



BATES WEALTH

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YOUR GUIDE TO MAKING A COMPLAINT

Making your complaint

Bates Wealth Management Ltd always aims to provide the highest possible level of service to its customers. However, there may unfortunately be occasions when a customer has cause to complain. When this happens it is important to us that we resolve the issue quickly and to your satisfaction. This leaflet explains our procedure for dealing with complaints.

How we will deal with your complaint

Bates Wealth Management Ltd is an Appointed Representative of 2plan wealth management Ltd (2plan) which is authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA). 2plan is entered on the Financial Services Register (www.fca.org.uk/register) under reference 461598.

Bates Wealth Management Ltd is also authorised and regulated by the FCA and is entered on the Financial Services Register (www.fca.org.uk/register) under reference 994865.

We are required by the FCA to have appropriate procedures for dealing with complaints.

If there is any aspect of our service about which you are unhappy, then you should contact our compliance team directly, either by telephone or in writing. The members of the team are fully trained to deal with any problems you may have quickly and efficiently.

Most problems can be usually resolved either the same day or on the day following receipt. Some complaints may however, due to their complexity, take more time to investigate. Where this is the case the following process will be followed:

- We will send you a written acknowledgement of your complaint within five business days of receipt of your complaint.
- You will be provided with a copy of this guide together with the name and job title of the person dealing with your complaint.
- We may be able to resolve your complaint based on the information you provide and that which is available to us from our own records.
- It may be necessary that we may have to ask you for more information to enable us to handle your complaint effectively. If this is the case, we will do so in writing.

When we have decided on our response to your complaint we will write to you. This letter is called our Final Response Letter. This letter will convey to you the results of our investigation and our final decision. Where we accept your complaint and consider it appropriate to do so, we will set out what redress, if any, we are prepared to offer. If we decide not to accept the complaint, we will explain fully and clearly our reasons for doing so.

If your complaint has still not been resolved within eight weeks of receipt we will send you:

- a. a letter explaining why we have not resolved your complaint, our reasons for delay and indicating when a Final Response Letter can be expected from us, and
- b. details of your right to refer your complaint to the Financial Ombudsman Service.

Contacting Us

If you wish to make a complaint or have any questions regarding this guide, please contact us by writing to:

**The Compliance Department
2plan wealth management Ltd
3rd Floor, Bridgewater Place
Water Lane
Leeds
LS11 5BZ**

or by calling

0113 302 1360

9.00am to 5.00pm Monday to Friday

For your protection calls may be recorded

Or by emailing

admin@2plan.com

Taking your complaint further

2plan wealth management Ltd is a member of the Financial Ombudsman Service. The Ombudsman provides a free and unbiased assessment of complaints referred to it. If, when you have received our Final Response Letter, you remain dissatisfied, you have the right to refer your complaint to the Ombudsman.

You may also refer your complaint to the Ombudsman if you have not received a Final Response Letter within eight weeks of us receiving your complaint.

We will send you a copy of the Financial Ombudsman Service explanatory leaflet, either with our Final Response letter or if we are unable to resolve your complaint earlier, by the end of the eighth week following the receipt of your complaint. You may ask us at any time, to send a copy of Financial Ombudsman Service explanatory leaflet to you.

If you would like the Financial Ombudsman Service to look into your complaint, then you must contact them within six months of the date of our Final response letter to you.

Should the Ombudsman be unable to resolve your complaint, you can then refer this for civil action through the UK legal system.

Contacting the Financial Ombudsman

If you wish to contact the Financial Ombudsman you can write to them at

Financial Ombudsman Service
Exchange Tower
Harbour Exchange Square
London
E14 9SR

or by calling

0800 023 4567 or 0300 123 9123

Or by contacting their website on

<http://www.financial-ombudsman.org.uk/contact/index.html>