

# Confidentiality



*...speaking out for people with learning disabilities*

Leeds Advocacy knows that:

Passing on information is important to enable you to get your full rights and privileges as a person.



Passing on information may be needed before getting services and facilities,



In deciding to pass on information the physical and mental well-being of those implicated - in terms of their health, safety and welfare, should be taken into account,



Creating and continuing support and respect for personal dignity should be remembered at all times,



Confidentiality must apply regardless of whether the point of contact is face-to-face, on the telephone in writing or in some other way



Confidentiality, information storage, and passing on information should be consistent with the law. This includes laws about data protection, health records, child protection etc.,



Advocacy matches do end and there may be a need for continued confidentiality after the advocacy relationship has ended.



Generally information should not be shared if you want confidentiality. **But we say if your physical or mental well-being or someone else is threatened we may have to tell someone.**

