



UPDATE FOR PROFESSIONALS ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NATIONAL APPROACH TO STATUTORY ADVOCACY.

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## WELCOME

### TO OUR FINAL INFORMATION BRIEFING

After four busy years, our project comes to an end 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020. We want to take this opportunity to celebrate some of the project's successes.



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## Young People's Group

On the 4th February TGP Cymru in partnership with the Young People's Advisory Group for the National Approach to Statutory Advocacy, held a very successful event entitled 'Innovation in Advocacy'. The event, held in the Senedd, was facilitated by David Melding, AM and included speeches from members of our young people's group, Sally Holland, Children's Commissioner for Wales and Julie Morgan, AM.



The event included the launch of three pieces of work the young people's group had been working on – a film ('Is Anyone Listening?'), a Snapchat filter and an advocacy website. All three of these interactive pieces of work were produced in partnership with Promo Cymru.

Early on, our young people's advisory group identified the need for an advocacy film, for young people, made by young people. They felt this would support the National Approach to Statutory Advocacy and were keen to rise to the substantial challenge of designing a film about a subject matter which is not easily explained. The group also felt that some more interactive ways to engage with young people about advocacy were necessary. Therefore they set about designing a film that explains what advocacy really is; a one stop shop website which signposts young people to their local advocacy provider and a Snapchat filter for fun!

## We think the end products are brilliant:

- A simple, effective and powerful film entitled 'Is Anyone Listening?' which can be accessed via the below links:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=urAyr3tqKZo>

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5J\\_0ZjZZqUU](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5J_0ZjZZqUU)

Please feel free to share this film with any young people you work with who may want to better understand advocacy.

- A new, easy to navigate Advocacy website, which essentially explains what advocacy is. Visitors to the site can also complete a service search to see what advocacy service is available to them, depending on where in Wales they live. The website also hosts the Snapchat filter, the film and a professional's page with access to information about the National Approach including the National Approach Train the Trainer session. You can find the website at -

[www.whatisadvocacy.cymru](http://www.whatisadvocacy.cymru)

## Contact us

If you have any questions or queries about our work, the Young People's Advisory Group or the National Approach in general, please do not hesitate to contact us on:

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A young person friendly version of this leaflet is available. If you would like to request some hard copies to share with your young people, please use the contact details above.

## TRAINING

During the life of our project we have trained over 1270 people across Wales. Training has focussed on advocacy and the National Approach to Statutory Advocacy and has been delivered to social services staff at all levels, foster carers, Meic Cymru staff, health boards, residential workers, Corporate Parenting Panels, Ombudsman staff and Elected Members.

We have also attended school assemblies and young people's groups. Our live webinar, delivered in partnership with Cascade was a great success at bringing our training to you.

If you have any questions about our project, resources, advocacy or the National Approach to Statutory Advocacy please get in touch via our website [www.tgpcymru.org.uk](http://www.tgpcymru.org.uk)

If you missed out on training, we have designed a Train the Trainer resource pack which can be downloaded from the Social Care Wales Hub for you to use to deliver to your own staff teams. The link is:

<https://socialcare.wales/hub/hub-resource-sub-categories/advocacy>