

EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES/ANTI-DISCRIMINATION (SERVICE PROVISION) POLICY

Introduction

The term 'visitor' used below refers to anyone (including patients and their family members, other visitors and contractors) making use of the practice's premises and services (except employees for whom the Equal Opportunities/Anti-Discrimination (Employment) Policy ^[*] applies).

The practice:

- will ensure that all visitors are treated with dignity and respect
- will promote equality of opportunity between men and women
- will not tolerate any discrimination or perceived discrimination against, or harassment of, any visitor for any reason of age, sex, gender, marital status, pregnancy, race, ethnicity, disability, sexual orientation, religion or belief
- will provide the same treatment and services (including the ability to register with the practice) to any visitor irrespective of age, sex, marital status, pregnancy, race, ethnicity, disability, sexual orientation, medical condition, religion or belief

The practice actively promotes and supports the ethos and the requirements of the Equality Act 2010.

Applicability

This policy applies to the general public, including all patients and their families, visitors and contractors as well as other agencies working out of or on the same premises

Procedure

1. Discrimination by the Practice or Visitors / patients against you

If you feel discriminated against:

- you should bring the matter to the attention of the Reception Manager
- The reception manager / practice manager will investigate the matter thoroughly and confidentially within five working days
- The reception manager / practice manager will establish the facts and decide whether discrimination has taken place and advise you of the outcome of the investigation within 15 working days

If you are not satisfied with the outcome, you should raise a formal complaint through the Practice's Complaints Procedure

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2. Discrimination against the Practice's staff

The Practice will not tolerate any form of discrimination or harassment of our staff by any visitor. Any visitor, who expresses any form of discrimination against, or harassment of, any member of our staff, will be required to leave the practice's premises forthwith. If the visitor is a patient, he/she may be removed from the practice's list if any such behaviour occurs on more than one occasion.

Resources

Sexual Orientation (Patients & Public) Policy ^[*]