

# **AGE CONCERN LEICESTERSHIRE & RUTLAND**

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**Area covered:** County of Leicestershire & Rutland

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

**SHA:** Leicestershire and Rutland

**Region:** East Midlands

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

A lot of older people find themselves without a voice. Some have no relatives or friends who are able to assist them. Older peoples are patronised and their opinions are often sidelined. Once in care homes they are often frightened to express their fears or needs to the people responsible for their care. There is a large and expanding population of older people in care homes who are virtual prisoners with no contacts in the community and are considered to be quiet and therefore content.

**Number of older people receiving one-to-one advocacy:** 70

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

Project Name: Care Home Advocacy Project

Funder: PCTs, Local Authority

Started: Sep 2001

End date: Oct 2008

Project Name: Older Prisoners Advocacy and Support

Funder: Age Concern England

Started: Sep 2004

End date: Sep 2009

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

Staff:

Volunteers: