



# Independent Advocacy

“Advocacy is taking action to help people say what they want, secure their rights, represent their interests and obtain the services they need.

“Advocates and advocacy schemes work in partnership with the people they support and take their side.

“Advocacy promotes social inclusion, equality and social justice.”



# Advocacy Types

There are many types of advocacy, each with different criteria.

We have tried to make the criteria clear on the referral forms but if in doubt please call to discuss.



# Statutory Advocacy:

Care Act

Mental Capacity

Mental Health

PRPR / DoLs



SAM Community offer:

1:1 Advocacy for people with a learning disability or autism:

Accessing mental Health support

Maintaining Independence

Maintaining Family Life

Project Boost



# SPOT PURCHASE

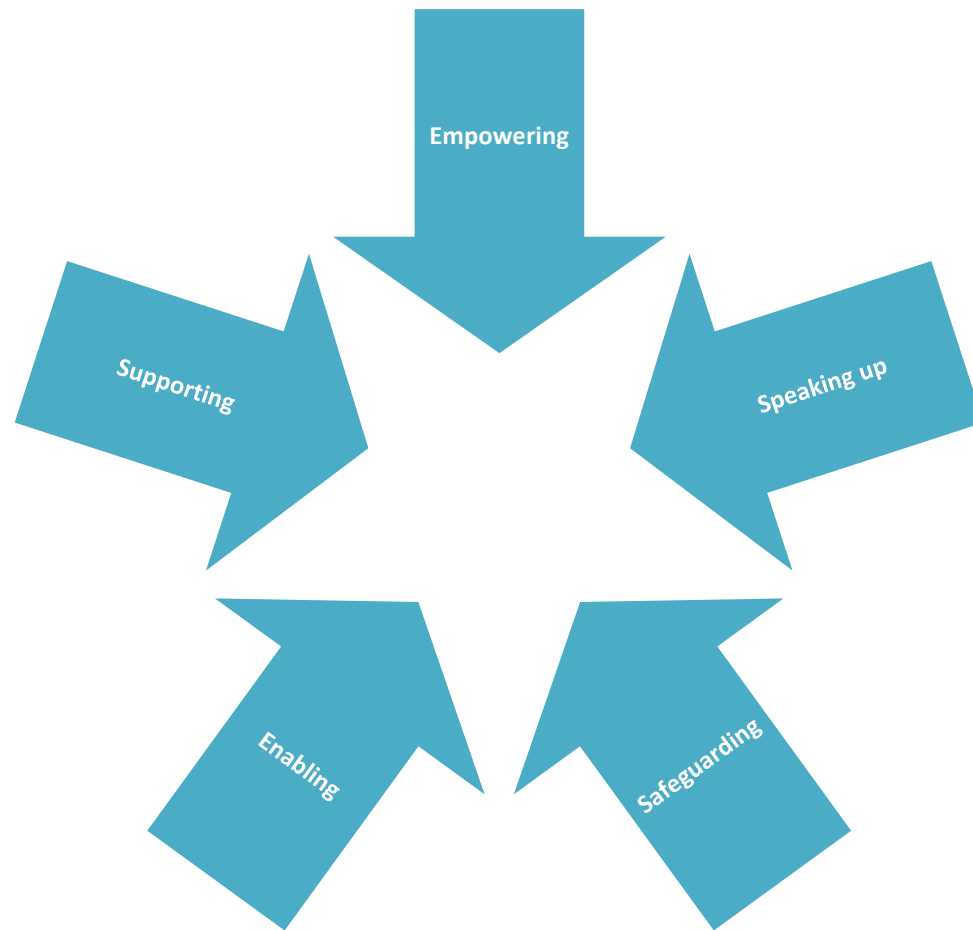
If an advocacy need is identified outside of our current funding / criteria we can (resource permitting) provide an advocate via a Spot Purchase Agreement.

Please call or email to discuss.

<https://www.swindonadvocacy.org.uk/contact/>



# Purpose





## Quality Performance Mark (QPM) Principles of Advocacy and The Code of Practice

Independent Professional Advocacy is not meant to replace other forms of advocacy

It is important that professionals and carers keep speaking up for people's rights and care

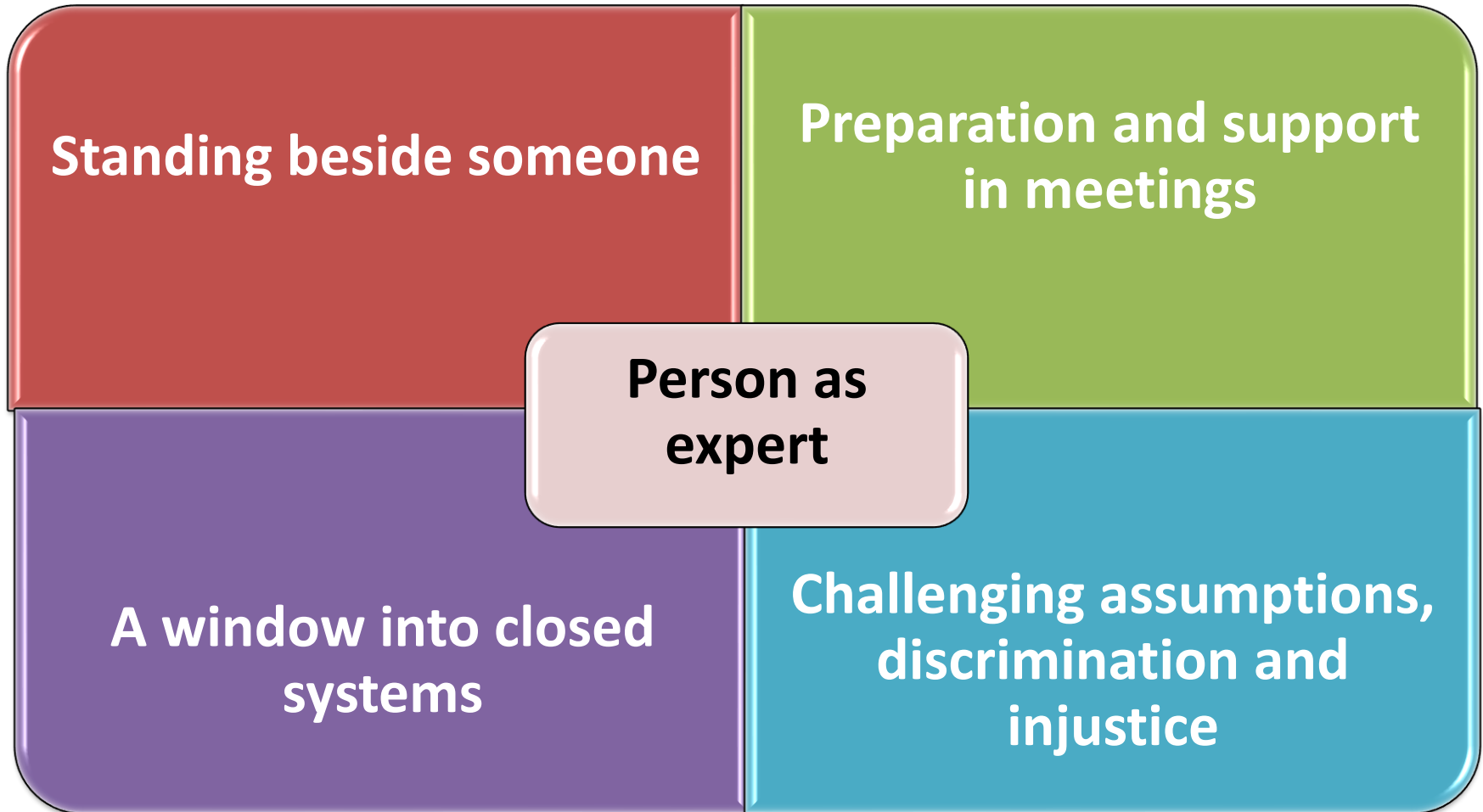
An Independent Professional Advocate has a specific role and function



## CHALLENGE

It is likely that we will challenge you / your service, it's our job, please don't take it personally





Unable to participate

Not knowing what their rights are

Not understanding how they apply to the individual

Not having the right information, not being able to access it

Not having support to understand how rights apply to someone

Not being able to challenge them or be frightened to challenge

Unable to stand up for oneself

Feeling alone and not having the confidence to speak up

Living in fear of others

Not wanting to make a fuss

Lack of capacity

Services not understanding what people's rights are

## Common issues with referrals and how you can help

No MCA

Time – we are not an  
emergency service

Information missing

Not reading the criteria! For  
the different advocacy types



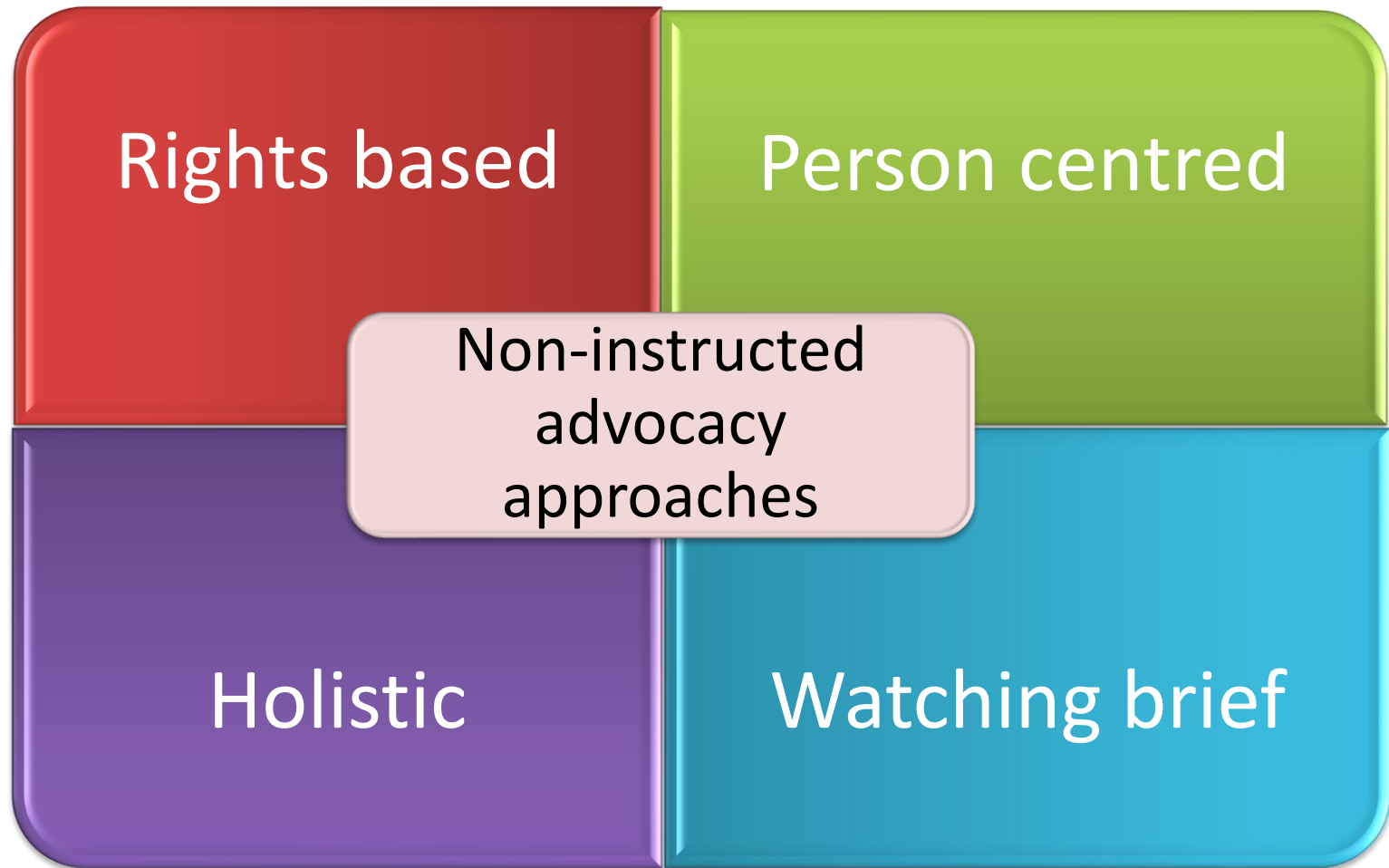
## SPOT PURCHASE

If there is an identified need for an Independent Advocate that falls outside the criteria of our current funding we can (resource permitting) provide an advocate via a Spot Purchase arrangement.

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Support the individual in being the expert in their own life

Independent with no conflict of interest

Time and support to explore options

Support to explore options in decision making

Support to be heard

Support to fully engage and participate

Empowerment to express their own needs

Ability to respond to the barriers of participation

