

Independent one-to-one advocacy in the Lothians

The below list is accurate at the time of writing. For the most up-to-date information, please check <https://www.siaa.org.uk/find-advocate/>.

Edinburgh

AdvoCard

0131 554 5307

advocacy@advocard.org.uk

- One-to-one and collective advocacy to people who use mental health services in Edinburgh
- Inpatients at Royal Edinburgh Hospital
- People resident in HMP Edinburgh

EARS Independent Advocacy Service

0131 478 8866

info@ears-advocacy.org.uk

Edinburgh:

- Stroke survivors (up to 2 years post stroke)

Edinburgh Carers Council

0131 322 8480

info@edinburghcarerscouncil.co.uk

Edinburgh:

- Carers

Kindred

0800 031 5793

enquiries@kindred-scotland.org

Edinburgh:

- Families of children with additional support needs
- Families of children who are inpatients at the Royal Hospital for Sick Children in Edinburgh

Partners in Advocacy

0131 478 7723

edinburgh@partnersinadvocacy.org.uk

- People over 65
- People over 16 with physical impairment
- People over 16 with learning difficulties
- Children and young people with additional support needs

- Children and young people aged 12–15 who wish to exercise their rights under the amended Additional Support Needs legislation

Salvesen Mindroom Centre

0131 370 6730

Directhelp@mindroom.org

- Issue-based advocacy for children and young people, aged up to 25, with learning difficulties. Children and young people do not require a diagnosis to access the service
- Transitions advocacy for young people with learning difficulties who are approaching their transition from high school

Who Cares? Scotland

0141 226 4441

hello@whocaresscotland.org

- Looked after children and young people up to 26

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CAPS Independent Advocacy

0131 273 5116

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- People aged 18–65 who experience mental health problems
- People aged 18–65 who use alcohol and/or drugs
- Children and young people 5-18 who are being supported by the Children's Hearings System

West Lothian

EARS Independent Advocacy Service

01506 205840

info@ears-advocacy.org.uk

- Older people
- People over 16 with physical impairment, acquired brain injury, stroke survivors (up to 2 years post stroke)
- People over 16 who are autistic and/or have learning difficulties

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Mental Health Advocacy Project

01506 857230

admin@mhap.org.uk

- People over 18 who are detained under the Mental Health Act

- People aged between 18–65 who experience mental health and/or addiction problems: in hospital, the community of West Lothian or resident in HMP Addiewell
- Carers

Midlothian

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0131 478 8866

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For support with complaints about the NHS, contact **Patient Advice and Support Service**: 0800 917 2127.