

## Advocacy Services in Blaenau Gwent

**Option 1**

Older People and carers	Dementia	Mental Health	Self advocacy	Care Home	Learning Disability and/or Autism	Children	Deaf People
<p><b>Age Cymru HOPE project</b> Support for older people (50+) and carers <b>029 2043 1555</b> <a href="mailto:advocacy@agecymru.org.uk">advocacy@agecymru.org.uk</a></p>	<p><b>Age Cymru Dementia Advocacy</b> Support for anyone with dementia, whether they have capacity or can communicate or not. <b>029 2043 1555</b> <a href="mailto:dementiaadvocacy@agecymru.org.uk">dementiaadvocacy@agecymru.org.uk</a></p>	<p><b>DEWIS CIL</b> Supporting people already known to mental health services <b>01633 288440</b> <a href="mailto:advocacy@dewiscil.org.uk">advocacy@dewiscil.org.uk</a></p>	<p><b>Cwm Taf People First</b> Supporting individuals to represent and speak up for themselves. <b>01443 757954</b> <a href="mailto:info@cwmtafpeoplefirst.org.uk">info@cwmtafpeoplefirst.org.uk</a></p>	<p><b>Age Cymru Gwent</b> Support for people in care homes or thinking about living in a care home <b>01495 768 620</b> <a href="mailto:acgadvocacy@agecymrugwent.org">acgadvocacy@agecymrugwent.org</a></p>	<p><b>Advocacy Support Cymru</b> Support for individuals with a learning disability and/or Autism <b>02920 540444</b> <a href="mailto:info@ascymru.org.uk">info@ascymru.org.uk</a></p>	<p><b>NYAS</b> - Independent professional advocacy for CYP who are on the CP register, LAC, CIN or Care Leavers <b>0808 808 1001</b> <a href="mailto:help@nyas.net">help@nyas.net</a> <b>NYAS / ABHB Health Advocacy Service</b> provides advocacy to CYP under 18 who wish to raise a concern about the Health Care / Service that they have received from the Aneurin Bevan Health Board</p>	<p><b>British Deaf Association</b> Support for Cultural Deaf whose first language is BSL (British Sign Language) <a href="mailto:cao.wales@bda.org.uk">cao.wales@bda.org.uk</a></p>

In addition to the services above, the MCA, MHA and SSWB Acts set out statutory rights to advocacy. If they apply, you may also choose from the services below.

**Option 2**

IMHA	IMCA	IPA	RPR
<p><b>Are they sectioned under the mental health act, under guardianship or subject to a community treatment order or in hospital informally receiving treatment for their mental health?</b></p> <p>If so, they have a legal right to an <b>IMHA (Independent Mental Health Advocate)</b></p> <p><b>ASC Advocacy Support Cymru</b> <b>029 2054 0444</b> <a href="mailto:info@ascymru.org.uk">info@ascymru.org.uk</a></p>	<p><b>Do they lack capacity and have no appropriate family / friends to consult?</b></p> <p>If not, are they facing serious medical treatment, a safeguarding concern or DoLS? Or does their RPR need support in their role?</p> <p>If so, they have a legal right to an <b>IMCA (Independent Mental Capacity Advocate)</b></p> <p><b>ASC Advocacy Support Cymru</b> <b>029 2054 0444</b> <a href="mailto:info@ascymru.org.uk">info@ascymru.org.uk</a></p>	<p><b>Do they have social care needs?</b> If so, do they want support with care and support planning, assessment, review, or safeguarding ?</p> <p>If so they have a statutory right to an <b>IPA. (Independent Professional Advocate)</b></p> <p><b>Single point of contact for referrals:</b></p> <p><b>GATA Gwent Access to Advocacy</b> Referring to Dewis CIL and Age Cymru Gwent <b>0808 8010566</b></p>	<p><b>Are they subject to a DoLS?</b></p> <p>If they do not have someone to represent them, they have a statutory right to an <b>RPR</b> Relevant Person's Representative.</p> <p><b>Training in Mind</b></p> <p><b>01495 768844</b> <a href="mailto:advocacy@traininginmind.co.uk">advocacy@traininginmind.co.uk</a></p>

### Gwent Llais

Support for people who have a concern about any NHS or Social Care treatment they have received whether in the community or a hospital setting.

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