

## PATIENT INFORMATION

# Independent Mental Capacity Advocate

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*Working with you, for you*

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Independent Mental Capacity Advocates work with people who 'lack capacity' to make certain decisions.



If you 'lack capacity' this means you may need some independent support to make some decisions.



Independent Mental Capacity Advocates work with people who lack capacity when decisions are being made. For example, where you live or if medical treatment is needed.



Independent Mental Capacity Advocate is free.



Independent Mental Capacity Advocates do not work for Social Services or the NHS. Advocates can support you to have your say if you are not happy with your care.



Independent Mental Capacity Advocates will only speak to others:

- When you want them to.
- If you or someone you know might get hurt.
- When the law says they have to.



By law, people must have access to advocate in some situations;

- The Care Act
- The Mental Health Act
- The Mental Capacity Act



An Independent Mental Capacity Advocate would be appointed to you if you 'lack capacity'.



## More information



### Adult Social Care in Torbay



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