
Communication about your complaint

Use of AI

We are aware that many complainants are submitting information assisted by Generative Artificial Intelligence (AI). While complainants are entitled to choose how they submit, review and respond to our correspondence, we would like to advise that AI-generated content can sometimes include false or unsupported claims.

To maintain the integrity and reliability of communications with us, we advise that any AI generated material is verified before including it in your responses. This will help to avoid any potential misinterpretations or the inclusion of incorrect information.

Our Service Standards

In line with our Service Standards we will communicate effectively with you. We will:

- Treat you politely, respectfully and with dignity.
- Communicate with you through your preferred option (email or post) where possible.
- Explain our role to you.
- Let you know what we can and cannot do.
- Explain our process for handling complaints.
- Let you know regularly what is happening with your complaint.
- Give you contact details for the member of staff dealing with your complaint.
- Give you accurate information, in plain and clear language.
- Look at how we can support you to use our service, as long as what you need is reasonable and proportionate. Further information about this can be found here: [How we can help you to use our service | Public Services Ombudsman Wales.](#)

What you can expect from us

We will assess your complaint based on the information you gave us when you made your complaint.

We will let you know if we need more information from you and we may contact you to discuss your complaint.

We will let you know whether there is any further action we can take, including if we decide to investigate or settle the complaint with the public body you have complained about.

If we investigate your complaint:

- we will give you an opportunity to discuss your complaint with us. We will do this to make sure that you have a fair opportunity to be heard. This gives you the chance to tell us about the

events you have complained about and (if we find that the public body got things wrong), what steps you think the public body should take to put things right.

- we will keep you updated on the progress of our investigation. We will give you a realistic estimate of the likely timeframes on our investigation and when you are likely to hear from us.

We aim to deliver a high-quality complaints handling service, which looks at and decides complaints thoroughly but proportionately, and we will tell you about our decision on your complaint clearly. At that point our file is closed.

We will reply to any initial follow up queries you may have about our decision. However, we will not reply to repeat calls or emails/contact from you.

If you are still unhappy with our decision, we have a process in place through which, under certain limited circumstances, you can ask for our decision to be reviewed.

Once a review has been completed, we will not reply to any further repeat contact from you.

What we ask of you

Please treat our staff politely and with respect and dignity. Each of our caseworkers deal with many cases at a time and will not be able to reply to you immediately. As our staff work flexibly, they may contact you outside normal working hours of 9am to 5pm. As our resources are limited and so that we deliver a fair and equal service to all complainants:

- When you complain to us, please set out your concerns clearly and briefly. If your complaint is long, detailed and covers many issues or events, we may ask you to summarise it for us so we can be sure we are clear what you are complaining about.
- In particular, if using AI to help with your complaint, please check that what it writes for you is correct before sending it to us.
- We would ask that you send in any comments or supporting evidence you want us to consider at the start. If we need any further information we will contact you. Sending multiple emails or other correspondence to us over many weeks will delay and potentially compromise our consideration of your complaint and may not be necessary.
- After we have discussed your case with you, we will not be able to have repeat calls with you, but we will keep in contact with you if we investigate your complaint.
- When you call us or email us, we will regularly acknowledge we have received contact from you. If we need to respond, we will do so within 10 working days.
- We will not reply to or acknowledge emails which are not addressed directly to us which we are copied into.
- If you ask to speak to a manager or another member of staff other than the person dealing with your complaint, this will only happen if we consider it necessary.
- We will explain the reasons for any decision we have taken on your complaint. However, we will not be able to have repeat telephone discussions with you, return repeated calls from you or respond to repeat emails or written contact from you about this.

Personal abuse or harassment directed at our staff over the phone, in person, in writing or via social media will not be tolerated.

