

What does 'Advocacy for Carers' mean to you?

'Advocacy' can be interpreted in many ways. For some Carers it means being directed to an organisation which has specialist knowledge of their particular enquiry e.g. Age Concern, Citizens Advice Bureau.

Carers attending a support group might ask the Carers Worker attached to that group to take a particular issue/issues to local staff, a locality carers forum, or county carers forum, the Learning Disability Partnership Board or to the Head of Learning Disability Services.

For other Carers, advocacy means having access to a dedicated Carers Advocacy Worker employed to accompany carers to any meetings that may be held between families and staff where eg there is an issue concerning the family, or there has been a formal complaint issued by the family.

We would like to hear **your** views on what you would like from an Advocacy Service for Carers of adults with learning disabilities.

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