

## Problems with GPs and their practice teams

The first place to start if you have a concern about or problem with a GP Practice is usually to contact the Practice Manager. You can normally find Practice Manager contact details on the Practice's website or via the main telephone number, but if you can't find the details, contact us and we will help you.

If contacting the Practice Manager has not helped you, or for some other reason you do not want to raise the issue directly with the Practice, you can make a formal complaint about GPs to NHS England.

**Phone:** 0300 311 2233

**Email:**  
[England.contactus@nhs.net](mailto:England.contactus@nhs.net)

**Post:**  
NHS England Customer Contact Centre,  
NHS Commissioning Board,  
PO Box 16738,  
Redditch,  
B97 9PT



## Lincolnshire East Clinical Commissioning Group

### What is a CCG?

Clinical Commissioning Groups are NHS organisations that bring together local GPs and experienced health professionals to take on commissioning – or buying – responsibilities for local health services.

As Commissioners of local health services, a CCG is responsible for planning the right services to meet the needs of local people and delivered locally. CCGs buy health services for their local patient population including Community Health care and Hospital Services, and ensure the services deliver high quality, safe care and treatment for those who need them.

### What CCG's do?

CCGs are responsible for the commissioning of healthcare services (planning, buying and monitoring):

- The care and treatment you may need in Hospital and Community Health Services, including District Nurses, Physiotherapy and other therapies.
- The medicines you may be prescribed
- Mental health services
- Support and services for people living with learning disabilities.

The CCG is not responsible for complaints relating to primary care, which includes your GP Practice, Dentist, Pharmacists and Opticians. These are managed directly by the Practice Manager and/or NHS England.



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## Compliments, concerns and complaints

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At the CCG we are always interested to hear your views about the services we provide and the services we commission or pay for on your behalf. Feedback helps us to improve and adapt the way we do things to meet patients' and service users' needs wherever possible.

If you have any feedback - good or bad - that you'd like to share with us please get in touch.

- If you'd like us to pass on thanks or appreciation to teams or individuals we can do that for you.
- We can also help resolve situations where things haven't gone the way you were hoping.

### Contact Details:

**Phone:** 01476 406372

**Email:** [optumcss.leccgfeedback@nhs.net](mailto:optumcss.leccgfeedback@nhs.net)

**Post:** Cross O'Cliff  
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## Problems with the CCG, a Hospital or Community Service

If you have a problem with the CCG, a Hospital or a Community Service that you want to resolve quickly, the most effective way is usually to get in touch with the Patient Advice and Liaison Service (PALS) for the organisation in question. You can find contact details for most organisations' PALS on their website or via their main telephone number, but we can help you with contact details if you can't find the information you need yourself.

You can contact the PALS for the CCG, Community Services and Hospital via the respective contact details below:

**Lincolnshire PALS**  
Phone: 0845 602 4384  
Email: [LHNT.lincspals@nhs.uk](mailto:LHNT.lincspals@nhs.uk)

Lincolnshire Community Health Service  
NHS Trust, Beech House, Witham Park,  
Lincolnshire, LN5 7JH

**ULHT PALS**  
Grantham Hospital: 01476 464861  
Lincoln Hospital: 01522 707071  
Pilgrim Hospital: 01205446 243  
Email: [pals@ulh.nhs.uk](mailto:pals@ulh.nhs.uk)

Patient Experience Team, ULHT Head-  
quarters, Greetwell Road, Lincoln, LN2  
5QY

## Formal complaints

If you want to make a formal complaint about a Hospital or Community Service, the Complaints Team at that organisation is the best place to start. Again, you can find details of how to contact the relevant Complaints Team on the website or via the main telephone number of the organisation you want to talk about, but if you can't find the information you need, give us a call or drop us a line and we can help you.

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## Help with making complaints about NHS services

POhWER is a free, confidential service which is independent of the NHS and exists to provide advice and support to people making complaints about NHS services.

### Contact details:

**Phone:** 0300 456 2364

**Email:** [pohwer@pohwer.net](mailto:pohwer@pohwer.net)

**Post:** PO Box 14043, Birmingham,  
B6 9BL



## The Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman

If you have used the processes described in this leaflet to try to address your complaint but you remain dissatisfied, you can contact the Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman (PHSO). The PHSO can review the way in which your complaint has been handled, but you will need to contact the Ombudsman about your case within 12 months of the final local outcome of your complaint.

### Contact details:

**Phone:** 0345 015 4033

**Email:** [PHSO.enquiries@ombudsman.org.uk](mailto:PHSO.enquiries@ombudsman.org.uk)