

# **BRADFORD and AIREDALE MENTAL HEALTH ADVOCACY GROUP (BAMHAG)**

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**Area covered:** Local Authority

**Organisation type:** Other Advocacy Organisation or Project

**SHA:** West Yorkshire

**Region:** Yorkshire and The Humber

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

Older people have been overlooked for a number of years and their voices lost when it has come to the issue of their care. Because of the nature of illnesses such as dementia, there is the assumption that people 'cannot' make informed choices or that their opinions are not as valid as someone without such an illness – the 'we know what's best for you' approach. Older people have the same rights as any other person to have a voice when it comes to making decisions about their lives.

**Number of older people receiving one-to-one advocacy:** 10

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

Project Name: Older People's Mental Health Advocacy

Funder: Local Authority

Started: May 2005

End date: Reviewed annually

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

Staff: 1

Volunteers: 1