient is incapable of providing consent due to illness or accident it may still be possible to deal with the complaint. Please provide the precise details of the circumstances which prevent this in your covering letter.

Please note that we are unable to discuss any issue relating to someone else without their express permission, which must be in writing, unless the circumstances above apply.

We may still need to correspond direct with the patient, or may be able to deal direct with the third party, and this depends on the wording of the authority provided.