




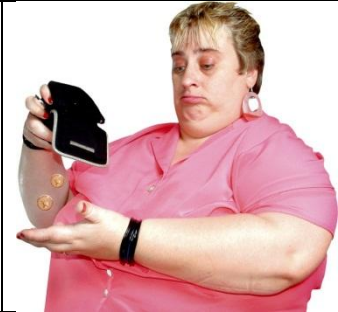
National Forum Update

for Programme Board pre meeting
on 27th June 2013

The National Forum wishes to bring this to the Programme Board's attention.

<p>Changes to benefits can make people with learning difficulties with lower support needs very vulnerable.</p>	
<p>If people who now get lower rate Disability Living Allowance lose this they may not have enough money to pay for support.</p>	
<p>This opens them up to Hate and Mate Crime.</p>	

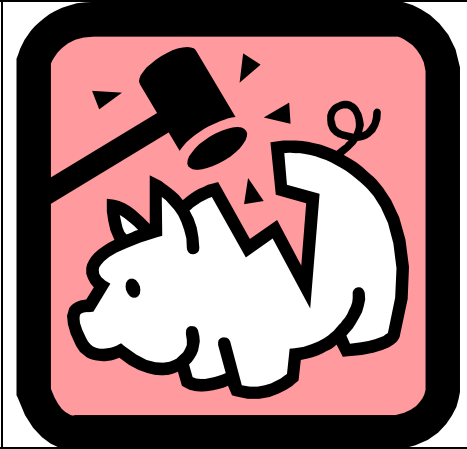
Harry, the Representative from the North East, recently had his bank account emptied by a 'friend' he met in a pub.



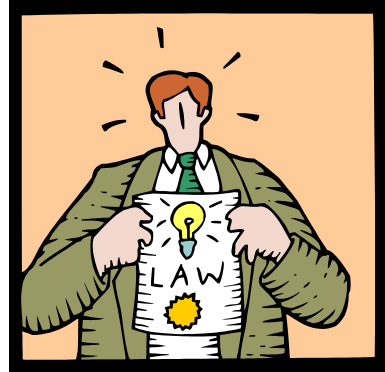
Advocacy and self advocacy services are closing.



Many Local Authorities will not fund advocacy because it is not a policy priority.



Advocacy not in Care Bill



Nowhere to go for help, advice, support



We are really worried about what is happening to people.



We are asking our members for more information so that we can tell Government about this.

