



Family Advocacy Service

Independent Advocacy Support for families following a death in prison custody

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Your Voice, Your Rights, Our Support



What is the family advocacy service?

This service is for the families and next of kin of someone who has died in prison custody in Scotland. It is free, and it is independent of the Scottish Prison Service and any other organisation involved.

What is Advocacy?

Advocacy is about helping you speak up and making sure your voice is heard.

We understand that:

- It can be hard to know what to ask, or who to ask, after a death in custody.
- You may not know what information you are entitled to, or what happens next.
- You want your views heard by the organisations involved.

Advocacy is not about giving advice or telling you what to do.

We are here to make sure you understand your rights and have the information you need to make your own decisions, at your own pace.

What can we do?

- Explain, in plain terms, the processes that follow a death in custody — including the police and COPFS investigation, any Fatal Accident Inquiry, and NHS reviews.
- Attend meetings with you, or on your behalf, so your voice is heard.
- Help you understand your rights and the support available to you.
- Support you to raise questions or concerns with the organisations involved.
- Stay alongside you for as long as you need us — whether that is weeks or years.

Who can use this service

Immediate family members or next of kin of someone who has died in prison custody in Scotland.

You can refer yourself, or be referred by the Scottish Prison Service, COPFS, NHS Scotland, Police Scotland, or another organisation supporting you.

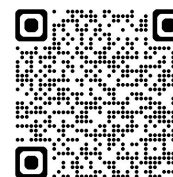
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If you would prefer to speak to someone before deciding whether this service is right for you, that is absolutely fine — get in touch and we can talk it through.