### Advocacy support

- Advocacy People gives advocacy contacted via 0300 456 2370 POhWER support centre can be
- support on 0330 440 9000 Age UK on 0800 055 6112 The Local Council can give advice
- Other advocates and links can be on local advocacy services found on this PHSO webpage

### Further action

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

Citygate, Mosley Street SW1P 4QP LONDON Milbank Tower, Milbank

www.ombudsman.org.uk M2 3HQ MANCHESTER Tel: 0345 015 4033

> **IMGS MEDICAL PRQCTICE** [191 FIRST AVENUE [WOLVERHAMPTON WV10 9SX [01902 728861 & M92654Wolverhampton@nhs.net

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PRACTICE

Complaints **Process** 

#### Talk to us

Every patient has the right to make a complaint about the treatment or care they have received at MGS Medical Practice.

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, Joanne Rowley, but note this may need to be a booked appointment.

### How can I make a complaint?

A complaint can be made verbally or in writing.

A complaints form is available from reception. Additionally, you can complain via email to M92654Wolverhampton@nhs.net.

# I want to complain to a third-party

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:

[Black Country ICB]
[Time2TALK Team]
[Telephone number:03000120281]
[Email address: bcicb.time2talk@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 Complaints 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

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.