

Join us to discuss:



Regulation. What
could it mean for
Independent
Advocacy?

Should advocacy be regulated?

Independent Advocacy has been evolving and growing for 40 years. From a grass roots movement we are now a massively diverse community including volunteers, self advocates and paid roles.

An increase in statutory advocacy within recent times has seen a shift towards more commissioning and monitoring. For some, standardisation and professionalism has been welcomed as a way to increase standards, quality and consistency. For others it represents a threat to independence and a sanitisation or 'Professionalising' of the role without the guarantee of improved quality. And of course, there are a range of views in between.

The Mental Health Act White Paper has posed the question whether IMHAs should be regulated or have enhanced accreditation. We believe that now is the time for us to come together as one community to discuss whether we want advocacy (not just IMHA) to be regulated.

Join this meeting if you would like to take part in an informal but honest discussion to explore whether regulation is something the advocacy community feels is a help or hindrance.

To book online...

Sessions will be limited to 30 places to allow for a proper and full discussion to take place. You do not need to be an expert in this topic, or necessarily have strong views. If you do join us, please be ready to both listen to other viewpoints as well as share your own thoughts, aspirations and concerns. Most importantly, be ready to contribute.

26th April - 11.00am [Book here](#)

29th April - 11.00am [Book here](#)

4th May - 2.00pm [Book here](#)

12th May - 11.00am [Book here](#)

18th May - 2.00pm [Book here](#)

The sessions will be facilitated by Gail Petty (NDTi) and Kate Mercer (Black Belt Advocacy). For more information contact Gail on 07764 972135 or Kate on 07876 158 276)