

Your Gaddum Advocacy.

**Giving you a voice when you need
to be heard.**

By representing you as an individual, I'll
keep your rights, and what matters most
to you, protected.

Gaddum advocacy service is free and
confidential.

Guide to Key Terms:

Decision Maker: A person who is
responsible for making decisions on
behalf of someone lacking capacity.

Lacking Capacity: is when an individual
is unable make a certain decision at a
specific time. This could be because of a
health condition or disability.

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Hi. Gaddum here.

Let's talk about Independent Mental Capacity Advocacy

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What is advocacy?

Advocacy is taking action to help people say what they want, secure their rights, represent their interests and obtain services they need.

What do we do?

Our Independent Mental Capacity Advocates (IMCAs) are here to support adults in Manchester that lack the capacity to be actively involved with decisions regarding their care and treatment, and don't have anybody appropriate to represent them.

Having one of our advocates will help ensure those that lack capacity have their voices heard, and have as much involvement in their care as possible.

We also work with people subject to a Deprivation of Liberty Safeguard (DoLS)

What is an IMCA?

The Mental Capacity Act 2005 states that an Independent Mental Capacity Advocate (IMCA) will represent you if there is no one independent to promote your wishes, feelings, beliefs and values.

IMCA's are independent from the Local Authority, Care Providers and the NHS.

The IMCA is a legal safeguard to ensure important decisions are made in your best interests.

Who is entitled to IMCA support?

An IMCA will be appointed if:

- The person is 16+ and is deemed to lack capacity to make certain decisions.
- This person has no one 'appropriate to consult' regarding the decision (like a friend or family member).
- The decision is regarding a Serious Medical Treatment or a Change of Accommodation.
- Or, the person is involved in adult safeguarding procedures, when a safeguarding is raised against them.

What can an IMCA do for you?

- Ensure your wishes and views are known to others.
- Meet with you in private, if you want.
- Examine any relevant health and social care records.
- Gather the views of professionals and others who may be able to inform us of your wishes, feelings, beliefs and values.
- Check that you have been supported and involved in decisions.
- Check if other options have been considered.
- Decide if a second opinion should be considered for serious medical treatment.
- Raise any issues or concerns with the Decision Maker.
- Look to resolve any concerns before a decision is made.
- Challenge the decision if it is not in your best interests.