

Swindon Advocacy Movement
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Care Act Advocacy Service Referral Form

There are many types of advocacy services and they all have differing criteria. If you need any help regarding which type of advocacy is needed, please visit <https://www.swindonadvocacy.org.uk/> or contact us on 01793 542575 for more information.

Not everyone is entitled to advocacy under the Care Act. Make an advocacy referral when all three conditions apply:

1. one of these processes is taking place: social care needs assessment, carers assessment, care planning, care review or S42 safeguarding investigation
2. without support, the person will have **substantial difficulty** being involved
3. there are no appropriate, able and willing family or friends to support the person's active involvement

There are **3 situations** where an **advocate must be involved** even if there is an appropriate individual to support them. These are:

if a person is being funded by the NHS in a hospital for more than 4 weeks

if a person is being funded by the NHS in a care home for more than 8 weeks

AND the LA believes that arranging an advocate would be in the person's best interest or;

If there is a **disagreement** between the **local authority** and the **appropriate individual** and **all agree** that the involvement of an **advocate would benefit the person**

Client Details	
Name:	Date of Birth:
Home Address	Current location of client
Postcode:	Postcode:
Tel No:	Tel No:
Referrer Details	
Referrer Name:	Position:
Telephone:	Email:
Team/Department:	Agency or Provider:

Advocacy

Advocacy support required for which process under the Care Act:

- Care Act Assessment
- Care and Support Planning
- Carers Assessment
- Preparation/Review of a Care and Support Plan or Support Plan
- Safeguarding Section 42 Enquiry/Review*
- Appeals against a local authority decision under Part 1 of the Care Act

*We are unable to provide advocacy unless a Section 42 enquiry has been opened

If this is a Safeguarding Referral, please indicate whether the issue involves:

- Hate Crime
- Hoarding
- Self-Neglect
- Criminal Exploitation
- Domestic Abuse
- Financial Abuse
- Neglect

Is the individual aware that a safeguarding concern has been reported about their safety? **Y / N**

Details:

Please give details of what has triggered the process above eg what is the Safeguarding Concern, or what is the family situation that has triggered a Carers Assessment, why the client has not been made aware of the safeguard alert, etc?

Person Centred

To support us in our efforts to always provide a person-centred advocacy service please share as much detail as possible around how the client likes to work / be supported. This could include how they communicate (BSL, Makaton, gestures, etc), whether they have any support (professional or family and friends), are they isolated:

Condition / Disability

Nature of client's condition (please tick one or more as appropriate)

- Learning Disability
- Mental Illness
- Dementia
- Aging (Over 60)
- Serious Physical Illness
- Acquired Brain Injury
- Autistic Spectrum Disorder
- Other, please specify

Details:

Risk Assessment

Please be aware, advocates are lone workers who often visit clients at home.

Please indicate below anything in the client's history or health needs which may give rise to potential risks or dangers either to themselves or to others eg mental ill health, asthma, epilepsy, domestic violence perpetrator in the home, etc

Signed Client:

Date:

Signed Referrer:

Date:

If the client has not consented to this referral, please provide details

“Swindon Advocacy Movement is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, young people and adults. Swindon Advocacy Movement expects all staff and volunteers to share that commitment”

Independent advocacy is about giving the person as much **control** as possible over their life. It helps them **understand information, say what they want** and **what they need**.

Send referral to our secure email secure@swindonadvocacy.co.uk

In accordance with Data Protection Act 1998, all information provided on the referral form and in any further dealings with Swindon Advocacy Movement will be treated as confidential and will not be disclosed to any third party without express consent from the client.

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EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY MONITORING FORM

Swindon Advocacy Movement is committed to encouraging equality, diversity and inclusion among our workforce, volunteers and clients eliminating unlawful discrimination.

In order to ensure the continued development of our Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Policy all Clients are asked to complete the details below. The information will be used solely for monitoring purposes and will be treated as confidential.

Client Details										
Are you Married or in a Civil Partnership					Yes		No		Prefer not to say	
Gender:	Male		Female		Transgender		Prefer not to say			
Sexual Orientation:	Heterosexual		Gay man	Gay woman/ Lesbian		Bisexual		Prefer not to say		
Religion:	Christian		Muslim		None		Buddhist		Jewish	
	Sikh		Hindu		Other (please state)		Prefer not to say			
Employment Status:	Employed		Unemployed		Registered Disabled		Retired		Student	Prefer not to say
Age Groups	Under 16	16- 24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Prefer not to say		
Post Code:					Prefer not to say					
Ethnicity:										
White British			Asian – British or Indian							
White Irish			Asian – British or Pakistani							
White Other			Asian – British or Bangladeshi							
Please specify;			Any other Asian background							
Mixed – White & Black Caribbean			Black – British or Black Caribbean							
Mixed – White & Black African			Black – British or Black African							
Mixed –White & Asian			Other Black							
Mixed – White Other			Oriental - Chinese							
Any other mixed background			Oriental – Other							
Prefer not to say			Not Established							
Disability:										
Do you consider yourself to have any long-standing illness or disability that affects your daily activities or the work that you do? Please tick										
Yes		No			Prefer not to say					
If you have answered yes to the question above, how would you best describe your disability. Please tick all that apply										
Hearing		Speech		Physical		Mental Health				
Visual		Mobility		Learning		Other				

