



# Independent Advocacy Services

## Independent Mental Capacity Advocacy (IMCA)



**Supports people who lack capacity to make certain decisions about their lives;**

- Serious medical treatment
- Long term change of accommodation
- Care Reviews
- Adult safeguarding

To have an IMCA, the person must have no one appropriate to support them (except where there is a safeguarding decision). Referrals must be made by the person responsible for making the decision, for example a social worker or doctor.

### **The advocate can;**

- Consult with the person
- Speak to others in the person's life
- Read through relevant social care or health notes
- Check the decision is compliant with the Mental Capacity Act

## Care Act Advocacy



**Supports people to be involved in decisions about their care and support during a;**

- Needs Assessment
- Preparation or review of a support plan
- Transitions assessment
- Carer's assessment
- Child's carer's assessment
- Safeguarding enquiries or reviews

The person must have substantial difficulty in understanding the process or communicating their wishes and feelings, and must have no-one else who is appropriate, or who they want, to support them. Referrals can be made by the local authority, the CCG or the person themselves.

### **An advocate can help the person to;**

- Understand their rights
- Put their own views forward
- Speak with professionals (e.g. social workers)
- Challenge decisions

## Advocacy under Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards (DoLS)



**Supports and represents people who are under Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards.**

Referrals must be made by the local authority DoLS team. Advocates can be involved as an IMCA or a Paid Relevant Person's Representative (RPR)

### **Paid Relevant Person's Representative can;**

- Explain the person's rights under DoLS
- Maintain regular contact with them
- Request a review or make an application to the Court of Protection if needed.

## Independent Mental Health Advocacy (IMHA)



**Supports people subject to the Mental Health Act to be more involved in their care and treatment.**

If the person is;

- Detained under Section 2 or 3
- Subject to Guardianship or Community Treatment Order (CTO)
- Being considered for Section 57, 58 or 58a treatment (which includes Electroconvulsive Therapy)
- Detained under Section 37 or be a Conditionally Restricted Discharged Patient.

they have a right to an IMHA and should to be told about advocacy as soon as possible.

## Non-statutory advocacy

**Helps people to be more involved in issues and decisions that affect their social care support. Advocates can help with;**

- Assessments, reviews and care planning
- Complaints about social care
- Safeguarding
- Other social care issues

Referrals can be made by the person themselves or professionals. The advocate will help the person to;

- Understand their rights
- Have their voice heard
- Write letters
- Attend and take part in meetings

**Please contact us on 01609 765355 if you would like more information about our service or would like to make a referral.**

# Total Advocacy is the independent advocacy service for North Yorkshire

It is led by Cloverleaf Advocacy, working together with Advocacy Alliance. We provide Independent Mental Health Advocacy, Independent Mental Capacity Advocacy, Care Act Advocacy and non-statutory advocacy. Cloverleaf Advocacy can also support people with making a complaint about an NHS service.

We always want to provide a positive experience for people working with our advocates. We welcome your feedback and comments about the service.



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