

## WHY HAVE ADVOCACY?

Advocacy exists to ensure that regardless of background or circumstance (education, confidence, disability, etc) that individuals do not suffer discrimination and are able to fully engage, direct and utilise services that affect them, ensuring their voice is heard. Additionally, we aim to help an individual develop their **self advocacy** skills, so increasing their empowerment and independence.

## WHAT MODEL DO WE USE?

Primarily we use a professional/crisis **instructional model** of advocacy that focuses on specific (problem) issues. This means most work is (generally) short term, and that anyone using the service is placed at the heart of the decision making process.

On rare occasions a **non-instructional** model may be used to protect the rights of those individuals that lack capacity and are unable to speak for themselves.

## WHO ARE MATRIX SD&T Ltd?

Matrix Advocacy Service are part of Matrix Service Development & Training, a not for profit company limited by guarantee. Matrix also provides advocacy services for adults/older people with mental health problems and/or learning disabilities, as well as running several service user projects. A range of training courses are operated by Matrix Training Associates.

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**Matrix Advocacy Service** for people with drugs issues, or to arrange to see an advocate, please contact the relevant number for your area:

# MATRIX ADVOCACY SERVICE



## FOR PEOPLE WITH DRUGS ISSUES

### Comments and Complaints

If you wish to make a comment or complaint about the Advocacy Service, please contact in writing:

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# OFFERING CHOICES, RIGHTS AND SUPPORT FOR PEOPLE WITH DRUGS ISSUES

