**Advocacy**

The National Disability Insurance Scheme Act 2013 defines an independent advocate, in relation to a person with disability, to mean a person who:

is independent of the Agency, the Commission and any NDIS providers providing supports or services to the person with disability

provides independent advocacy for the person with disability, to assist the person with disability to exercise choice and control and to have their voice heard in matters that affect them

acts at the direction of the person with disability, reflecting the person with disability’s expressed wishes, will, preferences and rights

is free of relevant conflicts of interest.

The Act acknowledges the important role of advocates (including independent advocates) and other representatives of persons with disability; and requires registered NDIS providers to cooperate with, and facilitate arrangements for, advocates (including independent advocates) and other representatives of persons with disability who are affected by complaints or incidents and who wish to be independently supported in that process by an advocate or other representative.

**Participant requests and/or requires advocacy:**

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| Participant name and NDIS number: | |
| Identified advocacy issue/s: | |
| Participant suggestions for improvement that may resolve the issue/s: | |
| What outcome would participant like to see as a result of advocacy? | |
| **Referral/s:** | |
| **Date** | **Details of advocate** |
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| Notes: | |

**Participant is engaged with an advocate:**

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| Participant name and NDIS number: |
| Advocate contact details: |
| Date and period of advocacy commencement: |
| Identified advocacy issue/s: |
| Participant suggestions for improvement that may resolve the issue/s: |
| What outcome would participant like to see as a result of advocacy? |
| Other information: |
| Progress notes |
| Date: |
| Date: |