

A review of advocacy

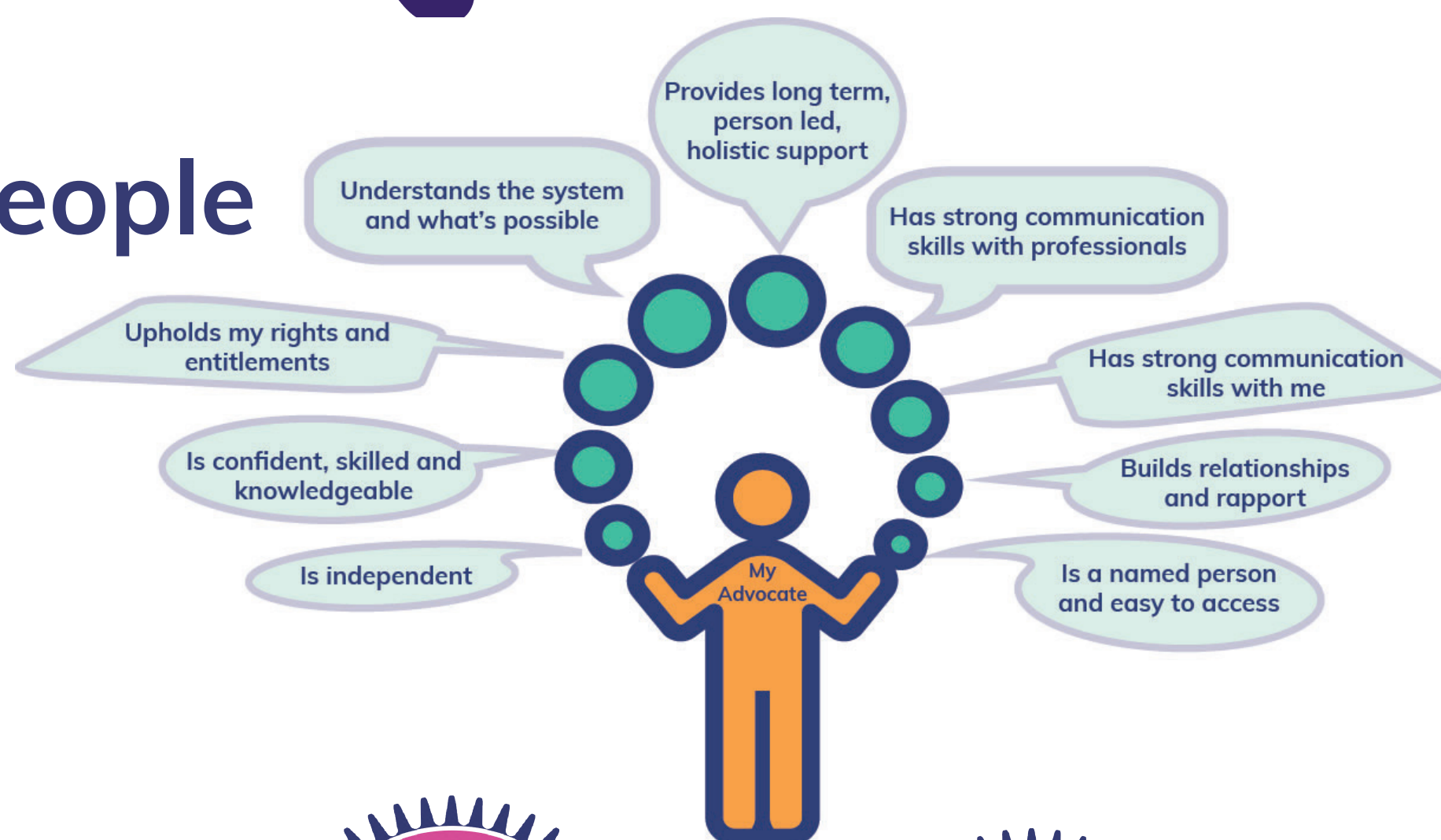


for people with a learning disability and autistic people who are inpatients in mental health, learning disability or autism specialist hospitals



Who did we ask?

What people want



How does it breakdown?



Recommendations

- 1 Increase the availability of independent advocacy.
- 2 Ensure consistent commissioning of independent advocacy across England.
- 3 Advocacy should be longer term, person led and holistic.
- 4 Advocates to have a strong, regular, physical presence on wards.
- 5 Develop national standards for training, support, and supervision of advocates of people with a learning disability and autistic people.
- 6 Accurate and consistent information must be provided about advocacy for individuals, families, and professionals.
- 7 Strengthen oversight of the advocacy offer.
- 8 Advocates should work alongside family members.
- 9 People with a learning disability and autistic people should be employed in key valued roles.
- 10 A national advocacy strategy and task force to plan and action required changes.