

London Stalking Support Service

Advocacy Support for Londoners

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**We hear you.
Your voice matters.**



What is Advocacy?

We all know how discouraging it is when we are looking to others for support or action but those people aren't listening to us! As stalking is a misunderstood, complex crime, unfortunately, as a victim of stalking it's hard to have your experience taken seriously by others, including the police and health services.

You might find that you're not receiving the opportunities and choices you expect. This can be very difficult and frightening to deal with.

But everyone has the right to be and feel safe and as advocates, we put you first. We hear you and we help you to have your voice heard. An advocate is someone who fights in your corner. We are trained specialists who work to protect your rights, ensuring that anyone with a duty to protect you does so.

This means making sure that the police, NHS, social services, housing, your school or your employer are doing everything they need to be doing to keep you safe from stalking.

What does advocacy 'look' like?

-  **ensuring the police investigate cases of stalking, collect evidence, and apply appropriate protection orders**
-  **risk assessing your situation and putting plans in place to keep you safe**
-  **representing your voice with the police, social services, housing or your employer**
-  **accompanying you to court**
-  **linking you in with other forms of support as needed**