



Independent Mental Capacity Advocates for people in the county of Hampshire

**All local authorities and health bodies have a legal duty to consult an IMCA where:**

- ⇒ a decision is being made for someone aged 16 or over about either
  - 1) serious medical treatment or
  - 2) long term moves
- ⇒ **and** the person does not have capacity to make that decision
- ⇒ **and** there are no family or friends appropriate to consult with

**“ The role has enabled us to gather a lot more information and to get the best for people who have nobody ”**

A Consultant at Hampshire Partnership Trust

Since April we have had.....

**64 enquiries and**

**25 IMCA referrals**

\*21 long term moves

\*4 serious

medical treatment



**Download a referral form from our web site**

**Want to know more?**

We can give awareness presentations or something more informal at a team meeting

**Get in touch.....**



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# Examples of IMCA cases so far.....



Care home closing down so resident had to move, and family lived abroad.....Residential home deregistering and changing over to supported living.....Patient waiting to be discharged from hospital and relatives inappropriate to consult with about whether to go home or into residential care.....

Patient had no family and hospital staff needed to determine resuscitation status.....



## Who are the IMCAs?

All the IMCAs have attended the Department of Health approved training course, and are experienced in working with people who lack capacity across the client groups. They are employed by the following members of the HARG consortium:

Andover Advocacy Alliance  
Choices Advocacy  
East Hampshire Advocacy Scheme  
Speakeasy Advocacy

Basingstoke Advocacy Service  
Connect Advocacy  
Just Advocacy  
Winchester District Advocacy  
Projects



**IMCAs do**  
put the person who lacks capacity at the centre of the decision making process and produce a report that you have a legal duty to consider



**IMCAs don't**  
make the decision or say what they think is in the person's best interests

**A consortium working together to promote advocacy across Hampshire and the cities of Southampton and Portsmouth**



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