## Advocacy Service South Ayrshire



People who are covered by the Mental health (Care and Treatment) (Scotland) Act

- who have a mental health issue, learning disability, autism or dementia
- have a legal right to independent advocacy.

Advocates can be helpful if you find it difficult to make your views known and need other people to listen to you and take your views into account.

## Whilst in hospital, Circles Advocacy can help you to;

- Access information regarding your rights if you are subject to a detention under the Mental Health (Care and Treatment) (Scotland) Act
- Attend Mental Health Tribunals, CPA meetings and ward reviews
- To access legal advice should you wish to appeal against your detention
- Complete Advance Statements
- · Assist with Named Person forms
- Access other relevant services
- \*Access to advocacy is not limited to the hospital setting and you do not require a formal diagnosis to access the service.

For more information please contact

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Do you need help speaking up?

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