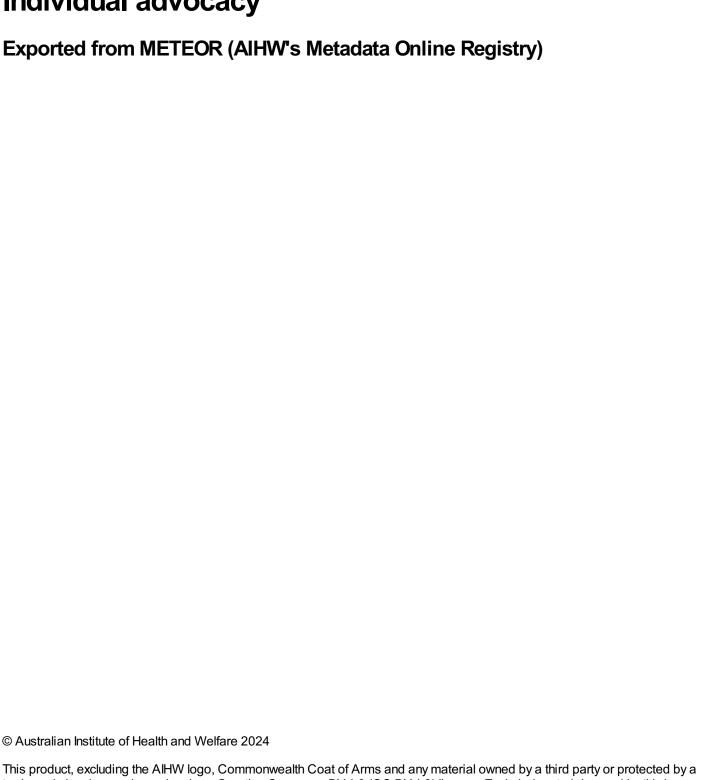
# Individual advocacy



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## Individual advocacy

### Identifying and definitional attributes

**Metadata item type:** Glossary Item

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**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).

**Context:** Mental health non-government organisation establishments service type taxonomy.

## 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 <u>Sector development and</u> <u>representation</u>)
- 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

#### Source and reference attributes

**Submitting organisation:** Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

Relational attributes

Related metadata references:

Has been superseded by Individual advocacy

Health, Standard 16/01/2020

See also Mental health non-government organisation service type code N[N]

Health, Standard 13/11/2014

Metadata items which use this glossary item:

Individual advocacy mental health service type cluster

Health, Standard 13/11/2014

Mental health non-government organisation establishments NBEDS 2015-

Health, Standard 13/11/2014

Mental health non-government organisation grants cluster

Health, Superseded 16/01/2020

Sector development and representation

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