



# Advocacy in Surrey



## What is Advocacy?

Advocacy is taking action to help people say what they want, secure their rights, represent their interests and obtain services they need.

Advocates and advocacy schemes work in partnership with the people they support and take their side. Advocacy promotes social inclusion, equality and social justice.

*Advocacy provided through SDPP and our partners is free, confidential and totally independent.*

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**Surrey Disabled People's Partnership** with our partner organisations provides the following **Advocacy support** for residents of Surrey:

**For disabled and older people:**

**One to One Professional Advocacy** – This is when a paid Advocate supports someone with a specific issue/issues

**Citizens Advocacy** – This type of advocacy is provided by trained volunteers. This type of support can be longer term

**Self-Advocacy Groups** – These are groups run by people who have joined together to have their voices heard and support each other.



**Telephone:**  
0300 030 7333 (local rate call)



**Text:** 07561 392818



**Email:** [advocacy@sdpp.org.uk](mailto:advocacy@sdpp.org.uk)

## **NHS Health Complaints Advocacy:**

The National Health Service (NHS) works hard to treat everyone properly and promptly. Most people using the health service are happy with their treatment but sometimes things can go wrong.

If you are unhappy with the service you or others have received from a hospital, doctor, dentist, local surgery or any other NHS service, you can raise your concerns about it and our NHS Health Complaints Advocates can support you with this.



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