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| Identifying and definitional attributes |
| Metadata item type: | Glossary Item |
| METEOR identifier: | 494982 |
| Registration status: | [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 16/01/2020 |
| Definition: | Individual advocacy includes services that seek to represent the rights and interests of people with a mental illness, on a one-to-one basis, by addressing instances of discrimination, abuse and neglect.Individual advocates work with people with mental illness on either a short-term or issue-specific basis.Individual advocates:* work with people with mental illness requiring one-to-one advocacy support
* develop a plan of action (sometimes called an individual advocacy plan), in partnership with the person with a mental illness, that maps out clearly defined goals
* educate people with mental illness about their rights
* work through the individual advocacy plan in partnership with the person with a mental illness (FaHCSIA 2012).
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| Context: | Mental health non-government organisation establishments service type taxonomy. |

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| Collection and usage attributes |
| Guide for use: | *Distinguishing features:** One-on-one services
* Primary service provided is advocacy
* Development of a plan of action
* Educate people with a mental illness about their rights

*Inclusions:** Individual advocacy
* Legal advocacy

*Exclusions:** Systemic advocacy (these are reported under [**Sector development and representation**](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/494994))
* Individual advocacy in the context of delivery of other mental health support services to the consumer

*Example services:** Mental Health Advocacy Service, New South Wales
* Mental Health Legal Centre, Victoria
* Mental Health Law Centre, Western Australia
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| Source and reference attributes |
| Submitting organisation: | Australian Institute of Health and Welfare |
| Relational attributes |
| Related metadata references: | Has been superseded by [Individual advocacy](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/721769)[Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Standard 16/01/2020See also [Mental health non-government organisation service type code N[N]](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/567341)[Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Standard 13/11/2014 |
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