

Complaints Procedure

AYPH aims to provide its members and service users with the best possible service. However, we recognise that from time to time there may be occasions when users of our services feel that the quality or level of service provided falls short of what they could reasonably expect.

Your continued goodwill is greatly valued by us and we would expect to resolve any day to day difficulties or complaints informally and as quickly as possible. In the first instance we would expect you to raise any complaint directly with the member of staff concerned.

The more formal procedure outlined below is intended for use by members and other users of our services, where informal communication has not resolved the problem.

This is what you should do:

The complaint should be made either in person, or by telephone, letter or email to the Chief Executive who will acknowledge, in writing within ten working days¹, the receipt of any complaint. If the complaint is about the Chief Executive the complaint should be addressed to the Chair (marked '*confidential*'). At this, and any subsequent stage, the complainant may be accompanied or supported by a friend or advocate.

This is what AYPH will do:

The Chief Executive (or Chair) will investigate the circumstances leading to the complaint and will communicate the results of the investigation to the complainant within 28 working days of the complaint being received. If the complaint is found to be justified, the Chief Executive (or Chair) will agree any necessary further action with the complainant.

The complainant will have the right – if dissatisfied with the results of the enquiry – to put their case, in writing, to an appeal panel of two Trustee Board members.

If the appeal is found to be justified, the appeal panel will agree any necessary further action with the complainant. The decision of the appeal panel is final and no further appeal is possible.

¹ AYPH working days are Monday to Thursday.

The Chief Executive (or Chair) will keep the Trustee Board informed of the number and nature of complaints, and the outcomes. They will report to the Board on this at least annually.

If you have a complaint, please contact:

The Chief Executive (or Chair)
AYPH
CAN Mezzanine
32-36 Loman Street
London
SE1 0EH

Please also let us know if you are happy with AYPH's services.