# Making a complaint





## How to make a formal complaint

We want to provide our customers with an excellent service. However, we accept that sometimes we get things wrong and when we do, we want to put them right.

We use customer feedback to learn and help us improve our services.

If you are not satisfied with our service, please tell us. The simplest and quickest way to deal with a problem is to discuss it with a member of staff. Where we can, we will aim to resolve the issue with you then and there.

If you still feel dissatisfied or wish to make a formal complaint you can do so at any time.

You can make a formal complaint by phone, email or face to face, or by completing and returning the form included in this leaflet.

In some cases, the complaints procedure may not be the best way to deal with your issue. In these circumstances, we will work with you to agree the next steps.

### Reasonable adjustments

We are committed to ensuring that disabled and vulnerable customers are not disadvantaged in accessing our complaints process. You should contact us in the first instance to discuss any individual needs you may have.

### Use of an advocate

You may choose to have a representative or advocate act on your behalf; we will need your permission for this, so please contact us in the first instance.

### **Contact us**

If you would like more information or you are unhappy with how your complaint is being handled at any stage, please speak to our Customer Resolution Team.

Telephone: 0300 303 1010 enquiries@paradigmhousing.co.uk

### Housing Ombudsman Service

If you have exhausted both stages of our complaints process and remain dissatisfied with the response, you can go direct to the Housing Ombudsman Service and they may be able to investigate how we dealt with the matter.

The Housing Ombudsman can be contacted via:

Online complaint form: www.housing-ombudsman.org.uk/ residents/make-a-complaint/

Telephone: 0300 111 3000

Email: info@housingombudsman.org.uk

Housing Ombudsman Service PO Box 152 Liverpool L33 7WQ

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We offer an easily accessible two-stage complaints process

**STAGE 1** 

Your complaint will be logged within five working days of it being received

Your complaint will be allocated to a member of the Customer Resolutions team to investigate your complaint

The Customer Resolutions team will aim to formally respond to your complaint in writing within 10 working days If you remain unhappy, you can escalate to Stage 2 STAGE 2

Your escalated complaint will be acknowledged within five working days of it being received

Your complaint will be allocated to the Customer Resolutions Manager who will review the handling of the Stage 1 complaint and complete an investigation

The Head of Customer Service Centre will oversee the process and will aim to formally respond to your complaint in writing within 20 working days

Please fill in this form	giving as mu	ch detail as	possible
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Date				
Tenant number				
Name				
Email address				
Contact phone number				
Address				
Please tell us about your complaint (use extra sheets if necessary). It will help if you can tell us what happened, who was involved and when and where it happened.				

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