

Partners in Advocacy

Partners in Advocacy provides advocacy in Edinburgh, Midlothian, East Lothian, Dundee, Glasgow and East Renfrewshire. Advocacy may be long-term citizen advocacy, short-term issue-based advocacy, or self-advocacy groups.

Some of our advocates are paid and some are volunteers.

We welcome volunteers to become involved in our work, as advocates or supporting us in other ways.

For details of which kinds of advocacy are available in your area, please contact the number below.

Partners in Advocacy has been supporting advocacy partners in Edinburgh for over 13 years. Our advocacy is free and confidential.



Funded by CEC/NHS Lothian to provide completely independent professional individual and collective advocacy.



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For adults 16+ with learning disabilities...



Who are we ?

Partners in Advocacy provides free and independent advocacy to adults 16 years of age and over with a learning disability in Edinburgh who already have health or social care services or who would benefit from having such services.

What is advocacy?

Advocacy is a way to make your voice stronger and to try to ensure that you have as much control as possible over your life.

Advocates add weight to your views, concerns, wishes and rights by:

- Helping you make decisions about what you want
- Making sure you have information you need and to understand the options and consequences
- Making sure others listen to you and take your views into account
- Make sure you are included and heard
- Speak up for you or help you speak up for yourself
- Stand up for you if things are not right or there needs to be changes

What can we do?

Our advocates can support you or someone you know on a wide range of issues such as social or health care, housing, education, transition, legal issues, employment and tribunals for example. They may attend meetings or reviews about your care and future, make phone calls, write letters, make sure that things that are agreed are followed up, encourage people to advocate for themselves, help make plans and provide support through these changes.

Advocates DON'T...

- ✗ Give you advice
- ✗ Tell you what to do
- ✗ Make decisions for you

“Advocacy is about supporting people to be heard”.



Anyone can contact us. We are happy to answer questions even if you are not sure if you need an advocate.