

How to tell us... You can have your say by:

Telephone

PALS: Freephone 0800 587 4997

Complaints Team:
01202 277024 / 25

Post

Dorset HealthCare
Complaints Team
Sentinel House
4–6 Nuffield Road
Poole, Dorset
BH17 ORB

E-mail or online

Dhc.pals@nhs.net

Dhc.complaints@nhs.net

Online Comment form:

www.dorsethealthcare.nhs.uk/patients-and-visitors/compliments-concerns-and-complaints/compliments-suggestions

 Tweet us [@DorsetHealth](https://twitter.com/DorsetHealth)
or through [#DHCNHS](https://twitter.com/DorsetHealth)



The following organisations can help you with your complaint:

The Advocacy People

PO Box 375, Hastings, East Sussex,
TN34 9HU **Tel:** 0330 440 9000

Text 80800, starting message with PEOPLE

Website: www.theadvocacypeople.org.uk

We always try to resolve complaints.
However, if you are unhappy with the way
your complaint has been handled, you can
contact:

The Parliamentary and Health Service
Ombudsman: Tel: 0345 015 4033
phso.enquiries@ombudsman.org.uk

For complaints about the provision of care and
treatment under the Mental Health Act 1983, you
can also contact the Care Quality Commission
(CQC): Tel: 03000 616161
enquiries@cqc.org.uk

Write to: CQC Mental Health Act, Citygate,
Gallowgate, Newcastle NE1 4PA

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Information
for patients,
relatives and carers

Excellence
Compassion
Expertise

Have your say...

Dorset HealthCare is committed to providing care that all of us would recommend to family and friends.

This means that we want to hear what you think about our services, so that we can improve the care we provide.

If you want to raise an issue:

- Speak to anyone you trust, who you think can help you.
- Speak to a member of staff.
- Speak to Patient Advice and Liaison Service (PALS).
- Speak to the Patient Experience and Complaints Team.
- Online comment forms.

If you are a child or young person, speak to the following people who can help you raise an issue:

- Anyone you trust, who you think can help you.
- Your parent / guardian, carer, teacher, or social worker.

Compliments

If you have had a good experience using our service please let us know.



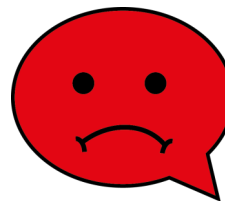
Concerns

If you have any concerns about your care or need advice about our services, you can speak to PALS, a free and confidential advice service, on Freephone 0800 587 4997.



Complaints

If you don't like the way you have been treated, or if you think we haven't given you the care you expected or needed – tell us about it. You normally have up to a year to do this.



Who can complain?

- You
- Your relative / parent / carer, with your consent.
- Anyone you trust can complain on your behalf e.g. Advocate, MP.

What happens when you complain?

- You tell us about your complaint.
- Your complaint will be acknowledged within 3 working days and a senior member of staff will contact you to discuss your complaint further and agree the time that is needed to investigate your complaint.

- We will let you know how the investigation is going and what is being done to put things right.
- We will write to you and let you know what has been done to solve the problem.

If your complaint involves another healthcare or social care organisation we will work with them to provide one response to your concerns.

Making a complaint or making concerns known will not affect how you are treated.

