

Circles Network has provided person centred, individual and collective advocacy across the UK since the organisation was founded in 1994.

Circles Network Independent Advocacy



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Drug & Alcohol Peer Advocacy Service

Do you access support for drug and/or alcohol addiction or recovery?

Circles Advocacy has been funded by Fife Alcohol and Drug Partnership to provide independent advocacy for people accessing drug and alcohol services across Fife.



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Circles Network Recovery Advocacy



Circles Advocacy Fife provide an independent advocacy service to support people who are accessing or have accessed drug and alcohol services across the whole of Fife. This is a peer advocacy service, provided by people with lived experience of drug and alcohol recovery. Our trained advocates are independent and the advocacy provided is confidential. Advocacy is provided free of charge and on a short or long term basis depending upon the issues which you need support with. Some of the areas a person might need support with include:

- Accessing drug and alcohol support services
- Benefits
- Care, treatment and medication
- Criminal justice system
- Mental health services
- Housing
- Social work involvement



An advocate can help with many things, these might include:

- Listening and helping you express your views
- Understanding your rights
- Raising issues you are concerned about
- Gaining information to make informed choices
- Appealing decisions made about your care and treatment
- Sharing feedback or complaints about the services you have received
- Asking questions and navigating complex systems
- Signposting to other services or support

Advocates will work with you in ways that best suit your needs, talking face to face, on screen or via the 'phone.

They have experience of listening intently and enabling people to clarify the pathways through to gain the best support available.

Confidential, independent advocacy has helped many people to think more clearly, articulate their concerns and identify solutions to pressing issues.