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|  Further actionIf you are dissatisfied with the outcome of your complaint from the practice then you can contact the Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman. Helpline telephone number: - 0345 015 4033Website: - <https://www.ombudsman.org.uk>BAdd   | Ayton & Snainton Medical PracticePickering RoadWest Ayton, Scarborough, North Yorkshire YO13 9JFTel. 01723 863100 / 01723 859302 |  | The Complaints ProcessAyton & Snainton Medical Practice  |
| Talk to usEvery patient has the right to make a complaint about the treatment or care they have received at Ayton & Snainton 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 toMost complaints can be resolved at a local level. Please speak to a member of staff if you have a complaint, who will direct you to the correct person to speak to.  | How to contact us A complaint can be made verbally or in writing. We would prefer to discuss any complaint with you in the first instance to try to resolve any issues you may have. Time frame for complaintsThe 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.We will aim to acknowledge all complaints within three business days. 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 complaintsWe will investigate all complaints effectively and in conjunction with extant legislation and guidance. ConfidentialityWe 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 complaintsThird parties are allowed to make a complaint on behalf of a patient. The patient must provide consent for them to do so. This must be in writing.Final responseWe 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. |