

Healthcare Library of Northern Ireland – Comments, compliments, complaints: Library policy on customer feedback

Let us know how we're doing: comments, compliments...

The Library makes every effort to provide a high standard of service and to treat all Library users equally and fairly. We continuously try to improve our services and we value any feedback that will help us to do this.

The Library's Customer Services Group reviews all comments, feedback and complaints, and our feedback procedures on an annual basis. This helps us to develop the services that work best for you, so please let us know what you think. We report on user feedback in the Library's annual report.

If you are happy with the service you have received from us we would love to hear from you. There are several ways you can do this:

- Speak to a member of Library staff
- Complete a feedback form, found in Library reception areas, and take it to a member of Library staff
- Complete our [Feedback](#) form

Complaints

We also want to know if there is any part of our service with which you are unhappy. We take all feedback seriously and we will take action when appropriate to do so. All complaints will be dealt with in a timely and professional manner. Please note that the Library may publish the replies given to any queries raised, but will respect the confidentiality of the individuals concerned.

How to make a complaint

The first thing to do if you are unhappy about any aspect of our services is to bring this to the attention of a member of Library staff. They will try to resolve your concerns immediately. If you are unhappy at the way you have been treated by a member of Library staff, please ask to speak to the senior staff member on duty.

If you cannot or do not wish to make a complaint in person, you have the option of submitting a complaint form found in the [Feedback](#) section of the Library website.

What you can do to help us deal effectively and quickly with your complaint:

- Contact us as soon as possible giving clear details so we can endeavour to resolve the issue
- Follow our recommended routes of submitting a complaint: either by speaking to a member of Library staff, or by completing our [Feedback](#) form.
- Specify clearly what aspect of the Library service about which you wish to make the complaint. Including the following details will help us to effectively and quickly investigate your complaint:
 - Your membership type
 - The specific area, service or resource to which the complaint applies.
 - Your name and contact details: this is essential as we will not investigate anonymous complaints.
 - Outline the nature of your complaint as precisely as possible, this will help us to investigate further and hopefully to resolve the issue. Please include details such as the place and time the incident occurred.
 - Please let us know if you have already reported the complaint, and if any action was taken previously.

Please note that we endeavour at all times to treat our Library users with respect, and we expect the same standards of behaviour from Library users.

What we promise to do to help resolve your complaint

- Your complaint will be dealt with in a professional and confidential manner.
- Your complaint will be assigned quickly to an appropriate member of Library staff who will investigate the matter fully and communicate regularly with you until the issue has been resolved.

How and when we will respond

We will acknowledge any complaints received by email or post within one working day of receipt and an initial response will be sent within 3 working days. An outline of our complaints procedure and timelines can be viewed in Appendix 1.

If, at this stage, you are not satisfied with how we have dealt with your complaint please contact:

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The Healthcare Library of Northern Ireland at RVH
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Complaints will receive an acknowledgement within one working day and an initial response within 3 working days. You will receive a full response to your written complaint within 10 working days.

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Appendix 1

Complaints procedure flowchart

Library staff at service desks are there to help to make your Library experience a positive one. In return we expect you to respect Library staff and fellow readers

Need to Complain?

Speaking to the nearest member of staff can often solve the problem. If you feel the need to make a complaint, please contact library staff at service points in the first instance.

Contact staff at nearest Service Point

If you cannot, or do not wish to make a complaint in person, you can record details of your complaint by completing a feedback form and giving it to a member of Library staff or by completing the complaint section of the form found in the [Feedback](#) section on the Library website. **To help us to resolve your complaint please include the following information:**

- Your name, contact details and membership type
- The specific area to which the complaint applies
- Details of the complaint

Response times:

- Complaints sent by email or post will be acknowledged within one working day of receipt.
- An initial response will be sent within 3 working days.

Contact Library using designated email

Contact Senior Management

If, at this stage, you are not satisfied with how we have dealt with your complaint, please contact:

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