



Handling Feedback and Complaints

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Blossom Ireland will put in place procedures to enable interested parties to notify the organisation of their wishes, comments and complaints. These procedures will include systems to ensure that all feedback (including especially any complaints) are responded to and addressed within a specified timeframe. Public or donor queries or complaints should, in the first instance, be addressed to the charity in question. Where the charity's response does not satisfy the complainant, s/he will have clear information about the next level of the complaints procedure, which will be directed to the board of management and discussed at a formal board meeting. All matters of suspected illegality should be addressed immediately to An Garda Síochána, and/or the Charities Regulator

The following steps may be useful in setting out a charity's procedures.

HANDLING FEEDBACK AND COMPLAINTS

Blossom Ireland is committed to ensuring that all our communications and dealings with the general public and our supporters are of the highest possible standard. We listen and respond to the views of the general public and our supporters so that we can continue to improve.

Blossom Ireland welcomes both positive and negative feedback. Therefore, we aim to ensure that:

- it is as easy as possible to make a complaint;
- we treat as a complaint any clear expression of dissatisfaction with our operations which calls for a response;
- we treat it seriously whether it is made by telephone, letter, email or in person;
- we deal with it quickly and politely;
- we respond accordingly - for example, with an explanation, or an apology where we have got things wrong, and information on any action taken etc;
- we learn from complaints, use them to improve, and monitor them at our Board.

WHAT TO DO IF YOU HAVE FEEDBACK

If you do have a complaint about any aspect of our work, you can contact Auveen Bell, CEO and Co-founder of Blossom Ireland. In the first instance, your complaint will be dealt with by our CEO and Co-founder. Please give us as much information as possible and let us know how you would like us to respond to you, providing relevant contact details.

WRITE TO:

Auveen Bell
Blossom Ireland
Unit 12 Burnell Square
Mayne River Way
Malahide Road
Dublin D17 YW40

TEL: 01- 877 0763

EMAIL: info@blossomireland.ie

We are open Monday - Friday from 9:00am – 4:00pm.

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

If you complain in person or over the phone, we will try to resolve the issue there and then. Similarly, if you complain by email or in writing we will always acknowledge your complaint within 7 days, and do everything we can to resolve it within 21 days. If this is not possible, we will explain why and provide a new deadline.

WHAT IF THE COMPLAINT IS NOT RESOLVED?

If you are not happy with our response, you may get in touch again by writing to the (Named Organisation)'s Chairman. The Chairman will ensure that your appeal is considered at Board level and will respond within two weeks of this consideration by Board members.

IF YOU HAVE FEEDBACK OR A COMPLAINT – STEP TWO

Charities Regulator

Ideally in the first instance you should address your complaint to the organisation as outlined above. You may however at any stage make your complaint to the Charities Regulator who oversee charities compliance with the Guidelines for Charitable Organisations on Fundraising from the Public.

If you wish to contact them regarding a concern, you must complete the [online concerns form](#).