

# **Complaints procedure**

We make every effort to provide you as our customer/contractor or interested party with the best possible care. However, you may nevertheless meet with an issue in our service. We appreciate it if you express your dissatisfaction to us, so that we can help rectify the cause of your dissatisfaction. In order to provide a better understanding of the complaints handling process, we have set up a complaints procedure. The process of handling complaints is explained item by item below.

## Scope of application

This complaints procedure applies to Whealth Fund B.V..

#### **Terms**

#### General definitions:

- Contact person: a Whealth Fund B.V. member/employee who is the coordinator between the complainant and the complaint handler.
- Complaint handler: a Whealth Fund B.V. member/employee responsible for handling the complaint.
- Complaints procedure: this procedure for handling complaints, which can be referred to as 'Whealth Fund B.V. Complaints Procedure'.
- Complainant: may be a donor or interested party
- Customer/contractor: supplier of assignments to Whealth Fund B.V. concerning services aimed at realizing healthy people in healthy organizations as stated in offers / quotations, hereinafter referred to as Contractor.
- Interested party: the party who has an interest in the service and who is not a customer/contractor.

## **Right of complaint**

Everybody has the right to file a complaint about the conduct of Whealth Fund B.V. or other companies/organisations which have acted on behalf of Whealth Fund B.V.. Respecting him/her or another person who carried out tasks in agreement with the client, the complaint will be handled as indicated in this procedure.

## **Purposes**

The purposes of this complaints procedure are:

- Accurate registration and handling of complaints.
- Eliminating causes.
- Taking appropriate measures to prevent recurrence.

## **Definition of a complaint**

A complaint is any formal expression of dissatisfaction with the actions of Whealth Fund B.V. or one of its members/employees or third parties who have performed work for us on our behalf. General complaints relate to the entire organisation; these complaints cannot be traced back to an action of an employee. When the complainant might be disappointed regarding his/her expectations, dissatisfaction and a complaint often arise. Usually, we resolve a complaint immediately. This complaints procedure aims at the handling of submitted complaints in accordance with the method described under 'Filing a complaint'.

## Filing a complaint

A complaint must be submitted in writing, by e-mail or letter, and addressed to the managing board of Whealth Fund B.V.. If desired, a Whealth Fund B.V. member/employee will help you with the wording of your complaint. A notice of complaint must be legibly written in Dutch, signed by the complainant, including the following;

- the name, address and contact details of the complainant.
- the date.
- a description of the conduct which is the subject of the complaint.

## Allocation of responsibility

Complaints are handled under the responsibility of the Whealth Fund B.V. managing board. The latter may use the advice of other employees, or employees and experts acting on behalf of Whealth Fund B.V..

#### **Administrative registration**

The recipient of the complaint at Whealth Fund B.V. ensures registration of the complaint in the Whealth Fund B.V. complaints register. The complainant will be informed by Whealth Fund B.V. regarding the receipt of the complaint within 10 working days. The following items must also be included in the register:

- 1. Concise description of the complaint.
- 2. The period in which the handling of the complaint is expected to be completed.
- 3. The contact person whom the complainant can turn to if he so wishes.
- 4. The name of the complaint handler.

## Hearing the complainant and the person who is the subject of the complaint

The follow-up process:

- If a complaint is directed against the conduct of a Whealth Fund B.V. employee, the complaint
  will never be handled by this employee. The complaint handler is always a board member and in
  any case someone from Whealth Fund B.V., who is sufficiently disassociated from what
  happened. The complaint handler will make an objective assessment and will at all times hear
  both parties. The employee in question will immediately be personally informed about the
  complaint.
- 2. A hearing will be organised if the complainant wishes so, the Whealth Fund B.V. managing board will give the complainant and the person to whose conduct the complaint relates the opportunity to be heard. Place and time of the hearing are determined by the managing board.
- 3. Both the complainant and person to whose conduct the complaint relates have the right to inspect all relevant documents relating to the complaint. Location and time of documents

- available for inspection will be determined by the managing board. Upon request, both the complainant and person to whose conduct the complaint is related can obtain copies of these documents free of charge.
- 4. The complainant and person whose conduct is being complained about may bring witnesses and experts at their own expense.
- 5. A report is made of the hearing, which is sent by the managing board to the complainant and to the person to whose conduct the complaint is related.

#### Handling

#### Complaint handling:

- 1. The decision will be communicated in writing to the complainant and if applicable the Whealth Fund B.V. member/employee who is subject of the complaint. If resolved promptly, with satisfaction of the complainant, filing the complaint and its content will suffice.
- 2. The decision on the complaint contains:
  - A representation of the complaint.
  - A representation of the facts regarded by Whealth Fund B.V..
  - A reasoned point of view with regarding the complaint.
  - An assessment of the complaint.
- 3. The assessment implies the complaint is found to be valid or not valid or the complaint is not being dealt with.
- 4. If a complaint is declared valid, the complaint handler will, if a full or partial remedy of the complaint is possible, take action and evaluate the handling of this action. The agreement between the complaint handler and complainant regarding the measure(s) to be taken will be recorded in writing.
- 5. In case the complaint will be rejected may arise if:
  - a) It is unequivocally established that not Whealth Fund B.V. or organisation or person working under the responsibility of Whealth Fund B.V. yet a third party is subject of the complaint.
  - b) The complaint relates to conduct being dealt with, in accordance with the Whealth Fund B.V. complaints procedure.
  - c) The complaint relates to conduct that took place more than one year before the complaint was lodged.
  - d) The complaint concerns conduct which, by instituting proceedings, is or has been subject to the judgment of a court other than an administrative court.
  - e) The conduct forms part of the investigation or prosecution of an offence and is the subject of an investigation ordered by the public prosecutor or a prosecution in progress.
  - f) The complaint does not contain elements such as mentioned in the article 'Filing a complaint', whereby the complainant has had a reasonable period of time to supplement the notice of complaint.

#### **Time-limits**

After the complainant has been informed about the complaint, a term of 6 weeks is set for a response regarding the complaint. If the response cannot be completed within 6 weeks or fewer, the complainant will be informed about the statement for postponement. The letter of postponement will state a new period of handling which does not exceed the total handling period of ten weeks.

N.B. Postponement can be given only once. When a complaint has been rejected (see paragraph 'Handling') the complainant must be informed in writing within 4 weeks. No further postponement is possible regarding a decision.

## **Accountability information**

The outcome of complaints and their handling are registered within Whealth Fund B.V. in accordance with the General Data Processing Regulation. For quality improvement the managing board of Wealth Fund B.V. keeps a record of submitted complaint reports including an overview of complaints and their main cause, the performance of its employees and any preventive measures to be taken.

#### **Retention periods**

We will not retain personal data for longer than is necessary. We refer to our privacy regulations for the retention period of complaints and their handling. Our privacy regulations can be found on our website.

## Amendments to this complaints procedure

All rights are reserved to amend this complaints procedure. All changes will be announced on our website. We therefore advise you to consult our website regularly to be informed about any changes.

The original document is written in Dutch and translated into English. While intended both versions to be identical, discrepancies might appear. In any case, the Dutch version will dominate.

#### **Our contact details**

For all your questions and comments about these complaints regulations, please contact your regular contact person or contact us by phone or e-mail via:

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