



Advocacy



On the 20th November
We had a meeting about advocacy.



1. What the law says

The law says councils **must** pay for some types of Advocacy.



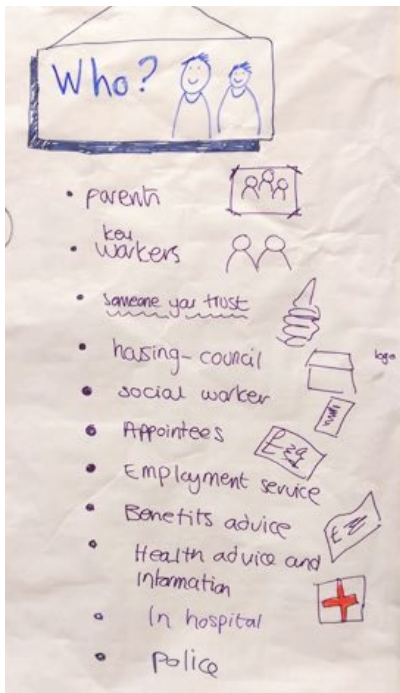
2. Finding out about advocacy

People want to know:

- what it is
- who does it
- how to contact them.

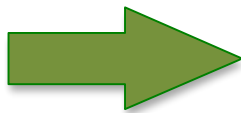
People had lots of ideas about how to tell people about advocacy.

Nick said Pohwer will try to get wallet cards out by March next year.



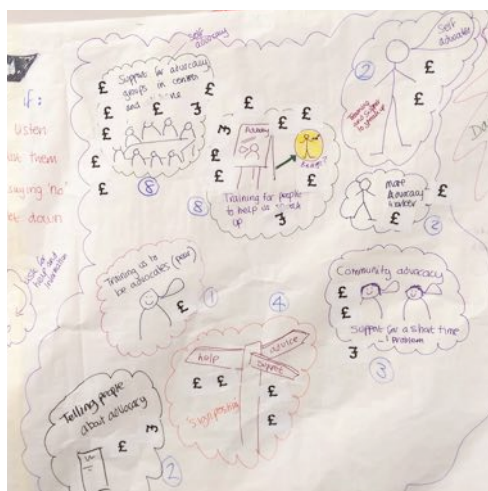
3. People who can help you speak up

We talked about all the people who can **advocate** for you. But if they are not listening or you do not trust them, you might need an **Advocate**.



4. Spending money on advocacy

- We had lots of ideas to help people speak up
- Everyone had 3 'advocacy pounds' and chose how to spend them
- It was a tough decision – people don't want to be commissioners!



- People chose to spend most money on:
- Support for self-advocacy groups and
 - Training for people to help us speak up.

They also thought community advocacy and telling people about other services are important.

To find out more about the meeting, email annie@voxcommunityinterest.org or telephone: **07785 261140**

