



# Independent **ADVOCACY**

*Giving voice* to people in need

## **Statutory IMHA, Hospitals & Community Services**

### **Advocacy service for people with mental health needs**

Our mental health advocacy service is well known and respected by local mental health professionals, including clinical psychiatrists, and by mental health service charities.

### **What support can an advocate give?**

- Support to access information
- Support to accompany you to meetings such as Managers Appeals; ward rounds, CPN or doctor's appointments.
- Support through housing difficulties
- Help with any concerns regarding your care
- Support in divorce proceedings and child protection cases
- Support in legal cases and tribunals.
- Support in formal assessments
- Support with benefit enquiries.

### **Other services this organisation offers:**

An Advocacy service for adults with:

- Learning disabilities and their carers
- Older people
- Appointee and Finance Services
- Other adults needing an advocate
- Adults whose children are under Child Protection Orders
- And more.....

If it's not on the list please ask.

These services can be purchased by local authorities, PCTs, care providers and other organisations, or by anyone who has access to funds to pay for the service themselves.