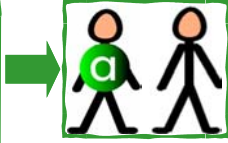


Statement of Advocacy

- What it means for You!



An **Advocate** is someone who is trained to support a Person's views to be heard



An **Advocacy Partner** is the Person who has support to make their views heard



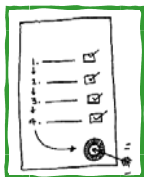
Advocacy is when an Advocate supports the Advocacy Partner to be listened to



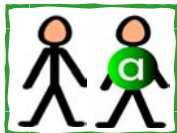
Advocacy believes that the Advocacy Partner's voice and views are important



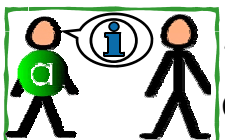
- Advocacy work is based on Respect
- Advocacy work is based on Trust
- Advocacy work is based on clear tasks



An advocacy task is the job that needs doing



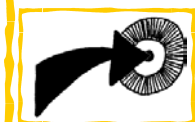
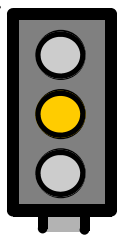
An Advocate will work with you to find out what advocacy tasks you want support with



An Advocate will work on advocacy tasks and keep you up to date with the work



An Advocate will ask questions on your behalf if they cannot say for certain what your views are



Statement of Advocacy

- What it means for an Advocate



An Advocate will think about the Advocacy role

1. Explain the Advocate's job to Advocacy Partners
2. Remind Advocacy Partners of an Advocate's role
3. Check the Statement of Advocacy for guidance

An Advocate will think about advocacy tasks

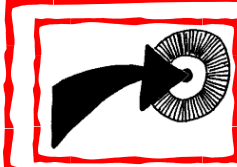
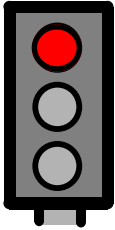
1. Are the advocacy tasks clear to people involved?
2. Can the Advocacy Partner speak up themselves?
3. What will happen when the tasks are completed?

An Advocate will think about individuals + needs

1. Is the information clear + accessible to a Partner?
2. Is it clear what support is needed by the Partner
3. Is the support appropriate to an Advocate's role?

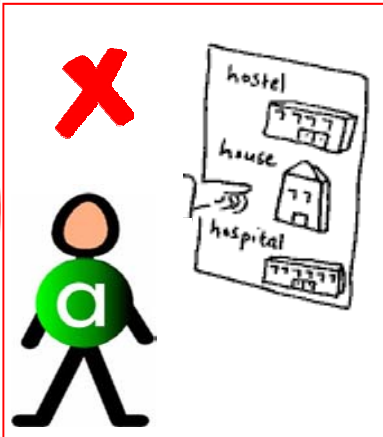
An Advocate will think about 'best interest'

1. What is the Advocate's professional / legal duty?
2. Is the Advocate loyally voicing the Partner's views?
3. Who **does** have a duty of care for the Partner?

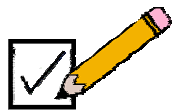
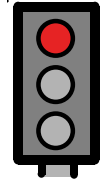


Statement of Advocacy - The Advocacy Role

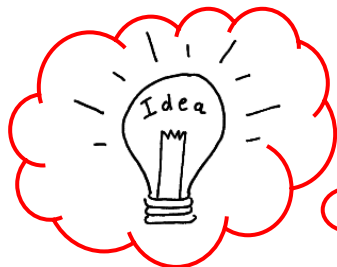
Advocates will not:



- × Give advice to Partners
- × Tell Partners what to do
- × Make decisions for Partners
- × Keep information from Partners
- × Take other peoples' side
- × Act in a Partner's 'best interest'
- × Break confidentiality for no reason



Things an Advocate will check when working with a Partner



1. Does the Advocacy Partner want advocacy or advice?



2. Does the Advocacy Partner know where to go for counselling?



3. Does the Advocacy Partner know where to go for befriending?