

Referrals

We currently provide general advocacy for people in:

- The London Borough of Croydon who have learning disabilities
- The London Borough of Sutton who are referred by a professional for Professional Advocacy.

All referrals are processed by our referrals team.

If you are a professional and wish to spot purchase general advocacy for someone you are working with, please contact our referrals team.

Making a referral:

Guidelines are on our website www.advocacyforall.org.uk

Contact us

☎ 0345 310 1812 option 1

✉ referrals@advocacyforall.org.uk

🌐 www.advocacyforall.org.uk

📍 Advocacy for All, The Civic Centre, St Mary's Road, Swanley, Kent BR8 7BU



Advocacy

Advocacy is free - it will not cost you anything.

Advocacy is independent - it is not part of the NHS or local authority.

Advocacy is confidential unless:

You want us to share information.

It involves danger to yourself or other people.

Or the law says we need to.



This service is provided by **Advocacy for All**



General Advocacy

Advocacy for All provide independent general advocacy for people where they do not meet the criteria for statutory advocacy.

General advocacy is short-term and issue-based.

General Advocacy is about giving you as much control as possible over your life. It helps you understand information, say what you want and say what you need.

An advocate can help you to communicate your views, feelings and wishes about specific issues that are important to you.



An advocate can help you:

- to have a voice and be listened to
- have more choice and control over your life
- speak up for yourself
- understand your rights
- be more involved in your local community
- find information
- complain and tell people if you are unhappy



We won't tell anyone what you have said to us unless:

- you want us to
- it involves danger to you or other people
- or the law says we need to



What do we want to do?

- we want to give people good advocacy
- advocacy is when one person helps another person talk about their needs and wishes
- we want to work just for our clients, not for the council or any other services
- we want to help people have a bigger voice and a better life

What is Advocacy?

Advocacy is one person helping another person to make their needs and wishes known. The helping person is called an **advocate**.

An advocate can:

- help you to **say what you want**
- find out **information**
- work with you when you make a **difficult decision**
- help you **sort out some specific problems**

When you meet your advocate for the first time, you will be asked to **sign an Advocacy Agreement**:

- you will **agree** how they will **keep in contact** with you
- you will agree what **issues** the advocate will help you to speak up about
- they will explain what **advocacy work** they will do for you
- they will tell you **what will happen** when the advocacy work is **finished**
- you and your advocate will **sign the agreement**

An advocate is not a:

- support worker
- lawyer
- solicitor
- friend