



## What is an Advocate?

A person who is:

- completely independent of any other agency or organisation.
- here to help support people who are currently in hospital, either under section or informally.

This can be to help you understand your rights whilst under section, give information about medical treatment and information on the Mental Health Act.

### For information about our service

You can call us on:

**0333 3447928**

Monday to Friday during office hours

Email: [somerset@swanadvocacy.org.uk](mailto:somerset@swanadvocacy.org.uk)

[banes@swanadvocacy.org.uk](mailto:banes@swanadvocacy.org.uk)

Or visit our website:

[www.swanadvocacy.org.uk](http://www.swanadvocacy.org.uk)

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#### Postal Address

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## Independent Mental Health Advocacy



**Somerset  
Bath and North East  
Somerset**



What else can we help with?

Support you to prepare for and voice your opinions in:

- Ward Rounds
- Leave entitlement
- Managers Hearings
- Mental Health review tribunals
- Aftercare planning
- Raising concerns about your care whilst in hospital

What rights do we have to help support you?

- Meet and talk to you in private.
- Talk to professionals on your behalf about your care and treatment.
- We can with your permission request to look at your records.



### Consent

You have the right to decide not to have an advocate at anytime. An advocate will **ALWAYS** ask your consent before doing anything on your behalf.

Any Questions?

If you have any other questions please ask the advocate or contact the number on the leaflet in office hours 9.00am- 5.00pm

