

Campaign Pro List

Here are 5 reasons why you should be supporting our call...

1 Ensuring access to all rights

In 2024, we helped to protect over 8,000 human rights through independent advocacy.

The right to advocacy isn't about having another right, it's about ensuring that Care Experienced people are able to enjoy and access all of their rights.



2 Preventing the cliff edge of support

Our 2023 research found that 2 out of 3 Care Experienced adults had a negative experience when leaving care, often facing a cliff edge of support. This abrupt care cliff, pushes Care Experienced people into situations where multiple disadvantages, including mental ill health, substance use, and involvement with the criminal justice system, become more likely.

Lifelong independent advocacy ensures continuity of support, in a relationship-based form, which helps individuals navigate challenges and prevents this cycle from occurring.



3 Reducing pressure on services

The Independent Care Review found that, while Scotland spends £942 million each year to deliver the care system, there is a further £198 million spent each year via universal services to meet unmet needs.

Independent advocacy helps Care Experienced people access the right support at the right time, preventing crises that may overwhelm public services. By addressing needs early, it reduces pressure on services such as the NHS, social work, and the criminal justice system, allowing them to operate more effectively and efficiently.

Research from the Henry Smith Charity shows that every £1 invested in advocacy delivers around £12 in public service savings, making it both a rights-based and cost-effective solution.



Preventing a postcode lottery

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Currently, advocacy services vary across Scotland leading to inconsistencies in support for Care Experienced people. A statutory right to independent advocacy will help to ensure that Care Experienced people have the right to access consistent, high-quality support, no matter where they live, their age, or experience of care.

This prevents disparities in service provision, ensuring equal access to advocacy and support across all areas.

One step closer to achieving the Promise

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A statutory right to independent advocacy brings us closer to fulfilling The Promise made to Care Experienced people. It ensures that their voices are heard, their rights are respected, and they receive the support they need to thrive, helping to create a fairer and more inclusive future for all Care Experienced people.



Now is the time to take
Action on Advocacy

Support our call to enshrine
independent, relationship-based, lifelong
advocacy in the **Promise Bill**.