

Independent Advocacy in Edinburgh

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We sent round a newsletter in April to tell you that there are some changes happening to your advocacy service later this year. We also said that these changes may not affect your service at all, but if they do it won't be until December 2011 and you will be supported to help you deal with any change.

In the April newsletter we said we were inviting organisations to explain how they will offer to provide independent advocacy services (this is called a tender). The services are for three groups of people

1. People with learning disabilities
2. People with mental health support needs and carers of people with mental health support needs and/or learning disabilities
3. Older people and adults with physical disabilities

A lot of work has now been done to decide which organisations we will ask to provide the services and we have now completed this work on the tender.

What happens next

This next step is for us to ask the Finance and Resources Committee of the Council to approve the list of organisations who had the highest scores for the best combination of quality and cost of providing independent advocacy services.

The committee will discuss this at a meeting on the 30 August 2011 at the Council Chambers on the High Street. Members of the public can ask to speak to the Committee by asking for a deputation. You can find out more about requesting a deputation on the Council's www.edinburgh.gov.uk/info/818/decision_making/532/make_a_deputation_to_the_council_and_its_committees



You will be able to read a report which tells you which organisations we are recommending to provide advocacy services. The report will be available from the 24 August on www.edinburgh.gov.uk/info/811/minutes_agendas_and_reports of the Council's website.

Please remember



It will take until December to make any changes that need to be made. Not everyone will need to move to a new provider or advocacy partner. But if you do need to move you will be helped to do so and we will keep

in touch with you about this over the coming months.



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