

Examples of Advocacy Issues



Example 1 - Mike

Mike has a learning disability and autism.

Mike has worked with an advocate to pass on his views to his Housing Officer.

Recently Mike is becoming more dependent on his advocate and doing less for himself.

Mike is able to make phone calls and used to book his own appointments with his Housing Officer.

Now Mike is expecting his advocate to do all of this.

As Mike's advocate it is your role to support Mike to build his confidence and support Mike to take more control of his own issues.

You would also need to explain the role of an advocate and the things an advocate can and can't do.

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Example 2 - Agnes

Agnes has a visual impairment.

She lives in a group home and is supported by staff.

Agnes's social worker thinks Agnes could live more independently using assistive technology.

Agnes is feeling anxious but has always wanted to be more independent.

As Agne's advocate it's your role to find out what Agnes wants to do.

Find out information about Agnes' choices.

Support Agnes to think about independence, her personal choice and what she feels in in her best interest.

Support Agnes to voice her wishes (with Agne's permission).



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Example 3 - Ameem

Ameem is a 72 year old woman who has diabetes.

Ameem sometimes find it difficult to focus and communicate.

Neighbours feel that Ameem has become isolated and is becoming less able to manage her condition.

One neighbour is trying to persuade the housing association to move Ameem to a care home.

As Ameem's advocate it's your role to find out how Ameem feels as all the current information is from neighbours and professionals.

As Ameem's advocate you only listen to her views and not the views of friends, family or professionals.

Support Ameem to meet with housing professionals to support her make her own informed choice.

