

**Promoting • supporting • defending**



# **Scottish Independent Advocacy Alliance**

## **Advocacy is...**

- ◆ **about standing alongside people who are in danger of being pushed to the margins of society.**
- ◆ **a process of working towards natural justice, helping people to secure their human, civil and social rights.**

## **Advocacy Organisations...**

- ◆ **find or provide people who can support a person or a group, as an Advocate.**
- ◆ **should be independent and, therefore, as free as possible from other services or support that people receive. This helps to reduce any potential conflicts of interest.**

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## **The Scottish Independent Advocacy Alliance (SIAA).....**

- ◆ **was set up as a result of the work undertaken by its predecessor, Advocacy 2000, a 3-year project set up to look at the needs of Scotland's Advocacy Movement and how these could be supported in the future.**
- ◆ **is devoted to the promotion, support and defence of Independent Advocacy in Scotland.**
- ◆ **is a membership organisation.**
- ◆ **has the overall aim of ensuring that Independent Advocacy is available to any vulnerable person in Scotland.**

## **The Scottish Independent Advocacy Alliance .....**

- ◆ **provides information and support to membership, who are made up of local Independent and Non-Independent Advocacy organisations, other voluntary sector organisations, statutory agencies and other interested parties.**
- ◆ **works as a central agency to gather and distribute information.**
- ◆ **represents Advocacy organisations at various levels.**
- ◆ **raises awareness and understanding of Independent Advocacy across Scotland.**

## **The Scottish Independent Advocacy Alliance .....**

- ◆ **ensures the Independent Advocacy Movement's 'voice' is heard at a national level to influence current and future Practice and Policy.**
  - ◆ **compiles and widely distributes a newsletter 'About Advocacy' on a quarterly basis.**
  - ◆ **provides training on Independent Advocacy and related issues.**
- If you would like this leaflet in a different format, further information about the SIAA or a membership pack please contact**