

Independent Mental Capacity Advocacy



Your Voice Counts is a local charity that supports people to be involved in important decisions about their life.

If a person is deemed to lack decision-making capacity under the Mental Capacity Act, an Independent Mental Capacity Advocate can provide support if a person does not have an unpaid person, such as a family member, to support them.

What do we do?


We ensure the person's wishes and rights are taken into account when a decision needs to be made about issues such as:

- medical care or treatment
- a proposed change of accommodation
- safeguarding procedures for an adult at risk
- a Deprivation of Liberty (DoLS) request.

We will work with the person to try to understand their wishes and provide feedback to the decision maker to inform the best interest decision that needs to be made.

Our service is independent, free and confidential.

Referrals to our service can only be made by the professional with responsibility for making the best interest decision for the issue a referral concerns. Visit www.yvc.org.uk or contact us for a referral form.

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