

“ Advonet ”

Providing Independent Advocacy ”



IMHA

Independent Mental Health Advocacy

Advocacy for people sectioned under the Mental Health Act

As part of a consortium, Advonet, Touchstone, SignHealth and Age UK Leeds are working together to give people in Leeds a voice. We provide independent advocacy for you.

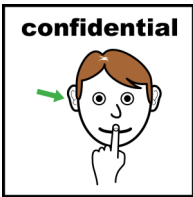


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What IMHAs can do

Advocacy is...



- FREE
- CONFIDENTIAL: Ask for details of our confidentiality policy
- INDEPENDENT of anyone else involved with you

You have a right to IMHA support if...

- You are sectioned under the Mental Health Act
- On a Community Treatment Order (CTO)
- Under Guardianship Order
- A conditionally discharged restricted patient

You also have a right to an IMHA if a 'special treatment' such as Electroconvulsive Therapy (ECT) (under-18) or neurosurgery is being discussed with you, even if you are not detained.

Our advocates will support you...

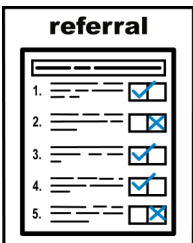


- To say what you want in decisions about your care and treatment
- To know your rights and make sure these are given
- In reviews and meetings e.g. ward reviews, CPAs
- To put your views across and understand your options



If you want, they can look at any records and speak to professionals to get information for you.

- We can help you to appeal against the section you are detained under



Make a referral

You can make an advocacy referral for an IMHA by:

- Contacting us yourself/asking a relative
- Speaking to the advocate on your ward
- Asking someone from your care team to call us

Contact us

We have a first contact team that can help you. To find out which advocacy service is the right one for you or to make a referral, you can contact us by phone, email, post or via our website.



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Opening times: Monday-Friday, 9am-5pm



Email us at office@advonet.org.uk



Text: Include your name then send to 07397 939 820



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**We do advocacy using
British Sign Language
(BSL)**



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