

Contact Us

For more information about our Diversity & Inclusion Advocacy Service, and how to access support, please get in touch with us.



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DIVERSITY & INCLUSION ADVOCACY SERVICE

Promoting access, equality & inclusion



**Preventing and
Responding to
Domestic and
Sexual Abuse**

The **Diversity & Inclusion Advocacy Service** raises awareness of the diverse needs of minority groups affected by or at risk of Domestic or Sexual Abuse (DSA). It works to remove barriers and improve access to support for those experiencing DSA who:

- Are from black and ethnic minority communities
- Who do not have English as a first language
- Have learning or physical disabilities or additional communication needs
- Are LGBTQ+
- Are trafficked or are refugees or asylum seekers
- Have experienced Female Genital Mutilation (FGM), Forced Marriage (FM) or, Honour Based Violence (HBV)



We work in Southampton to provide:

- 1:1 advocacy and person centred planning
- Tailored support to raise awareness of DSA issues among individuals, groups and communities
- Help with accessing DSA support services
- Training and educational sessions on harmful practices such as FGM, FM, & HBV
- Education & Training on disability and domestic abuse

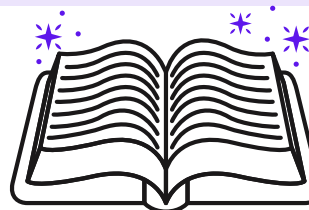
Advocacy



Advocacy is about listening to you and helping you speak up about your views, wishes, choices and rights. An Advocate will meet with you and listen to what you want. They will agree a plan with you based on what you want to happen and will support you to achieve your goals. We have a specialist Young Person Advocate, working with ages 11-18 years, as well as Adult Advocates.

Some examples of situations where an Advocate may be able to help you include:

- At meetings helping you understand what is being said
- We will support you so that you are able to make decisions about your life. We will help you stay at the centre of decisions other professionals are making so your voice is heard
- Help with making sure you get services that you need



Gather information about what is important to you



Put a plan together for you

How can I refer?

If you are interested in finding out more about how the service can help you, please contact us via any of the methods on the reverse of this leaflet.