

## **REQUEST**

We would like to request information on which (if any) services you commission to provide Independent Advocacy for people accessing support in the following processes in your area:

- s117 aftercare (under the Mental Health Act)
- Continuing Health Care (CHC)
- Continuing Care
- personal wheelchair budgets
- personal health budgets
  - Could you provide details of any service(s) you commission to provide Independent Advocacy Support to adults and children or young people receiving aftercare support under section 117 of the Mental Health Act?
  - Could you provide details of any service(s) you commission to provide Independent Advocacy Support to people going through Continuing Health Care processes (adult) or Continuing Care (children)?
  - 3. Could you provide details of any service(s) you commission to provide Independent Advocacy Support to people accessing personal wheelchair budgets?
  - 4. Could you provide details of any service(s) you commission to provide Independent Advocacy Support to people accessing or using personal health budgets processes (both adult and children)?

We would be grateful if you could tell us which services are commissioned

5. And lastly we would be grateful if you could indicate the budget allocated for any of the above types of advocacy?

## **RESPONSE**

 Wigan Council currently has four live advocacy contracts, end date for all is 31/03/21. The Contracts cover: -

Contract 1 - Mental Health Advocacy Service consisting of: Independent Mental Capacity Advocacy (IMCA) Service, Independent Mental Health Advocacy (IMHA) service. Provider: Wigan Churches Association for Family Welfare. £209,320.00 per annum.

**Contract 2** - Children's Advocacy (counselling for bullying in schools and support for Children Looked After). **Provider: Wigan Churches Association for Family Welfare.** £40,161.24 per annum.

**Contract 3** - Relevant Persons Representation. **Provider: Wigan Churches Association for Family Welfare.** £45 per session.

Contract 4 - Care Act & General Advocacy.

Provider: My Life Legacy. £135,000.00 per annum.

Age UK Wigan won funding from the National Lottery to provide advocacy services for the elderly. However, this is not a service commissioned by the Local Authority.

- 2. We do not commission this service.
- 3. We do not commission this service.
- 4. We do not commission this service.
- See question 1.