

***To promote, protect
and uphold the
rights of vulnerable
people***



Advocacy

***“My advocate is the only
person who takes me
seriously”***

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Independent Mental Health Advocacy

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What to expect from an IMHA?

An IMHA is a specialist type of mental health advocate who will:

- ✓ Help you understand what your section means for you and the rights and safeguards to which you are entitled
- ✓ Help you exercise your rights including accessing information, exploring options and putting forward your views
- ✓ Speak on your behalf and represent your views

The IMHA is an independent advocate. She/he will visit you and speak to you in private



Who is eligible for an IMHA?

From the 1st April 2009 most people detained under the Mental Health Act including people on **CTOs** (Community Treatment Orders) have the legal right to access an **IMHA**

The Act describes patients who are eligible for IMHA services as 'qualifying patients'

This includes patients who are:

- ✓ Detained under the Act (even if they are currently on leave of absence from hospital); for example S2, S3, S37,
- ✓ Conditionally discharged restricted patients
- ✓ Prescribed treatment under S57/ S58
- ✓ Subject to guardianship or on CTOs

How to contact KAG Advocacy?

You can contact us by:

- Telephone- 020 8549 1028
- Email- rights@kag.org.uk
- Asking a family member or a professional to refer you
- Post



You will be listened to and treated with respect.