

“The letter the advocate wrote on my behalf was brilliant, I couldn’t have managed without them”



Derbyshire Mind provides a range of Independent Specialist Advocacy services to the residents of Derbyshire.

Our services are free and independent.



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Our Independent Specialist Advocacy Service



“I felt empowered to assert myself and have found this is a result of advocacy”



IMHA (Independent Mental Health Advocacy)

IMHA is a statutory role introduced by the Mental Health Act 1983 (as amended in 2007).

IMHAs provide specialist support for Derbyshire residents who are detained under the Mental Health Act including those subject to Supervised Community Treatment/CTO and Guardianship.

IMHA support to informal in-patients

Our IMHA service extends to Derbyshire residents who are informal in-patients in a mental health unit in Derbyshire.

IMCA (Independent Mental Capacity Advocacy)

IMCA is a statutory role introduced by the Mental Capacity Act 2005.

Derbyshire Mind provides an IMCA service to people resident in Derbyshire at the time a specific decision needs to be made.

IMCAs are instructed by the Local Authority or NHS Body where a person has been assessed as lacking capacity in relation to a specific decision and they have no-one in their lives other than paid carers who can be involved in the decision making.

IMCAs are involved in specific decisions around:

- Long Term Accommodation Moves
- Serious Medical Treatment
- Care Reviews
- Safeguarding

IMCAs are also instructed by the Local Authority to support people subject to the Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards (DOLS).

Paid Representatives

Independent support and representation for people subject to a DOLS authorisation where Derbyshire County Council is the Supervisory Body.

People subject to a DOLS authorisation have a representative appointed for the duration of the authorisation, often this is a family member or suitable close acquaintance. However, if the

person does not have anyone who can or wants to fulfill this role a Paid Representative must be appointed, who is independent of the Local Authority and who visits and supports the person on a regular basis.

Care Act Advocacy

The Care Act introduced a right for eligible people to have access to an independent advocate to help them be actively involved in the assessment, planning and review of their care and during safeguarding enquiries and reviews.

We provide this service to people who have recently received or will imminently need support from an IMHA or IMCA.

Independent Health Complaints Advocacy

Independent advocacy support for Derbyshire residents who wish to make a complaint about their NHS care or treatment, including any complaint against an organisation or service funded by the NHS.