



The Bath & Bristol Periodontal Clinic Code of Practice for Patients Who Wish to Raise Concerns

In this practice we place great emphasis on meeting and whenever possible, exceeding our patient's expectations. We try to ensure that all patients are pleased with their experience of our service and we take any concerns a patient may have very seriously.

If you have a concern regarding any aspect of your care, please let us know. We will do all that we can to resolve your concern to your satisfaction both promptly and professionally.

Our aim is to respond to patients' concerns in a caring and sensitive way.

(a) The person responsible for dealing with any concerns about the service we provide in this practice, is the Practice Manager, Wendy Whitmarsh/Gaston King.

(b) If a patient raises an issue they are unhappy about on the telephone or at the reception desk, after listening to a description of the problem, we will immediately contact Wendy Whitmarsh/Gaston King. Should they not be available at the time, the patient will be informed when they will be available and arrangements will be made for the two to meet or speak. The member of staff will take brief details of the concern and pass them to Wendy Whitmarsh/Gaston King.

(c) If a patient writes to express their concern, the letter will be passed on to the relevant person immediately.

(d) We will acknowledge any concerns raised in writing within two days. If a concern has been raised in writing, the written acknowledgement will also include a copy of this Code of Practice, again, normally within two working days. We will investigate the concern and report back within ten working days of it being received. If we are unable to complete our investigations within ten working days for any reason, we will notify the patient, giving reasons for the delay and the likely period within which the investigation will be completed.

(e) We will confirm the outcome of the investigation and any decisions made in writing.

(f) Proper and comprehensive records are kept of any concerns or complaints received.

Contacts

For private dental treatment you can contact the GDC private dental complaints service within 12 months of the treatment or within 12 months of becoming aware of the issue by calling 020 8253 0800 or visiting www.dentalcomplaints.org.uk.

The General Dental Council is responsible for regulating all dental professionals. You can complain using their online form at www.gdc-uk.org contact them on information@gdc-org.uk or by calling 020 7167 6000.