

### Guardians

#### What is a Guardian?

A guardian is someone who helps you make decisions.

They can also make decisions for you.

You will have an assessment by a doctor or psychologist to see whether you need help making decisions.

#### Who picks your Guardian?

A guardian is chosen by a Tribunal.

A Tribunal is like a court.

A Tribunal hearing is not as formal as a court hearing.

A guardian could be a -

- family member
- friend
- carer
- public advocate
- other suitable person

A public advocate is usually picked when there is nobody else that the court thinks should be your guardian.

### **What can your Guardian do?**

Your guardian can help you make decisions about -

- Where you live
- Who you live with
- Going to school or other training
- Going to work
- Going to the doctor
- Any legal problems

### **What can't your Guardian do?**

Your guardian can't:

- Discipline you
- Vote for you
- Make a will for you
- Agree for you to go to the doctor for certain things
- Manage your money or finances