

Best Supporter

This award focuses on people who do not directly deliver advocacy but who contribute to and improve standards within the sector. We want to celebrate people who support the sector to achieve great things and recognise their contribution in making advocacy successful.

Judging Criteria

Judges will be looking for examples and evidence of services that have achieved success. Success can be broadly defined so there is no formal scoring system. However you may wish to consider the following areas in your nomination.

Remember to give evidence (or examples) wherever you can to support what you are saying (otherwise the judges have nothing to base their decision on).

- Are you nominating a **commissioner** who has shown exceptional commitment to the delivery of advocacy? Perhaps they have gone above and beyond ordinary levels of support to invest in the range of advocacy available or contributed to improvements in how advocacy is accessed.
- Are you nominating a **professional** who has promoted advocacy amongst the local community or responded positively to advocacy involvement?
- Are you nominating a **service user, carer or volunteer** who has championed advocacy or raised awareness amongst their local community?
- Are you nominating a **trainer, consultant or expert** who has helped services or advocates improve? Do you know a legal professional who has worked alongside advocacy to make a real difference? Perhaps they have gone above and beyond standard levels of support or commitment.