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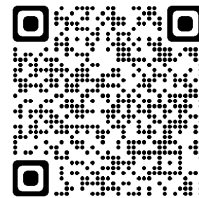
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What is Independent Advocacy?

INVESTORS IN PEOPLE™
We invest in people Gold



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Independent Advocacy is:

- Speaking up on behalf of people who are unable to do so for themselves.
- Empowering people who need a stronger voice by enabling them to express their needs and make their own decisions, where possible.
- Safeguarding people who are vulnerable and discriminated against or whom services find difficult to serve.
- Assisting people to gain access to information and explore their options and make informed decisions on issues which affect their lives.
- Helping people understand their rights and ensuring everyone has their rights respected.

Our Independent Advocates will:

- ✓ Ensure an individual's rights are upheld using appropriate legislation.
- ✓ Take time to get to know a person and significant others in their lives, where appropriate.
- ✓ Promote a Person-Centered Approach.
- ✓ Make sure the individual is involved in decisions which affect their lives.
- ✓ Treat individuals with respect and maintain confidentiality.
- ✓ Take an issue to its conclusion without a conflict of interest.
- ✓ Safeguard vulnerable individuals.
- ✓ Respect an individual's confidentiality.
- ✓ Work to Scottish Independent Advocacy Alliance Standards.

Our Independent Advocates will not:

- ✗ Be judgemental.
- ✗ Do anything their Advocacy Partner does not want them to do.
- ✗ Give their own opinion.
- ✗ Make decisions, give advice or make recommendations.
- ✗ Persuade their Advocacy Partner to do anything they do not want to do.
- ✗ Do the work of other professional services.

