## **Some important** things to note

- All complaints are taken seriously
- We are unable to deal with anonymous complaints formally
- We cannot investigate complaints that happened more than 12 months ago
- All complaints will be dealt with in confidence and all records are kept securely
- We are only able to investigate complaints that involve Staffordshire Fire & Rescue



#### How to contact us

#### By phone:

0300 330 1000

#### Bv email:

complaints@staffordshirefire.gov.uk

#### Via Webpage:

www.staffordshirefire.gov.uk

#### In person:

You can make a complaint, comment or compliment at any of our Fire **Stations** 

#### You can write to us:

Complaints Staffordshire Fire & Rescue Service Pirehill Stone Staffordshire ST15 OBS











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## **Complaints**

A guide for members of the public

Information we will need when you want to make a complaint

We want to fully understand what's gone wrong. In order to do this we will need some information from you to make sure that the right person handles your complaint.

When contacting us, please provide the following information:

- Your name and address
- A description of your complaint
- When the issue happened
- We may need further information from you so please make sure you have provided us with a contact number or a preferred method of contact



# What Happens Next?

We will do everything we can to resolve your concern quickly and fairly.

If we need extra information to investigate the issues, we will contact you via your preferred contact method.



### **Timescales**

- We will acknowledge your complaint within 2 working days after receipt, if we can resolve your complaint in this time we will write you a letter to confirm what we have done. Where we have not been able to resolve your complaint in this time we will let you know what the next steps are and also provide you with contact details for independent review of your complaint should you need it.
- We will send you a letter within
   7 working days to let you know
   whether we have managed to
   resolve your complaint or in the
   case of more complex issues we
   may need more information or
   appoint an investigating officer,
   we will let you know at this point
   who that will be and what the next
   steps will be.
- Once we have completed a thorough investigation, we will provide you with a final response which will outline the details of our investigation, how we reached our decision and where we can we will tell you what we will do to put it right.

- We aim to resolve your complaint fully within 28 working days, where we are not able to do this we will let you know and provide you with reason we can not.
- If you are unhappy with our final response at Stage 3 you can escalate your complaint to the Staffordshire Commissioners Office who will conduct an independent review of your complaint.

## Contact details for the OPFCC's Office:

Compliance Manager Staffordshire Commissioners Office Block 9, Weston Road Stafford, ST18 OYY

#### **Email:**

review@staffordshire-PFCC.gov.uk

Online by visiting: staffordshire-pfcc.gov.uk