

ABOUT COURT



Name:

Our job is to keep you safe. So sometimes we have to share what you tell us with other people.

NIGALA
NI Guardian Ad Litem Agency
*A voice for Children and Young People
in Family Courts*

INTRODUCTION

Hello, my name is

I am your Guardian and I want to hear all about you.

A Guardian Ad Litem is a social worker who visits children and young people for a Judge who works in Court.



The Judge asks me to find out about you, where you live, what you like and where you go to school. I speak to the Solicitor who talks to the Judge.

Your Solicitor's name is

Your Judge's name is

He or she has been asked to decide what is best for you. They work in a special place called a Family Court.

After I meet you, I will tell the Judge what you have said and what I think is best. The Judge then decides what is best for you after listening to what you and the important people in your life say.

INTRODUCTION



THE JUDGE

What does the Judge want to know about me?

Sometimes when families can't sort out problems on their own the Judge in the Family Court asks a Guardian to find out what the child/young person in the family thinks and feels about their situation. The Guardian also talks to others who are important to the child/young person to help the Judge make the best decision for them.



CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE NEED TO FEEL SAFE AND LOOKED AFTER

What do you think you need?




What do you wish could happen?


Can you tell me about your feelings?

YOUR CARE PLAN

Do you know about your care plan?


What do you think about your care plan? *(tick below)*


 Agree

 Disagree

Reasons?

What does your Guardian think about our Care plan? *(tick below)*

 Agree

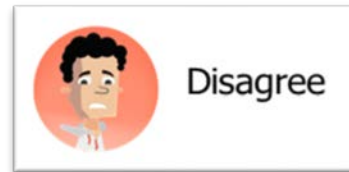
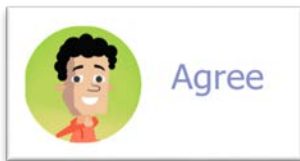
 Disagree

Reasons?

MY GUARDIAN

What do you think about the Guardian's views?

(tick below)



Reasons?



HOW DO YOU WANT TO TELL THE JUDGE WHAT YOU THINK?

For example:

Tell the Guardian?

(Click)



Meet the Judge?

(Click)



Write to the Judge?

(Click)



Visit the Court?

(Click)



You can decide this at any time.

WHAT DID THE JUDGE DECIDE?

What did the Judge decide?

What do you think about this?

Is there anyone else I can talk to? *(Click below)*

VOYPIC ?

Who cares for you ?

Solicitor ?

Social Worker ?





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