

#### **Complaint Policy**

#### **Policy Statement**

Bridge the Gap Child Mental Health C.I.C recognises the importance of learner and user complaints and welcomes feedback as a valuable form of information about its services. We are committed to using the information we receive to help drive forward improvements. This procedure outlines the aims of Bridge the Gap Child Mental Health C.I.C in dealing with complaints and sets out what you as the customer can expect when making a complaint regarding a service.

A complaint is a way of letting us know that you are not happy with a particular service. We welcome your feedback. A complaint may be about delay, lack of response, discourtesy, failure to consult or about the standard of service you have received.

So please let us know if:

- you think we have done something wrong
- we have not done something that we said we would do
- you are not satisfied with a particular service or set of services that we provide

#### **Anonymous Complaints**

We understand that it might be difficult for you to complain because you are worried that your complaint could result in a poorer service. Please be assured that we treat all complaints in the strictest confidence, and that it is your right to complain.

If you do not provide us with a contact name or address, it will not be possible for us to get back to you with the outcome of any investigation.

#### **Procedure**

In the first instance, the complaint should be discussed with the team member concerned and resolution sought within 48 hours of the incident occurring. If this is successful and a resolution is reached, the complaint should be documented on the attached Appendix (1) and sent to the business manager for filing. This should be received by the business manager by the end of the next working day. There will be no further action taken.

In the case of an individual wishing to make the complaint, who feels unable to discuss the complaint with the team member concerned, the matter should be referred to the Individuals' line manager within 48 hours of the incident occurring. The line manager should then contact the business manager within the next 7 days to make them aware of the complaint. The nature of the complaint will be documented as per Appendix (2) and sent to both Nikki Webster and



Jennifer Wyman.

On receipt of the complaint, the nature of the complaint will be brought to the attention of the team member concerned and discussed as soon as possible after receiving the complaint. The directors will then contact the individual making the complaint with a view to resolve.

If resolution cannot be found, the directors will arrange a meeting with all relevant parties and agree a resolution. This will take place within 30 days. This outcome of this meeting will be final.

The business manager will maintain a record of all complaints and make these available on request. All complaints must be regarded as confidential and discussed only with those parties involved. Where the subject of the complaint is centered on a qualification, the Awarding Body will be made aware if this is relevant. In the instance where the complaint is around an assessment / verification decision, then the stages outlined in the Appeals Procedure must be followed.



Appendix1
Record of Complaint
Name of Individual making the complaint:
Location:
Date:
Nature of complaint
Resolution Agreed:



Signed Complainant: Date:	
Signed by Centre Manager Date:	
Signed by Centre Manager	



### Appendix 2

**Referral of Complaint** 

Date of referral:

Line Managers Name:



Nature of complaint:
Date Referred to Head of Assessment Centre:
Actions agreed:
Signed off by business manager or director:
Date:
Signed Complainant:
Date: