



advocacy services
in staffordshire

BME Advocacy (people from black and minority ethnic communities)



 making advocacy a right not a privilege

About advocacy

Advocacy is when one person helps another to have their views, opinions and concerns heard by others.

Advocacy can help people to get information about the things that are important to them.

Advocacy is for people who find it difficult to get their opinions about themselves and their care listened to.

What a BME advocate can do

An advocate can inform you about your rights, your treatment and anything else about your care.

An advocate can help you to come to decisions about what you want to do.

An advocate can help you speak up about your care and treatment.

An advocate can help you take part in meetings about your care and treatment.




How BME advocacy works

Advocacy is available for anyone from a BME community with a disability and/or mental health need in Stoke-on-Trent.




BME advocates are independent from health, social care and other services.

Our BME advocates speak a range of languages.

A BME advocate will:

-  help you find information
-  support you to make your own choices
-  tell professionals what you want

A BME advocate will not:

-  advise or judge you in any way
-  tell you what you should or should not do
-  act as an interpreter or solicitor

Contact

Our advocacy service is free.

This leaflet is available in other languages on request.

You can contact Asist or you can ask someone to contact Asist for you by:



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