

The Advonet Group

Providing Independent Advocacy

Care Act Advocacy

**Providing advocacy to people who
are under the Care Act**



As part of a consortium, The Advonet Group, Touchstone 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 is Care Act Advocacy?

What Care Act advocates do:

- Support and represent a person and facilitate their involvement in key processes
- Help a person consider and communicate what is important for their own wellbeing
- Agree with the person the best way of supporting and representing them

What Care Act Advocates don't do:

- Befriending
- Counselling
- Provide an advice service
- Provide social support
- Decide what is in a person's best interest

Am I entitled to a Care Act Advocate?

To make a referral for an independent Care Act Advocate, the person being supported must:

- Be going through one of the processes listed in the Care Act (including the examples on the opposite page)
- Have substantial difficulty engaging in the process
- Have no-one else to support them through this process

The Care Act and your rights



The care and support process

From April 1st 2015, the Care Act extends the right for eligible people to have independent advocacy to help them be actively involved in their care and support process. Here is a list of things that the care and support process includes:

- Care assessments
- Care and support planning
- Care and support reviews
- Safeguarding enquiries
- Safeguarding adult reviews (previously known as serious case reviews)

Making an advocacy referral

Referrals for an advocate under the Care Act can only be made by someone from the local authority, usually a Social Worker.

If you need support to ask a Social Worker for a referral, we may be able to help with that.

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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