

Code of Practice on Complaint Handling and Dispute Resolution

Equity Networks Limited is an independent company that delivers communications services and managed technology services to domestic and business customers within the UK. While we may not provide all the component parts of our services ourselves, we do take responsibility for the services delivered to you. So, we will liaise with our suppliers to ensure that any problems with their services are resolved promptly.

We make every effort to ensure that our customers are happy with the level of service, and the products and services they receive from us. However, despite our best efforts, things can go wrong. We take customer complaints very seriously and aim to resolve them quickly and efficiently.

If you have a complaint about any part of our service, please contact our Service Delivery Team using one of the following options:

- By phone: 0330 3331 888 from 8.30am until 5.30pm, Monday to Friday.
- By e-mail: complaints@equitynetworks.co.uk
- By letter: Equity Networks Ltd, 11 Grove Park, White Waltham, Maidenhead, Berkshire, SL6 3LW
- Or via our website www.equitynetworks.co.uk

If you telephone, our advisors will ask you about your complaint and seek to resolve the problem while you are on the line. During any discussions we will protect the privacy of the information that we hold on you. To do this we may have to ask questions to confirm that we are speaking to the right person.

If you make your complaint in writing or by email, we will acknowledge receipt, advise how and when we will next respond and provide you with a contact point for checking progress on the resolution of your complaint. We will try to resolve your complaint quickly and efficiently, and to keep you informed at all times. We normally aim to resolve complaints within 10 working days but, depending on the nature of the complaint, this is not always possible. However, if you are not happy with progress in resolving your complaint you can ask the person to whom you are speaking to escalate the matter to their manager, and ultimately to the Managing Directors. If we cannot resolve the problem, we will write to you to say so.

If it has been more than 8 weeks from the date you first contacted us to complain or you have received a letter from us saying that your complaint has reached "deadlock", then you may ask for help from:

Ombudsman Services – Communications

3300 Daresbury Park, Daresbury, Warrington, WA4 4HS T: 0330 440 1614

W: www.ombudsman-services.org

CISAS

70 Fleet Street, London, EC4Y 1EU T: 0845 1308 170 or 0207 520 3827

E: info@cisas.org.uk W: www.cisas.org.uk

Ombudsman Services/CISAS is an independent organisation which is approved by Ofcom to provide an alternative dispute resolution (ADR) service. Ofcom-approved ADR services sort out disputes between communications providers and their consumer and small business customers. Their job is to investigate complaints fairly by listening to both sides of the story. They look at the facts given to them before recommending any action that may be needed to put things right.

Alternatively, if at any time you are not satisfied with the progress of your complaint you can ask us to agree an early referral to ADR (i.e. that we issue a deadlock letter). However, we may decline to do so if we do believe we will shortly resolve your complaint and are taking active steps to do so.



Useful Addresses

The Ombudsman Services
3300 Daresbury Park
Daresbury
Warrington
WA4 4HS
T: 0330 440 1614
E: enquiry@ombudsman-services.org
W: www.ombudsman-services.org

(CP questions can be directed to osaccountmanagers@ombudsman-services.org)

OR

CISAS
70 Fleet Street London
EC4Y 1EU
T: 0845 1308 170 or 0207 520 3827
E: info@cisas.org.uk
W: www.cisas.org.uk

Ofcom
Riverside House
2a Southwark Bridge Road
London
SE1 9HA
T: 020 7981 3040 or 0300 123 3333
E: Contact@ofcom.org.uk
W: www.ofcom.org

Phone-paid Services Authority
40 Bank Street London, E14 5NR
T: 0800 500 212 or 020 7940 7474
E: info@psauthority.org.uk
W: www.psauthority.org.uk

Telephone Preference Service
DMA House, 70 Margaret Street, London W1W 8SS
T: 0345 070 0707
E: tps@dma.org.uk
W: www.tpsonline.org.uk

Federation of Communication Services (FCS)
The Grainger Suite, Dobson House, Regent Centre, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE3 3PF
T: 020 7186 5432
E: fcs@fcs.org.uk
W: www.fcs.org.uk

