

Advocacy In Wakefield

The way forward

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- Why has the advocacy service been looked at?
- What did we find?
- What changes should we make?

- Tell us what you think



Why look at advocacy?

This year, we looked at the advocacy services in Wakefield:

- Your Voice Wakefield
- Cloverleaf
- Together



Why look at advocacy?

- No more money from the Learning Disability Development Fund
- Some new laws have come in. They came in at different times



Why look at advocacy?

- New advocates started working under new laws as they came in
- Now all the different advocacy contracts are finishing



What did we find?

- Your Voice helps people when they want to decide about big changes

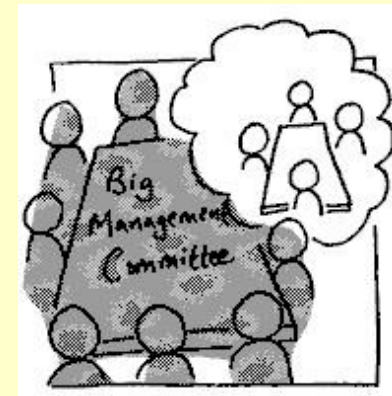
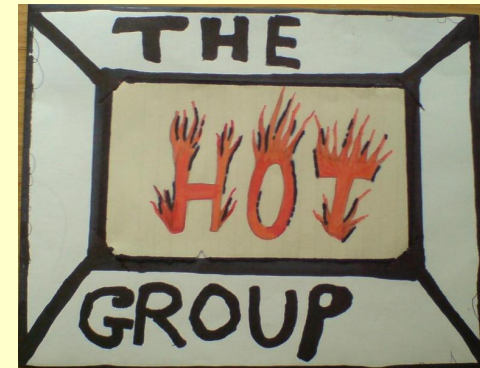


- They help more people speak up for themselves (26 before to 32 now)



What did we find?

- Advocates have helped with the HOT and other groups
- The Partnership Board representatives have done their job with advocates



What did we find?

- Not everyone has an advocate – 102 used Your Voice last year
- Hard to say if the results are good or not
- The new laws have added more advocates. Some people would see them instead

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What did we find?

- Cloverleaf works with people who have mental health conditions: informally and by law (IMHA)
- **163** people used this service last year, **89** had a statutory advocate (IMHA)



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What did we find?

- Cloverleaf provides Relevant Person's Representatives (RPR) – **6** in 10/11



- Together for Wellbeing provided IMCAs for **69** people last year

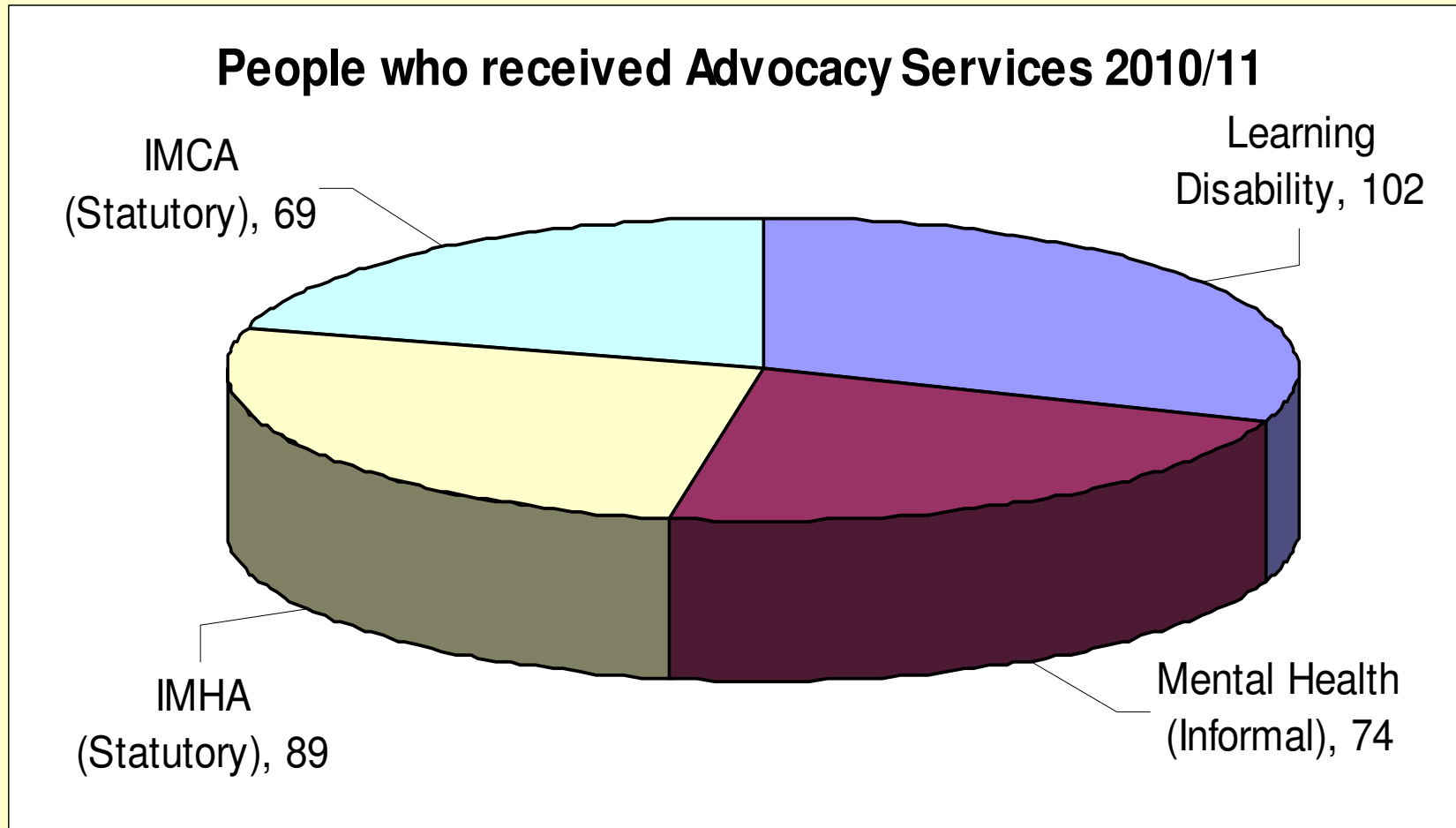
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What did we find?

- There were 2 pilot schemes for 18 months which did not carry on
- Peer Advocacy-only 2 people were helped and 4 advocates trained
- Parenting advocacy group - 6 parents were supported

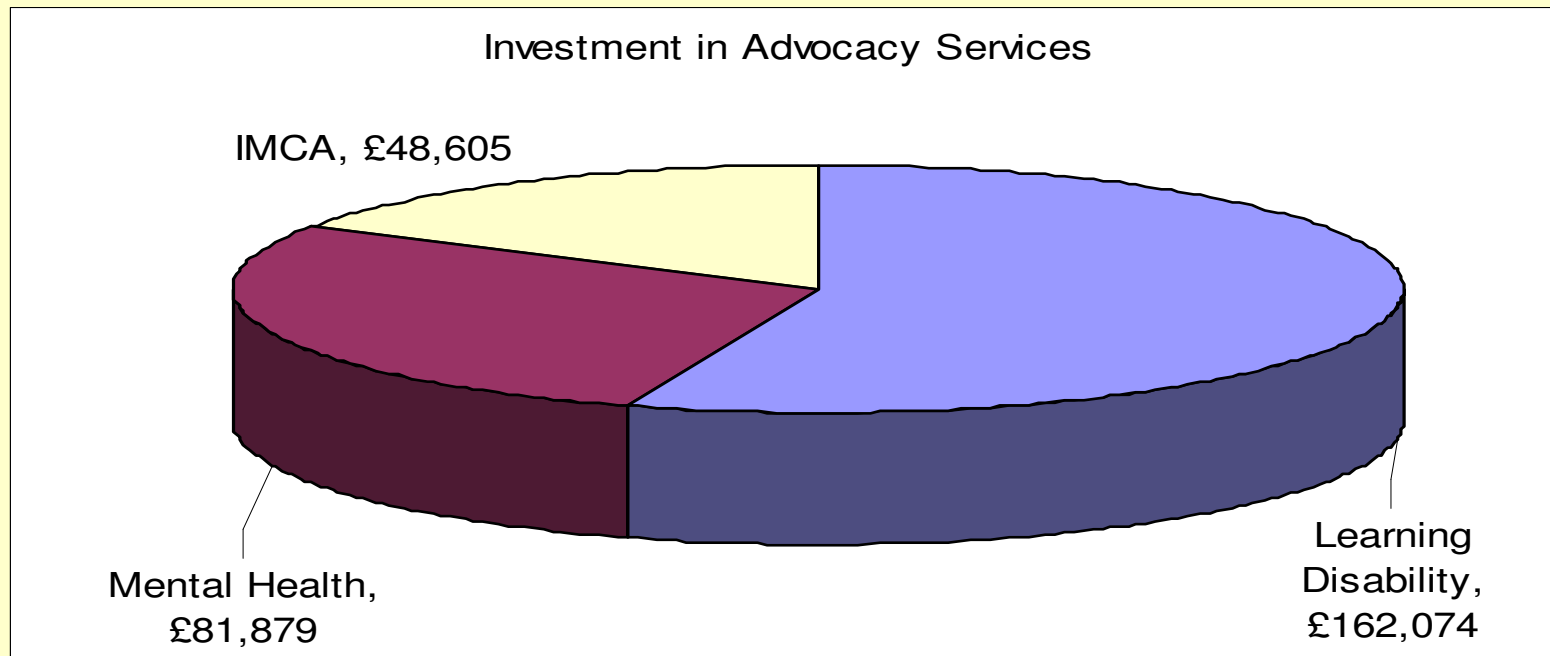


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Wakefield is spending just under £300,000 a year on advocacy for small numbers of people



What did we find?

PROVIDER	COST PER YEAR	NUMBER OF PEOPLE	AVERAGE COST PER PERSON
Learning Disability	£162,075	102	£1588.97
Mental Health	£81,879	163	£502.33
IMCA	£48,605	69	£704.42

What did we find?

- Learning disability service costs more than the Mental Health service



- It's not always clear who can have advocacy



What did we find?

- Wakefield spends more on advocacy than some other councils nearby
- We could make things simpler



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What changes should we make?



What changes should we make?

- Put most of the advocacy together in one service
- Set up a service to befriend people with autism who are alone



What changes should we make?

- Only people who have no family able or willing to speak for them will get help
- Everyone living in homes away from Wakefield can get advocacy



What changes should we make?

- Other work which has to be done by law could be made more simple

(Mental Capacity Act: IMCA and RPR)



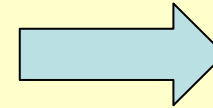
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- Link up advocacy services with Healthwatch to help with self advocacy

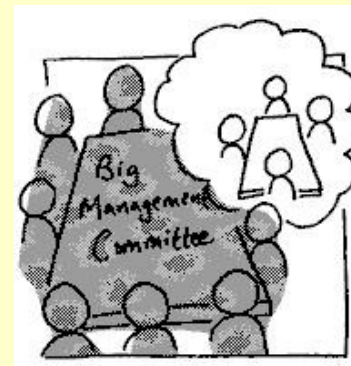


What changes should we make?

- Reduce funding for self advocacy over time as it becomes independent



- Support people at LDPB meetings and the HOT group only



How will this affect you?

- New rules means help will be given to people who need it most



- There will still be advocates to help people



How will this affect you?

- People with autism living alone could have someone they know to help them with a problem



How will this affect you?

- Service users won't see a difference with the work that has to be done by law
- Sometimes fewer advocates will help the same person. This will be better



Your views

We would like to know what you think about
this



Thank you for your comments
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