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Independent Complaints
Advocacy Service

Supporting your voice in healthcare
inside and outside of prison



Healthcare in most prisons is provided by the NHS. Most times when people are being treated by the NHS everything is fine, but sometimes things go wrong. When this happens you can choose to make a complaint using the NHS complaints process. Making a complaint may also change the way things are done and improve things for others.

What is ICAS?

ICAS stands for the Independent Complaints Advocacy Service. We can help you if you feel you have not had the service you expect from the National Health Service (NHS).

ICAS is...

- Free
- Independent of the NHS and the Prison Service
- Confidential

Meeting your needs

We can give you information about the ICAS service in other languages if you need this. We can also give information about our service in other ways, like in Braille or large print. If you tell us the best way

that we can give information to you, we will do our best to help.

ICAS can:

- ✓ Support you with making a healthcare complaint
- ✓ Provide an information pack so that you can make your own complaint
- ✓ Try to put you in touch with other people who can help, if we cannot
- ✓ Use an interpreter or a translator if you need one
- ✓ Arrange a visit to the prison to discuss your healthcare complaint, if this is needed
- ✓ Help you with writing letters about your complaint

ICAS cannot:

- ✗ Give legal advice
- ✗ Help with complaints about private medical treatment
- ✗ Help with complaints that are not about healthcare issues
- ✗ Help with complaints using the prison's own complaints system
- ✗ Give medical advice
- ✗ Get an NHS or prison service employee disciplined
- ✗ Change the complaints process

What can we do to help you?

An experienced worker, known as an Advocate, can help and support you to make your healthcare complaint using the NHS complaints process. You can ask us to help you at any point during the complaints process. Here are some of the ways an Advocate can help you:

- ✓ Help you write letters about your healthcare complaint to the right people
- ✓ Help you get ready for any meetings and attend these with you
- ✓ Talk to you about the different things you can do at each stage of the complaint
- ✓ Answer questions that you might have to help you make a decision
- ✓ Listen to and act upon what you want to do about your complaint instead of what other people want