



# National Advocacy Conference 2021

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# On line sessions: Nov 1-3

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**Nov  
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- 09.30 - 10.30 Are we Masters of our own Destiny? Reflections on the past 18 months. Kate Mercer
- 11.00 - 12.00 The Power of Participation - young people making change. Birmingham Children's Trust
- 12.30 - 13.30 Using the Court of Protection to explore and progress discharges for those in mental health in-patient units Kirsty Stuart, Irwin Mitchell
- 14.00 - 15.00 Advocacy in health funded processes. Kate Mercer
- 15.30 - 16.30 It's not rocket science: Understanding the impact of environment of restricted settings on autistic people, Jill Corbyn NDTi
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**Nov  
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- 09.30 - 10.30 LPS - where are we now? How can advocates use the LPS to achieve practical outcomes. Mat Culverhouse, Irwin Mitchell
- 11.00 - 12.00 Returning to advocacy principles. Why we do what we do. Gail Petty NDTi
- 12.30 - 13.30 My life as a self advocate. How and why I chose advocacy, Chloe Harris, Asist
- 14.00 - 15.00 Sexuality, relationships and incapacity. Peter Edwards, Peter Edwards Law
- 15.30 - 16.30 Effective care planning with Deaf people. Jessica Maryann
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**Nov  
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- 09.30 - 10.30 Young people and the Court of Protection. Angela Jackman QC, Public Law & Human Rights Partner Irwin Mitchell
- 11.00 - 12.00 Setting up and offering a peer advocacy service in mental health settings. Mark Jackson, Emily Coates, LAMP advocacy
- 12.30 - 13.30 Panel discussion. Mental Health Act reform - an opportunity to improve access to advocacy? Tabitha Mufti, DHSC, Isaac Samuels, Stephen Hinchley, Voiceability, chaired by Mat Culverhouse Irwin Mitchell
- 14.00 - 15.00 A practical awareness raising session about how DoLS (and the new LPS framework) pervades the various advocacy roles. Aidan Pollitt
- 15.30 - 16.30 Lloyd, Jim and friends. Panel discussion of people with lived experiences about hopes and fears for the future

# Special Interest groups

Nov 5th, BVSC, 138  
Digbeth, B'ham, B5 6DR

A special interest group is a community within a larger group who have a shared interest in advancing a specific area of knowledge, learning or technology. Members of the special interest group co-operate to resolve problems and produce solutions within their particular area of expertise or 'interest'.

We want to bring individuals with shared interests together to reflect, discuss and plan how to move independent advocacy forward. This could involve sharing knowledge, skills or ideas, identifying and defining problems or working together to fix things.

- 1a 9.00 - 10.00 Getting ready for the LPS**  
The Mental Capacity (Amendment) Act introduces changes to how people over 16 can be deprived of their liberty. This session is a practical session to consider what organisations may need to do to get ready.
- 1b 9.00 - 10.00 Redefining Non instructed Advocacy**  
Advocating with a person who lacks capacity to instruct their advocate requires subtlety and the approaches we use need to reflect a deeper sophistication of language and understanding. Join this session if you want to contribute to a new understanding of NIA.
- 2a 10.30 - 11.30 Improving advocacy in restricted settings**  
Everyone who is detained in mental health settings is entitled to an IMHA - however there are concerns that advocacy isn't having the impact its needs to for people with a learning disability and autistic people. Join this session to explore what is happening to review and improve this.
- 2b 10.30 - 11.30 Improving equalities**  
Join this session to hear about developments to improve the role advocacy services have in advancing equalities. Join and contribute to the discussion to see how we can improve inequalities - both within and outside of advocacy.
- 3a 12.00 - 1.00 The Mental Health Act - getting prepared**  
The new Mental Health Act proposes serious changes to how people will access and use mental health inpatient services. Join this session if you would like to discuss these impacts and how to get your service ready for the changes.
- 3b 12.00 - 1.00 Increasing your community presence**  
Within advocacy we are seeing an ever increasing focus on statutory funded advocacy which has created a strange reliance on issue based models. This session will consider how to push our reach further into communities so that we increase our impact.

# Advocacy Awards

*April 2022*

The National Advocacy Awards usually take place the evening of the Advocacy Conference. However we have taken the decision to move the 2021 event to springtime 2022. This is primarily due to concerns about the impact of Covid in bringing a number of different and potentially large groups together throughout the week.

The Awards WILL be happening! Entries will open in the new year and we hope to see many of you there to celebrate the very best in advocacy.

For more information about the Conference or special interest groups, check out the website, email [sara.nunes@katemercer-training.com](mailto:sara.nunes@katemercer-training.com) or call Kate on 07876 158 276

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