

Guardianship

Your name.....



Your doctor's name

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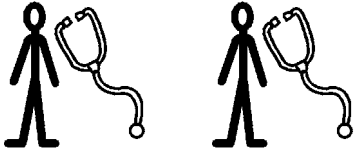
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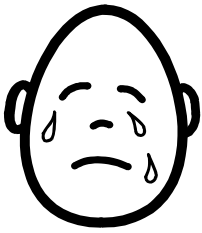
Your Social Services Authority is

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What is guardianship?



2 doctors have seen you.



They say that you are not well.



You may not feel ill.



The doctors say you need a guardian.



A guardian is someone who will make decisions for you while you are ill.



The doctors will say who your guardian will be. This is called being under guardianship

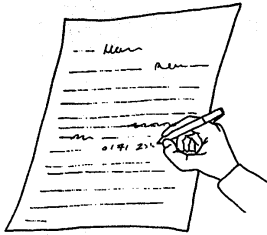
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You can be kept under guardianship for 6 months

Your doctor will decide if you need a guardian longer than 6 months



If you do not want a guardian you must tell your doctor or the guardian



You or your relative can write to the Social Services Department to ask for you to leave guardianship. Their address is:

Social Services Department
Oxford House
West Villa Road
Wellingborough
NN8 4JR



You can also ask the Mental Health Review Tribunal to allow you to leave guardianship. Their address is:

Mental Health Review Tribunal
5th Floor
11 Belgrave Road
Victoria
London
SW1V 1RS