

## Advocacy is...

- Free
- Confidential
- Independent

## How to get an advocate


If you would like an independent advocate (sometimes called a 39D IMCA) the local authority will refer you to our service.

 01302 319052

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# RPR Advocacy



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Support for you  
in your role as a  
'Relevant Person's  
Representative'  
(RPR)

  
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Doncaster Advocacy Services

  
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## Making sure you get the assistance you need to support the relevant person

As a Relevant Person's Representative (RPR), you play an important role in ensuring that the relevant person's rights are being safeguarded.

If you would like additional support in any aspect of your role you might benefit from a free, independent advocate.

## When can I get an advocate?

You can get an independent advocate straight away if you would like one. Or, you might find that you would like one further down the line.

We'll be here to help you whenever you need us.



## What will your advocate do?

First of all we would support you to understand what the Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards (DoLS) are and how they affect your friend or family member.

We'll assist you in your role as the RPR by:

- Answering questions that you may have about your role.
- Explaining how best to approach your role.
- Talking you through the DoLS paperwork.
- Explaining what 'conditions' should be met by the care home/hospital.
- Talking through how you can make sure those conditions are being met and what to do if you feel they are not.
- Supporting you to raise any concerns you might have with the care home/hospital or the local authority.
- Supporting you to request a review of the DoLS if the person's circumstances change.
- Supporting you to make a cost free appeal to the Court of Protection where the person you are supporting is objecting to their placement.
- Attending meetings with you where necessary.

We would offer support over the phone in the first instance, but we are happy to meet with you whenever you need us.

