



# Complaints & Feedback Policy

May 2024

Ver	Purpose/ Change Summary	Approved by Board	Effective Date	Next Revision
1.0	Original Policy	April 2022	April 2022	
2.0	Updated policy – to include new CEO and to simplify the policy in adherence to best practice	May 2024	May 2024	May 2027

### **Handling Feedback and Complaints:**

Parkinson's Ireland (PI) 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. PI 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, fax, 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 Board level.

### **What to do if you have feedback**

If you do have a complaint about any aspect of our work, you can contact Shane O'Brien in writing or by telephone. In the first instance, your complaint will be dealt with by our CEO (or other named office holder with sufficient seniority to address the complaint). 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: Shane O'Brien, CEO  
Parkinson's Ireland  
Carmichael House, North Brunswick Street, Dublin 7  
Tel: +353 1 872 2234  
Email: [shane@parkinsons.ie](mailto:shane@parkinsons.ie)

### **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 Parkinson's Ireland Chairperson. The Chairperson 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 oversees issues such as the charity's compliance with the Guidelines for Charitable Organisations on Fundraising from the Public.

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