

## An Independent Mental Health Advocate (IMHA) can support you to:

- Understand your rights under the Mental Health Act and support your nearest relative
- Make your views and wishes heard by the people involved in your care and treatment
- Prepare for meetings and in some cases attend them with you
- Understand and if necessary challenge any conditions or restrictions which apply to you
- Challenge your section through a Mental Health Tribunal or Hospital Manager's Hearing



If you have not been allocated an advocate, ask a member of ward staff to make a referral or to support you to make a self-referral.

## **Cumberland IMHA Hub (n-compass)**

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