# Deal with customer concerns, complaints and dissatisfactions



#### **Overview**

This standard covers how to deal with customer concerns, complaints or dissatisfaction to do with products and services. It includes establishing the cause and nature of the complaint and how to respond. It also covers dealing with exchanges, refunds and arranging for repairs. Users of this standard will need to ensure that practice reflects up to date information and policies.

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Performance criteria	Respond to customer concerns, complaints and dissatisfactions
You must be able to:	P1 establish the cause and nature of the concern, complaint or dissatisfaction with customer in a manner which promotes goodwill without compromising the practice/store
	P2 ensure that proof of original supply is verified
	P3 constructively confirm the course of action to be taken and agree this with the customer
	P4 refer matters to the relevant person as necessary
	P5 maintain a courteous manner at all times
	P6 ensure that relevant practice/store policies and statutory duties are adhered to
	P7 complete relevant documentation accurately and legibly
	Refund, exchange and arrange for the repair of products
You must be able to:	P8 constructively establish the reason why the product is returned P9 accept and deal with the returned products
	P10 ensure the relevant action is identified, authorised and taken
	P11 refund products, exchange products and arrange for the repair of products
	P12 maintain a constructive and courteous manner at all times

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# Knowledge and understanding

#### Respond to customer concerns, complaints and dissatisfactions

# You need to know and understand:

- K1 types of complaints: service related, product related
- K2 policies regarding concerns, complaints and dissatisfaction about clinical services, optical products and non-clinical products and services
- K3 the reason for having a complaints procedure
- K4 responsibilities and authority of people in the organisation
- K5 actions to take for different types of concern, complaint and dissatisfaction
- K6 the importance of document completion
- K7 practice/store requirements: policies, procedures, instructions

#### Refund, exchange and arrange for the repair of products

# You need to know and understand:

- K8 products in perfect condition and products in unusable or un-saleable condition
- K9 circumstances of refund, exchange or repair: legal requirements, goodwill
- K10 how to be constructive in a possibly negative situation
- K11 responsibilities and authority for product returns
- K12 procedure regarding exchange/refund/arranging repair
- K13 completion of documentation
- K14 system for returning goods to stock
- K15 awareness of security implications
- K16 recognising suspicious situations
- K17 practice/store requirements: policies, procedures, instructions

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### **Additional Information**

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