

Freedom of information request NCC-042801-19

Thank you for your recent Freedom of information request for the following information:

We would like to request information on which (if any) services you commission to provide Independent Advocacy for people accessing support in the following processes in your area:

- s117 aftercare (under the Mental Health Act)
- Continuing Health Care (CHC)
- Continuing Care
- personal wheelchair budgets
- personal health budgets

Q1. Could you provide details of any service(s) you commission to provide Independent Advocacy Support to adults and children or young people receiving aftercare support under section 117 of the Mental Health Act?

Q2. Could you provide details of any service(s) you commission to provide Independent Advocacy Support to people going through Continuing Health Care processes (adult) or Continuing Care (children)?

Q3. Could you provide details of any service(s) you commission to provide Independent Advocacy Support to people accessing personal wheelchair budgets?

Q4. Could you provide details of any service(s) you commission to provide Independent Advocacy Support to people accessing or using personal health budgets processes (both adult and children)?

We would be grateful if you could tell us which services are commissioned.

For the above points Nottinghamshire County Council can confirm that - we commission an advocacy service - Your Choice Your Voice- which is delivered by POhWER. This is a joint service with Nottingham City. We only commission statutory advocacy so that is:

- Independent Advocacy under the Care Act 2014
- Independent Mental Capacity Advocacy (IMCA)
- Independent Mental Health Advocacy (IMHA)
- NHS Complaints Advocacy
- Relevant Person's Paid Representative Services (RPPR)

We do not have specific advocacy services for any of the groups outlined however if people meet the criteria for any of the services listed above they will receive a service. So for example a person receiving CHC funding may be supported by a paid representative if they are under a DOL and lack an appropriate family or friend to otherwise represent them.

And lastly we would be grateful if you could indicate the budget allocated for any of the above types of advocacy? The total budget for all the advocacy provision across the County and City is £908,000 pa. We don't divide it up by type of advocacy.

I trust the above information is of assistance to you.

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint or request a review of our decision, you should write to the Team Manager, Complaints and Information Team, County Hall, West Bridgford, Nottingham, NG2 7QP or e-mail foi@nottscc.gov.uk

With kind regards

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