#### **Our Advocates are**



Experienced in working with people who have communication difficulties



Independent of the Local Authority and all other services



Qualified in the Independent Advocacy Award (or working towards it)



Trained and supervised by experienced Advocacy managers



Referenced and DBS checked

If you, or someone you know, needs information or advice regarding care or support from Southampton City Council, you can contact the Single Point of Access team

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# ADVOCACY SOUTH

Working together for your rights



Southampton SEND

Advocacy

For young people 14 — 25 years







Solent Mind and Choices Advocacy working in partnership

### **Advocacy**

Advocates can support you to speak out, have your views heard and access your rights as members of the community



Advocacy is offered in a person centred way depending on the needs and wishes of the person asking for advocacy

A referral can be made by;

**IYOU** 

Support staff

Care Manager or Social Worker

Family member

<sup>I</sup>Friends

#### Advocacy can support you

to take part in your Education, Health and Care Plan (EHC Plan)



to speak up and be heard



at your meetings



to make a complaint or when changes are planned



#### ! Who can have an Advocate?!

Young people aged 14 – 25 yrs with

Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)

who

have difficulty in being fully involved in assessments

and

have no one else appropriate to actively support and represent their wishes

and

living in Southampton

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