



Dorset Advocacy

Issues-based Advocacy



- **Advocates listen.**
- **Advocates help you understand.**
- **Advocates make sure your choices are heard.**



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An advocate is a person who is on your side. They get to know you. They help you to speak up. They make sure that your rights and views are respected.

We help adults who already receive commissioned services from either **Dorset Council** or **BCP Council** and are one or more of the following:



- **over 65 years old**
- **an adult with learning disabilities and/or autism**
- **an adult with physical disability or long-term condition**
- **a carer for someone** who has support from Social Services. They must live in the Dorset Council area. See our [Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole Carers page](#) for carers who live in BCP Council area.
- **experiencing substance misuse problems** and are known to the Drug and Alcohol Team.



We do not give legal or benefits advice, or help with housing issues.



Our Advocates

All our advocates are trained and supported to do their job.

They are independent: they are free to represent your views and wishes and nobody else's.

They either have, or are working towards, an Independent Advocacy Qualification.

Your information



We will keep all information about you private, unless:

- you or someone else could be hurt
- we need to report a crime



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Contact us

To find out more about Issues-based Advocacy, please contact us or look at our website.



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