

# **AGE CONCERN OLDHAM**

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**Area covered:** Local Authority

**Organisation type:** Other Organisation with Older People's Advocacy Project

**SHA:** Greater Manchester

**Region:** North West

## **Why advocacy for older people is needed:**

Often decisions are made for vulnerable older people without asking what their views or wishes are. Staff are busy and don't always spend time explaining options. Budgets rather than the person are often a main consideration. Judgements are made usually at times of crisis or transition and there is limited continuity with staff changing and the person being transferred to different teams. The older person needs someone independent to represent them, enable or speak out on their behalf. The advocate can ask questions about the care and treatment the person is receiving, promoting high quality care. An advocate can ensure the person is treated as an individual to promote their independence as much as possible.

**Number of older people receiving one-to-one advocacy: 8**

## **Projects specifically for older people:**

Project Name: Advocacy for People with Dementia

Funder: PCT

Started: Apr 2000

End date: Mar 2006

## **Staff and volunteers working in these projects:**

Staff: 0.63

Volunteers: 0