

Investigating Individual Advocacy Services for Children and Young People

Individual child advocacy is a rights-based process of advocacy focused upon supporting a child or young person to have their wishes, thoughts and perspectives heard, understood and taken seriously in relation to matters or issues of concern to them, and when decisions are being made about their lives. When facilitated well, individual child advocacy has potential benefits not only for the wellbeing of the individual child but also for the systems and services that support children and young people.

This research aimed to produce an extensive scoping review of national and international literature in relation to individual child advocacy. The review included

identifying conceptualisations, principles and processes, along with strengths and limitations of approaches to individual child advocacy in nine English-speaking countries: Australia, Canada, England, Ireland, New Zealand, Northern Ireland, Scotland, USA and Wales. The

review collates research evidence alongside practice-based documentation, service evaluations and web-based information to provide a thorough picture of the various approaches to individual child advocacy in these countries.

This research was commissioned by the Office of the NSW Advocate for Children and Young People with the aim of informing possible policy responses.

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