

Advocacy support

- Patient advice and liaison services (PALS) on 0800 032 0202
- [Independent Advocacy North East \(iane.org.uk\)](http://iane.org.uk) or call 0191 259 6662.
- [Age UK](http://AgeUK.org.uk) on 0800 055 6112
- Other advocates and links can be found on this [PHSO webpage](#)

Further action

If you are dissatisfied with the outcome of your complaint from either NHS North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care Board or this organisation, then you can escalate your complaint to Parliamentary Health Service Ombudsman (PHSO) at either:

Milbank Tower, Milbank
LONDON
SW1P 4QP

Citygate, Mosley Street
MANCHESTER
M2 3HQ

Tel: 0345 015 4033

www.ombudsman.org.uk

Throckley Primary Care
Tillmouth Park Road
Throckley, Newcastle upon Tyne NE15 9PA
Tel: 0191 264 1014
email: throckleyreception.a8602@nhs.net

The Complaints Process

Throckley Primary Care



Talk to us

Every patient has the right to make a complaint about the treatment or care they have received at Throckley Primary Care.

We understand that we may not always get everything right and, by telling us about the problem you have encountered, we will be able to improve our services and patient experience.

Who to talk to

Most complaints can be resolved at a local level. Please speak to a member of staff if you have a concern and they will assist you where possible. Alternatively, ask to speak to the complaints manager, Marie Bottomley, Practice Manager but note this may need to be a booked appointment.

If for any reason you do not want to speak to a member of our staff, then you can request that the Integrated Care Board (ICB) investigates your complaint. They will contact us on your behalf:

**NHS North East and North Cumbria
ICB**

Tel: 0191 512 8277
Email: necsu.pccomplaints@nhs.net

A complaint can be made verbally or in writing. A complaints form is available from reception. Additionally, you can complain via email to throckleyreception.a8602@nhs.net

Time frames for complaints

The time constraint on bringing a complaint is 12 months from the occurrence giving rise to the complaint, or 12 months from the time you become aware of the matter about which you wish to complain.

The Practice Manager will respond to within three business days to acknowledge your complaint.

We will aim to investigate and provide you with the findings as soon as we can and will provide regular updates regarding the investigation of your complaint.

Investigating complaints

We will investigate all complaints effectively and in conjunction with extant legislation and guidance.

Confidentiality

We will ensure that all complaints are investigated with the utmost confidentiality and that any documents are held separately from the patient's healthcare record.

Third party complaints

We allow third parties to make a complaint on behalf of a patient. The patient must provide consent for them to do so. A third-party patient complaint form is available from reception.

Final response

We will issue a final formal response to all complainants which will provide full details and the outcome of the complaint. We will liaise with you about the progress of any complaint.