

**Staff Guidance:
Independent
Advocacy
Flowchart**



Service user/patient requests or appears to meet criteria for advocacy provision

Listen and speak to the adult

Service user/patient requests or agrees to advocacy support

Service user/patient is reluctant

Help the adult consider the options, which are:

Informal advocacy: ie a family member to be their advocate?

Independent advocacy

The adult has capacity and there are no indications of undue pressure from third parties to refuse advocacy.

Adult appears to lack capacity or is under pressure to refuse advocacy

Service will require the adult's consent to involve the family/informal carer

Support the adult to make contact with an independent advocacy service. Contact Fife Advocacy Forum for advice. Email: admin@fifeadvocacyforum.org.uk or call: 01592 643743

Accept decision and give the adult a Fife Advocacy Forum leaflet in case the adult changes his/her mind

Seek advice directly from Line Manager. Where the adult is known or believed to be an adult at risk of harm the circumstances should be reported to the social work service.