



## Complaints Policy

If you have experienced a problem, thank you for bringing your concerns to our attention. We will do our best to address any dissatisfaction that you have experienced in using the services of this practice. Our primary objective is to put things right.

### **Our Complaints Policy**

We are committed to providing a high-quality service to our clients. This includes a commitment to putting things right when they go wrong. This policy explains how we will deal with any complaint.

### **Our Complaints Procedure**

Our complaints is Gordon Sewell. You can contact him by post at Sewell Law, Beverley Enterprise Centre, Beck View Road, Beverley, East Riding of Yorkshire, HU17 0JT or by e-mail at [gordon.sewell@sewell-law.co.uk](mailto:gordon.sewell@sewell-law.co.uk). It is helpful if you put your concerns into writing, but if you would prefer not to, or if you would find it difficult to do so, he/she can be contacted by phone at 01482 692 298.

If you have special needs which we should take into account due to language or disability, please let us know.

To explain to you how long our process might take we have included our target times for each stage of the process. Where, for any reason, it is not possible to observe any of these limits we will let you know and explain why.

Action	Timescale
Acknowledge the complaint in writing and send a copy of the complaints procedure	Within 2 working days
Invite you to a meeting or to discuss the issues by telephone	Within 2 working days
Confirm the outcome of the meeting or telephone conversation in writing	Within three working days of the meeting/telephone conversation
Investigate the issues	Within 14 days of receiving the complaint

If a meeting/telephone discussion is not possible or required:  Investigate the issues and write to you with the outcome	Within 21 days
Review and close the complaint	Within 8 weeks of receiving the complaint

### **Legal Ombudsman**

If you do not agree with the outcome of our complaints process, or we fail to investigate it within 8 weeks, you can then complain to the Legal Ombudsman. Complaints to the Legal Ombudsman must usually be made within 6 months of our final response to your complaint.

The Legal Ombudsman can investigate complaints for up to 6 years from the date a problem occurred or within three years from when you found out about the problem.

The address is PO Box 6806, Wolverhampton WV1 9WJ, telephone 0300 555 0333 or email [enquiries@legalombudsman.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@legalombudsman.org.uk)

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