



COMPLAINTS POLICY

1 Objective

The objective of this policy¹ is to enable Complaints to be resolved in a manner that is resident appropriate, objective, fair, quick and cost-effective for the resident ("you") and Olive Estate Lifestyle Village Limited (the "Operator", "we" or "us") through a complaints facility.

We strive to deliver a high standard of service at the Village. A commitment to continuous improvement means that we acknowledge all Complaints and ensure that whilst Complaints are being resolved, every complainant is treated with dignity and respect.

Some of the words in this policy are defined terms and the definitions are set out in part 10.

2 Scope

This policy covers all Complaints raised by a resident concerning us, our staff, the Village, another resident or any other matter that the resident wants to raise.

An outline of the complaints procedures is set out in a flow-chart in Schedule 1.

3 Residents' Rights

- All residents have the right to raise Complaints and receive a response within a reasonable time. (Right 4 – Code of Residents' Rights)
- All residents have the right to a speedy and efficient process for resolving disputes they have with us or with other residents. (Right 5 – Code of Residents' Rights)
- All residents have the right to have a support person represent them in their dealings with us or other residents. (Right 6 – Code of Residents' Rights)
This could include a support person from the Olive Estate Residents' Association. (see section 10 for definition of support person/representative)
- All residents have the right to be treated with courtesy and respect. (Right 7 Code of Residents' Rights)
- When raising a Complaint, we will treat you with courtesy and respect. We will not treat you differently from any other resident on the basis of you having made a Complaint.
- Nothing in this policy limits your right to contact the Statutory Supervisor, Retirement Commissioner, Registrar of Retirement Villages or any other person at any time as an alternative or in addition to making a Formal

¹ We acknowledge the ongoing support of the Retirement Villages Association to Olive Estate; this complaints policy is based on the template drafted by the RVA.

Complaint, or regarding any alleged breach of the Code of Residents' Rights. You may exercise this right by contacting the Statutory Supervisor, Registrar of Retirement Villages or Retirement Commissioner directly using the contact details provided in Schedule 2.

4 Issues or Concerns

It is important that you can at any time informally raise with us any issues or concerns that you may have. You are encouraged, but not required, to raise any issues or concerns informally with us prior to making a Formal Complaint. All issues and concerns will be dealt with in accordance with part 5 of this policy. If you are dissatisfied with the response to your issue or concern you may at any time raise your issue or concern as a Formal Complaint in accordance with the procedure set out in part 6 of this policy.

Issues or concerns raised anonymously cannot be dealt with in accordance with the policy set out in part 5. However, we will endeavour to investigate, consider or resolve any issue or concern anonymously brought to the attention of the Village Manager. If the issue or concern results in a change to any policy or practice at the Village which would ordinarily be notified, then all residents will be notified of this outcome.

5 Issues and Concerns Procedure

An issue or concern may be raised at any time with the Village Manager.

The Village Manager's contact details are set out in Schedule 2. Issues or concerns can be raised in writing or verbally, there is no prescribed form. If the issue or concern is made verbally, the Village Manager will record it in writing as soon as practical.

Where you have raised an issue or concern we will acknowledge this to you in writing within 5 Working Days.

We will respond to your issue or concern within a reasonable time. If we are unable to give you a response within 20 Working Days of the date you raised the issue as a concern we will contact you and explain what progress has been made and when a final response might be expected. Once we have completed our investigation of the issue or concern we will provide written advice of the outcome to you.

If you are not satisfied with our response or the progress towards resolution you may choose to raise a Formal Complaint.

6 Formal Complaints

You have the right to make a Formal Complaint about us, our staff, the Village, other residents or any other matter. Before commencing the Formal Complaints Resolution Procedure you may wish to:

- raise the matter as an issue or concern as set out in parts 4 and 5;
- talk to the Statutory Supervisor, Registrar of Retirement Villages and/or the Retirement Commissioner about wishing to make a Formal Complaint. Contact details for these organisations are set out in Schedule 2;
- as an alternative, or in addition to making a Formal Complaint, contact the Statutory Supervisor if your complaint is about a breach of the Code of Residents' Rights;

- request that the Olive Estate Residents Association (the residents committee) call a meeting with us and/or the Statutory Supervisor.

7 How to Make a Formal Complaint

Formal Complaints must be given to the Village Manager. A Formal Complaint must be in writing, signed and dated by you. We encourage you to use the attached Formal Complaint Form (Schedule 3). Copies of the form are available outside the main office, on the Olive Estate Lifestyle Village website or on request.

If you are not able to write the Complaint your personal representative, or a support person you have authorised in writing, may write the Complaint for you. This could include a support person from the Olive Estate Residents' Association.

If you are not able to write the Complaint and you do not have a person to assist you in writing the Complaint, the Village Manager will at your request record your Complaint in writing based on what you tell the Village Manager at the time. The Village Manager will read the Complaint back to you to confirm it is recorded correctly and will provide you with a copy.

A register is kept of all Formal Complaints. The Commission for Financial Capability (the "CFFC", headed by the Retirement Commissioner) collects information about complaints as part of its monitoring function under the Retirement Villages Act 2003. We are required to provide information about the number of formal complaints during the prior six-month period, classification, resolution rate and information about the outcome, and how many formal complaints were referred to either a statutory supervisor or mediator. The CFFC publishes a summary of the information received but does not publish the identity of any complainant or village involved in a complaint.

Formal Complaints Resolution Procedure

We will acknowledge in writing every Formal Complaint within 5 Working Days of receiving it. This acknowledgement will include the process and timeframe for resolving the Formal Complaint. We will endeavour to resolve the Formal Complaint within 20 Working Days from the date we receive the Formal Complaint. We will regularly inform you about the progress of your Complaint.

We will work with you directly to resolve the Formal Complaint to your satisfaction. If we are unable to resolve the Formal Complaint within 20 Working Days we will advise you of the progress of the Formal Complaint and the reason for the delay. We will continue to regularly inform you about the progress of the Formal Complaint.

If any proposed action by us is the subject of the Formal Complaint, we will suspend taking that action until the Formal Complaint is resolved. We may, after we have consulted with the Statutory Supervisor, decide that it is in the best interests of the Village as a community to proceed with the proposed action while the Formal Complaint is being resolved.

7.1 Statutory Supervisor

If the Formal Complaint has not been resolved to your satisfaction within 20 Working Days of it being received by us, we will refer the Formal Complaint to the Statutory Supervisor and ask that the Statutory Supervisor work with the parties to provide an impartial perspective and recommend a way forward. We will advise you once we refer the matter to the Statutory Supervisor.

7.2 Mediation

If the Formal Complaint has not been resolved within 20 Working Days after being referred to the Statutory Supervisor, or if it is not possible to proceed under part 7.1 above, we will offer you the option of mediation with an independent mediator.

If you agree to mediation, we will suggest one or more independent mediators to you. The mediator must be either a member of an alternative dispute resolution agency which is approved by the Retirement Commissioner and listed on the Retirement Commissioner's website or alternatively the parties have the option to agree on another independent third party.

If you and we agree on a mediator, we will refer the Formal Complaint to that person. If the parties cannot agree on a mediator within 5 Working Days we will ask the CFFC to select one who we will engage.

Each party is responsible for their own costs in preparing for mediation. If the Formal Complaint is about us or our staff we will pay the mediator's costs. If the Formal Complaint is between residents the mediator's costs will be divided evenly between each party and us.

If you do not agree to mediation, or if the complaint is not resolved to the parties' satisfaction within 20 Working Days of the referral to mediation, you may issue a dispute notice, refer a summary of the requirements and procedure for issuing a dispute notice in part 9 below.

7.3 Unresolved Formal Complaints

The above process does not prevent you at any time after 20 Working Days of your Formal Complaint being received by us from issuing a dispute notice. Your right to issue a dispute notice is subject to the terms set out in the Retirement Villages Act 2003. Again, a summary of the requirements and procedure for issuing a dispute notice are set out in part 9.

7.4 Recording Resolution of Formal Complaints

If the Formal Complaint is resolved by mutual agreement or following referral to the Statutory Supervisor or by referral to mediation we will:

- Record the resolution in writing;
- State what actions, if any, will be taken, who is responsible for taking that action, and the timeframe for the action to be completed;
- Set out the terms of any agreement about costs and any other terms;
- Arrange for the resolution to be signed and dated by all parties; and
- Provide a copy to all parties.

8 Disputes Panel

Please note: The following is an overview of the disputes panel process only. It is not intended to substitute for Part 4 of the Retirement Villages Act 2003 and the Retirement Villages (Disputes Panel) Regulations 2006.

We encourage all residents to take advantage of all steps set out in the Formal Complaint Resolution Procedure prior to giving a dispute notice.

However, nothing in this policy limits your right to give a dispute notice at any time permitted by the Retirement Villages Act 2003 and Code of Practice or the right of the parties to agree to mediation at any time during a dispute panel process.

Where you have an unresolved Formal Complaint you may, in summary, be able to give a dispute notice at any time between 20 Working Days, and 6 months, after the date the Formal Complaint was received (or such later time by agreement of all parties).

Not all Formal Complaints are able to be referred to a disputes panel for resolution. You may give a dispute notice for a Formal Complaint which relates to any of the following:

- a decision by us which affects your occupation right or access to services or facilities.
- a decision by us to change the charges you pay under your occupation right agreement for outgoings, services or facilities.
- the charges or deductions made when you leave the Village.
- an allegation that we have breached the Code of Residents' Rights or Code of Practice.
- a dispute between you and another resident or guest of another resident which affects your occupation right.

If a complaint relates to an alleged breach of your occupation right agreement or the Code of Practice in disposing of a unit formerly occupied by a resident, you may be able to give a dispute notice at any time following 9 months after the unit has become available for disposal and if you wish, need not go through the Formal Complaint Resolution Procedure.

You may raise a dispute by giving a dispute notice to us. A dispute notice must:

- be in writing;
- identify the decision or decisions, or matters, in respect of which it is made;
- identify the person or persons in respect of whom it is made, if not us;
- state the grounds on which it is made; and
- state the efforts that have been made to resolve the dispute.

We will appoint a disputes panel within 20 Working Days after the date the dispute notice is given to us. We will consult you before appointing the disputes panel. Member(s) of the disputes panel will be selected from those named on the CFFC's list of approved disputes panellists.

We will notify the Statutory Supervisor of any dispute notice received.

If the disputes panel considers that it needs more information about the issues of the dispute it can ask the party who issued the dispute notice to provide this, in writing and within a specified time. The other party may reply, or be required by the dispute panel to reply, to the dispute notice.

Before the hearing, the disputes panel will consult with all of the parties on the most appropriate procedure for resolving the dispute. It will ensure that each

party has the opportunity to comment on any view or any matter given by the other party during the consultation time. The panel will then set an agreed time and place for the hearing. As a general rule all hearings are to be public with the proceedings and decision published. However, the panel may decide whether any part of the hearing will be heard in private or not published.

The disputes panel may decide that a dispute should be heard by a court of law instead and refer it to the nearest District Court. A disputes panel can also refuse to hear a dispute if it considers it to be frivolous or vexatious or an abuse of process.

At a disputes panel hearing all parties can give evidence, cross-examine and re-examine witnesses. The disputes panel can amend an occupation right agreement, order compliance with an occupation right agreement or the Code of Practice, or order payment or refund of an amount in dispute.

When a decision has been made, the disputes panel must record its findings in writing and give each party, the Village, and the Retirement Commissioner a copy. The decision is binding on all parties.

In the ordinary course we will pay the costs of the dispute panel whether we are a party to the complaint or not. However, the disputes panel can also make an award of costs and expenses. This might require a party to the dispute to pay all or some of the costs of the disputes panel and/or the other party.

9 Complaint to the Retirement Villages Association ("RVA")

The New Zealand Retirement Villages Association has a complaints process in place for complaints being made against operators.

This process can be employed in addition to the complaints facility described above. Should you choose to refer your complaint to the RVA, the time period in any of the above processes is not affected or suspended.

9.1 Making a complaint to the RVA

Complaints being referred to the RVA must be made in writing and must clearly set out the following details:

- The name of the complainant; and
- The name of the Operator
- The nature of the complaint including as many relevant details as possible, such as dates, names of parties and locations.

The complaint should be addressed to the Executive Director of the RVA, and sent to the RVA, whose contact information is set out in Schedule 2.

9.2 The complaints process followed by the RVA

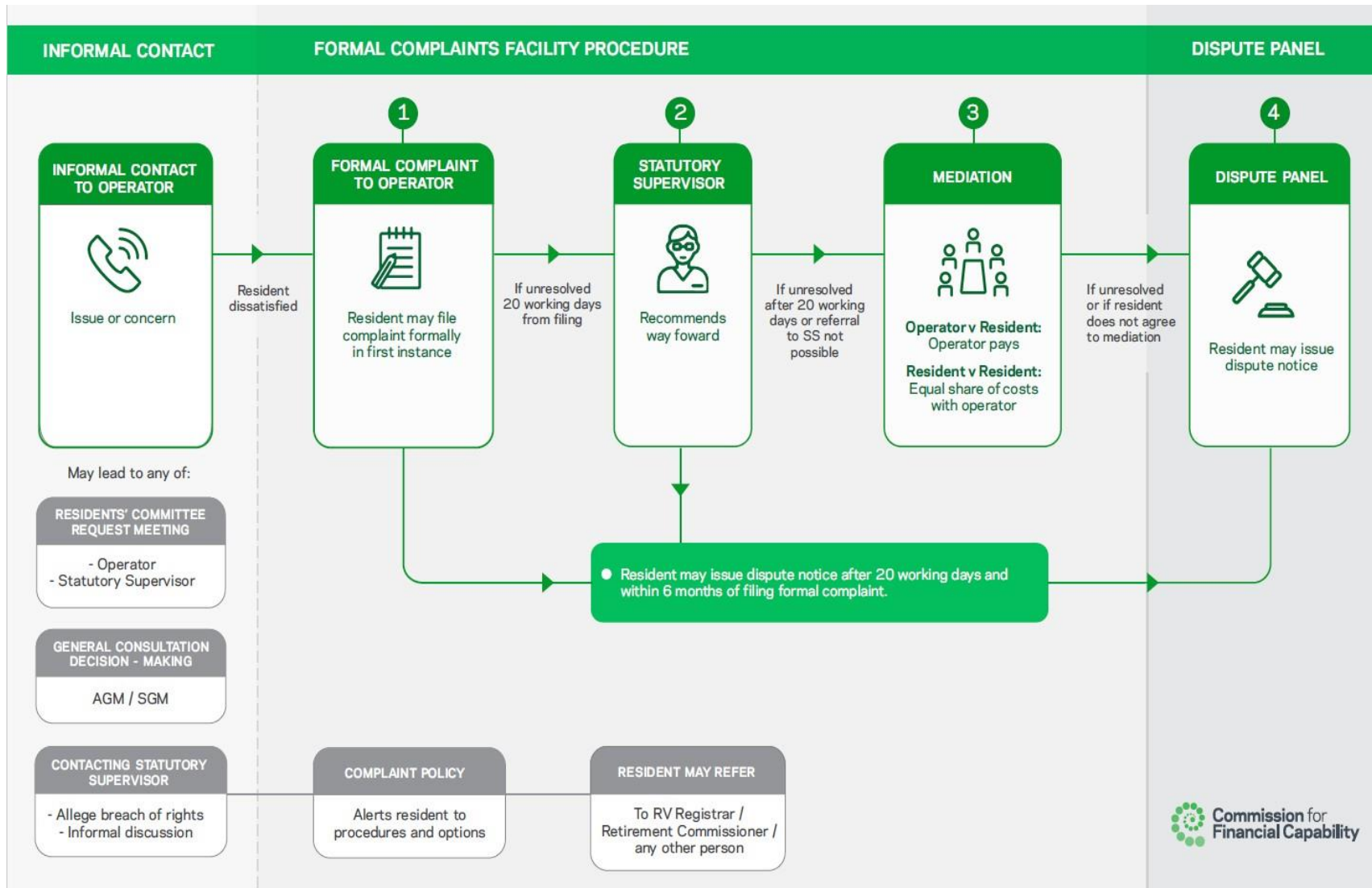
The RVA will acknowledge the complaint within five working days of receiving it, and send you a copy of their complaints policy that fully sets out the complaints process they will follow.

10 Definitions

- "**Code of Practice**" means the Code of Practice approved by the Minister under section 89 of the Retirement Villages Act, as updated, amended or replaced from time to time.

- "**Complaint**" includes any issue or concern or Formal Complaint.
- "**Formal Complaint**" means a written complaint made by a resident or former resident in accordance with part 7 of this policy relating to us, our staff, the Village, another resident or any other matter that the resident wants to raise.
- "**former resident**" means a person who was a resident, or a representative of that former resident, of the Village and whose occupation right agreement has since terminated.
- "**resident**" means any of the following:
 - (a) a person who has entered into an occupation right agreement with us in relation to the Village
 - (b) a person who under an occupation right agreement is, for the time being, entitled to occupy a residential unit within the Village, whether or not the agreement is made with that person or some other person; or
 - (c) if the occupation right agreement provides, or with our consent, the spouse, civil union partner, or de facto partner of the person referred to in paragraph (b) who is occupying the residential unit with that person, or after that person's death or departure from the Village.
- "**Representative**" (**support person**) means a person:
 - (a) Acting in the place of and for a resident under a power of attorney or enduring power of attorney that has not been revoked or suspended under the Protection of Personal and Property Rights Amendment Act 2007, or
 - (b) Who is a welfare guardian or manager appointed for a resident under the Protection of Personal and Property Rights Act 1988, or
 - (c) The resident has nominated, but who is not a member of staff or the operator of the retirement village.
- "**Village**" means the retirement village known as Olive Estate Lifestyle Village and operated by Olive Estate Lifestyle Village Limited.
- "**Working Day**" has the same meaning as set out in the Code of Practice.

SCHEDULE 1



SCHEDULE 2

Contact Information

Operator's Contact Person for Complaints / Village Manager:

Name: Kristin Nimmo
Office hours: Monday – Friday 9 – 5pm
Phone: 03 544-3370
Cell phone: 027 665-9799
Email: kristin@integritycare.co.nz

Residents' Committee:

Contact Person: Jan Martin or Tony Hunter
Phone: 544-3033 or 544-3050
Email: jan.mrtn@gmail.com or hunter.tdvp@xtra.co.nz

Statutory Supervisor:

Name: Covenant Trustee Services
Phone: 09 302-0638
Fax: 09 302-1037
Email: team@covenant.co.nz
Address: PO Box 4243, Shortland Street, Auckland 1140
Attn: Raylene McMeekan)

Registrar of Retirement Villages:

Phone: 0800 268 269 (Toll Free within New Zealand)
Phone: (03) 962 2602
Website: www.retirementvillages.govt.nz
Address: Registrar of Retirement Villages
Northern Business Centre
Private Bag 92061
Auckland Mail Centre
Auckland 1142

Retirement Commissioner:

Phone: (09) 356 0052
Address: Level 3
108 Quay Street
Auckland 1010
Postal Address: PO Box 106-056
Auckland City 1143
Email: office@cffc.org.nz

Retirement Villages Association:

Phone: (04) 499-7090
Address: Level 11
Petherick Tower,
38 - 42 Waring Taylor St
Wellington 6011
Postal Address: PO Box 25-022
Panama Street
Wellington 6146
Email: info@retirementvillages.org.nz

Agencies which may offer Advocacy Services:

Age Concern:

Phone: (04) 801 9338
Fax: (04) 801 9336
Email: national.office@ageconcern.org.nz
Website: www.ageconcern.org.nz follow links – New Zealand
Address: National Office
4th floor, West Block, Education House
178 Willis Street
Wellington

Citizens Advice Bureau:

Phone: 0800 367 222
Fax: (04) 382 8647
Email: admin@cab.org.nz
Address: National Office
PO Box 9777
Wellington
Website: www.cab.org.nz

Advocacy Network Services:

Free Phone: 0800 423 638 / 0800 423 639
Phone: (04) 237 0418
Address: Room 2/5 Pember House
16 Hagley Street
Porirua

Schedule 3
FORMAL COMPLAINT FORM

If you wish to make a formal complaint, please use the form below. If you wish to raise an issue or concern informally, please contact the Village Manager. If you require assistance with completing this form and you do not have a family member, friend or other personal representative available to assist you, please contact the Village Manager.

NAME OF COMPLAINANT:

UNIT ADDRESS:

DESCRIPTION OF COMPLAINT (please provide as much relevant information here as possible, including a date or dates if relevant):

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If you are complaining about a person, who are you complaining about?

NAME:

SIGNED: DATE:

If a complainant is being assisted in completing the form by a personal representative, then the complainant or the personal representative may sign above.

We will provide you with a written acknowledgement of receipt of this complaint within 5 working days of receiving it. The acknowledgement will tell you the process we will follow in resolving the complaint.

We will endeavor to resolve it within 20 working days from the date we receive it.

We will keep you informed of any progress made towards resolving your complaint.