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**ADVOCACY
SERVICE**

The aim of providing an advocacy service is to offer choice, to improve the quality of life, and maintain personal Independence. Advocacy is a way of empowering people. It is about recognising and realising the unexplored skills of a person and the contribution they can make to decisions which affect their own well being and contentment.



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What is Advocacy?

Advocacy acknowledges that most people know what they want and seeks to empower them by recognising that and helping them to realise their potential and the contribution they can make on their own behalf.

Advocacy is not a new idea (In law, barristers are legal advocates) but in the past decade the need for such support in areas as diverse as finance, health, housing, benefits, legal issues, complaints, security and social issues has increased substantially.



What does the Service offer?

Age Concern Berkshire has an Advocacy Manager and a team of trained volunteers who visit and support clients either in their own home or in a care home.

They work with the client to

- Identify any problems or needs the client may have
- Help the client to meet those needs
- Provide help with financial and social issues (including funeral arrangements)
- Help the client to manage their financial affairs.
- Assist the client in gaining access to advice and help on benefits, personal issues, legal matters or other forms of service.

Like to know more?

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