



# **Complaints Procedure**

**How to complain  
about our service**

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# **1. Statement of Procedure**

## **1.1 Introduction**

At Skills Training Group we work hard to provide the best possible service. However, if you feel that this service has not met your needs, we will make every effort to deal with your concerns.

We pride ourselves in putting customers first and do our very best to ensure your time at our Centres is enjoyable and your aims are achieved.

Sometimes though, we make mistakes and we want you to tell us when we do. By letting us know when things go wrong you can help us to put them right and we can improve our services as a result of your feedback.

## **1.2 What is a complaint?**

A complaint is when you tell us you are not happy about the service we provide:

- When we do not deliver the service expected
- When your course is not as expected
- When you receive a poor quality service

Skills Training Group is committed to advancing equality and eliminating discrimination on these grounds. We believe that equality, diversity and inclusion bring tangible benefits for all our customers, including apprentices and their employers. For our apprentices this means a training environment taking into account their individual requirements.

This policy applies to all staff, including senior managers and directors, paid staff, consultancy staff, volunteers and sessional workers, agency staff, apprentices and course delegates or anyone working on behalf of Skills Training Group.

## 1.3 Purpose of our complaints procedure

Our complaints procedure is designed to bring problems to our attention and it has the following standards:

- We treat your complaint seriously
- We deal with your complaint promptly and in confidence
- Every effort is taken to resolve your complaint at an early stage
- There is a clear procedure to deal with all complaints
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- All **formal** complaints are recorded and investigated
- We learn from complaints and use them to review and improve our service

## 2. How to make a complaint

If you wish to make a complaint, we would encourage you to use the **informal procedure** outlined in this policy as a starting point. If you are not satisfied that your complaint has been addressed, you may then wish to use the **formal** procedure.

To enable us to deal with them effectively, all complaints should be raised with the person concerned in a prompt and reasonable manner.

### 2.1 Informal Complaints Procedure

The quickest way to raise your concerns is to follow these steps:

1. Discuss your concerns with your trainer, assessor or invigilator, or another member of staff at our Centres.
2. If you find this difficult or inappropriate, then speak to one of our Managers.
3. If you are not satisfied with how your complaint has been handled, then you should contact one of our Directors (not Managing Director).

We hope that after following these steps you will have had your concerns dealt with to your satisfaction. If this is not the case, you may then wish to make a **formal** complaint.

### 2.2 Formal Complaints Procedure

There are several steps to the formal complaints procedure:

#### 1. Fill in a complaint form or write a letter of complaint

We would prefer to have your formal complaint in writing – either by letter, email or on the Complaint Record Form which is included at the end of this policy. You can ask for a copy of this form are also available from the **main office at either centre**. If you would like someone to write the letter or complete the form on your behalf, please contact our Administration Team on 0141 889 4516.

## 2. Submit your complaint

Your completed Complaint Record Form or complaint letter should be posted to:

Centre Manager  
Units 1-3, 5 Murray Street  
Paisley  
Renfrewshire  
PA3 1QG

or emailed to: [info@skillstg.co.uk](mailto:info@skillstg.co.uk)

## 3. Receive a response

You should have an initial response within **two working days** and any further investigation should take no longer than **ten working days**.

Skills Training Group will deal with your complaint by:

- Acknowledging the formal complaint in writing
- Responding within the agreed time frame
- Dealing with the complaint in consistent and sensitive manner
- Taking action where appropriate

In the formal complaints procedure, consistency and fairness are dealt with by:

- Interviewing the person(s) or investigating the circumstances surrounding the complaint and documenting the allegations
- Finding out if the complaint has substance
- Report the process, the evidence, the finding and recommend an outcome
- Implement the outcome or decide another action.

You will also be given a deadline by which we will deal with your complaint. If your complaint requires further investigative meetings, you will be welcome to bring a friend to any planned meetings. Notes of all meetings held at each stage will be kept on the complaint record.

## 2.3 Appeals Procedure

If you are not happy with the way in which your complaint has been handled, please write to the Managing Director, outlining the reasons why you are not satisfied with the outcome.

The Managing Director will confirm receipt of the appeal with **five working days**.

The Managing Director will investigate the issues raised by consulting with those concerned in the initial procedure. You should hear the results of this investigation within a further **ten working days**.

Should you still remain dissatisfied with the outcome your complaint should be reported in writing to the appropriate "Awarding Body/Regulator" to allow an independent investigation to take place and your complaint to be considered.

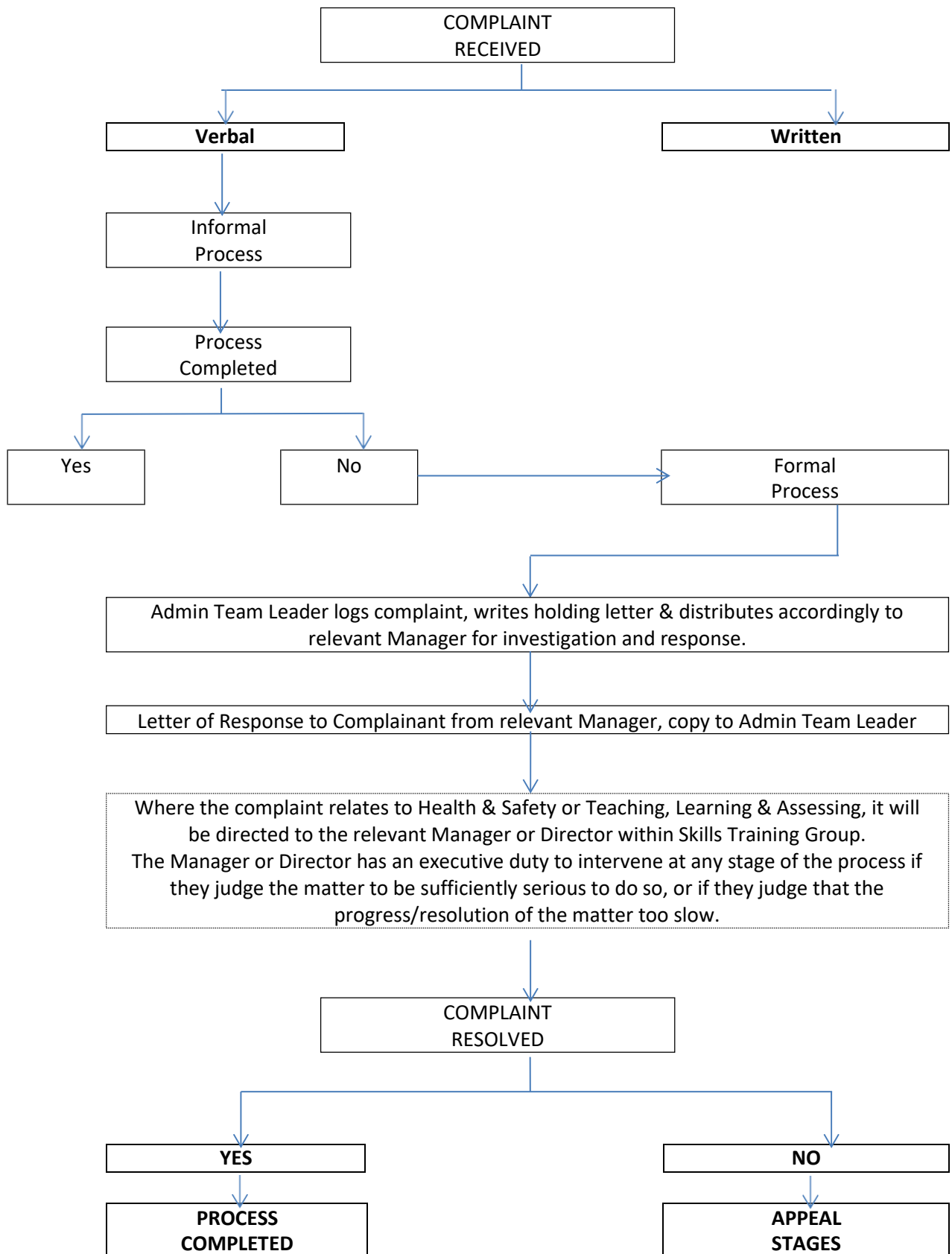
### **Awarding Bodies/Regulatory Bodies**

*LCL Awards*  
**UNIT 2, 1 ROWDELL ROAD  
NORTHOLT  
MIDDLESEX  
UB5 5QR**

**The First Aid Industry Body  
4 Ashdown Avenue  
Woodley  
Stockport  
SK6 1LL**



# The Complaints Procedure



## COMPLAINT RECORD FORM

<i>Please complete as appropriate:</i>	Mr/Mrs/Miss/Other please state:
First Name:	Surname:
Course attended (if applicable):	Daytime Telephone Number:

### COMPLAINT

Please provide a summary of the problems which you have experienced or the complaint you have and, if appropriate, any action which you believe would help to resolve your complaint. If you wish to give a more detailed account continue on the other side of this sheet.

**Please send this completed form to:**

Administration Team Leader, Skills Training Group, Units 1-3, 5 Murray Street, Paisley, Renfrewshire, PA3 1QG - [info@skillstg.co.uk](mailto:info@skillstg.co.uk)

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