DIRECTORY OF ADVOCACY ORGANISATIONS OPERATING IN SOUTH LANARKSHIRE

THE ADVOCACY PROJECT (Mental Health Service)

Independent professional advocacy, citizen advocacy and group advocacy for people aged between 16 and 65 with mental health issues living in South Lanarkshire, or in hospital (or other residential setting), but normally resident in South Lanarkshire.

Cumbrae House, 15 Carlton Court,
Glasgow G5 9JP
Telephone: 0845 076 2262

THE ADVOCACY PROJECT (Rutherglen/Cambuslang)

Independent professional advocacy for disabled adults (16 – 65) in Rutherglen and Cambuslang. The service is provided for people who have learning difficulties, are physically disabled and/or those who have sensory impairment.

Cumbrae House, 15 Carlton Court,
Glasgow G5 9JP
Telephone: 0845 076 2262

AGE CONCERN ADVOCACY SERVICE

Professional and group advocacy for people over the age of 65 who live in South Lanarkshire. The service has three local bases:

Cambuslang Clinic, 5 Johnstone Drive,
Cambuslang, G72 8JR
Telephone: 0141 643 3509

Roadmeetings Hospital, Goremire Road,
Carluke, ML8 4PS
Telephone: 01555 773 837

Udston Hospital, Farm Road, Hamilton
Telephone: 01698 723 277

HARTWOODHILL PATIENTS' COUNCIL

Collective/Group advocacy for all patients and former patients of the hospital, and people using mental health rehabilitation services.

Room 4, Campbell Clark Centre,
Hartwoodhill Hospital, Shotts, ML7 4LA
Telephone: 01501 824 541

PATIENTS' ADVOCACY SERVICE THE STATE HOSPITAL

Independent professional advocacy for residents of the State Hospital.

The State Hospital, 110 Lampits Road,
Carstairs, ML11 8RP
Telephone: 01555 840 293 ext. 804

PEOPLE FIRST

Collective/group advocacy for people with learning difficulties in South Lanarkshire.

8 High Patrick Street, Hamilton, ML3 7ES
Telephone: 01698 452830

SPEAK OUT ADVOCACY PROJECT

Independent professional, volunteer and group advocacy for people over 16 with learning difficulties in South Lanarkshire, apart from Rutherglen and Cambuslang. Work with people being discharged from Kirklands Hospital. Deal with post-discharge issues for Lanarkshire residents. Support to a collective group.

1 Montgomery Place, The Village,
East Kilbride, G74 4BF
Telephone: 01355 230 202

SOUTH LANARKSHIRE ADVOCACY NETWORK

The Network includes the independent advocacy services listed above and other organisations that have an interest in building up and developing advocacy across South Lanarkshire. They are Better Government for Older People, Lanarkshire Links, Princess Royal Trust Lanarkshire Carers Centre, South Lanarkshire Disability Forum, and Speak Easy.

What is independent advocacy?

Advocacy helps you to stand up for your rights, to be heard by people and organisations who have power over you.

An independent advocate is loyal only to you. They give you the information you need to make your own decisions. They support you to speak up on your own behalf, or speak up for you if you do not feel able to.

Independent advocates do not work for any public body. They do not charge you for their services. They will not tell you what to do, or give you advice.

Advocacy comes in different forms:

Professional advocates – Usually paid (but can be volunteer) workers, providing support on specific issues, usually for a limited time.

Citizen advocates – ordinary, unpaid citizens, supporting only one person over a longer period.

Group/self advocacy – people coming together as a group to support each other and tackle shared issues, often helped by an advocacy organisation.

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How can I get advocacy support?

You can get in touch directly with any of the organisations listed inside this leaflet, or someone else can refer you. There is no charge for these services.

What are my rights?

The Mental Health (Care and Treatment) (Scotland) 2003 gives a right to access advocacy to people suffering from mental illness, dementia, learning disability, autism, brain injury/damage, or personality disorder. Other people can access advocacy services, but do not have a legal right.

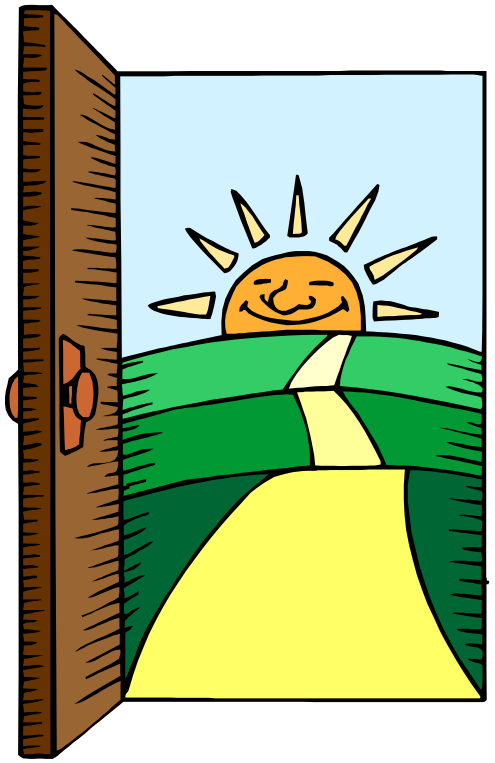
How can I get more information?

Any of the organisations listed in this leaflet would be happy to talk to you about advocacy or send you one of their own leaflets. Simply contact them at the address or phone number given.

More information about advocacy in Scotland and South Lanarkshire can be found on the website of the Scottish Independent Advocacy Alliance: www.siaa.org.uk. This also has links to other relevant sites.

This leaflet may be made available on request in large print, in Braille or in another language. For further information please contact 0845 076 2262

Independent Advocacy Services



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