

Partners in Advocacy

Partners in Advocacy provides different types of advocacy in different parts of Scotland.

In **East Lothian**: we do short-term advocacy for adults with a learning disability over 16 years old who live in East Lothian.

In **Edinburgh**: we do short-term advocacy to adults (18+) who have learning disabilities and who use learning disability services in Edinburgh.

In **Midlothian**: we provide advocacy to adults over 16 who have a learning disability and use learning disability services.



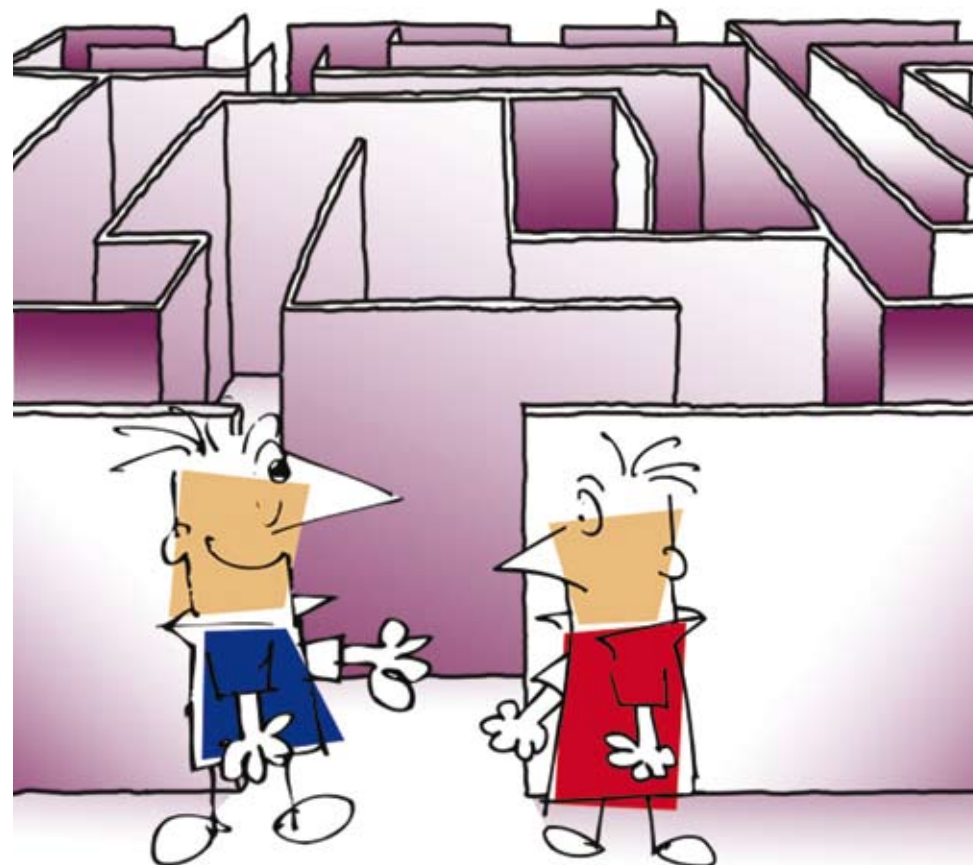
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Got a problem?
Need help to speak up?
Short term advocacy



What is short-term advocacy ?

A short-term advocate will help you with a specific problem. This might be:



- You are not happy with the support you are getting.
- You might want to make a complaint.
- You are being harassed or bullied.
- You are not getting enough support and you want more.
- Where you think the people who support you are not listening to you.
- You want to move house.



An advocate is not:

- ✗ A support worker.
- ✗ A counsellor.
- ✗ A befriender.

An advocate will not:

- ✗ Give you advice.
- ✗ Tell you what to do.
- ✗ Make decisions for you.
- ✗ Solve all your problems.

An advocate will:

- ✓ Listen to you and find out what you want.
- ✓ Be open and honest with you.
- ✓ Agree with you what we will and will not do.
- ✓ Help you look at what choices you might have.
- ✓ What might happen if you make a particular choice.
- ✓ Talk to you about your rights.
- ✓ Talk to you about what your responsibilities might be.



We use paid advocates to provide our short-term advocacy. **The service is free and confidential.**

“Advocacy is about helping people to speak up”.

