Deputyship and Appointeeship



What is Deputyship?

Deputyship is when someone helps an adult who cannot make their own decisions. This help might be with money or personal care.



Who can be a Deputy?

A **Deputy** must be over 18 and can be a family member, friend, or a professional like a solicitor. Sometimes, the local council help if no one else can. A person can have more than one Deputy.



What does a Deputy do?

A **Deputy** makes decisions for someone else, always thinking about what is best for them.

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How do I apply for a Deputyship?



You make an application to the **Court of Protection**. You can do this alone or get help from Staffordshire County Council's Client Affairs Support Service, but there is a fee.



The Client Affairs Support Service can give advice about a **Court of Protection Deputyship** or **Lasting Power of Attorney**. You can contact them by phone on 01785 854376 or email cass@staffordshire.gov.uk



Is there a cost?

Yes, there are costs to be a **Deputy**, including a yearly fee. If the council is the Deputy, they take fees from the person's money.

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What is an Appointeeship?

An **Appointeeship** is for people who only get money from benefits and only have a small amount of savings but cannot manage these on their own.

Who can be an appointee?





- An Appointee must be over 18 and is usually a family member or friend.
- Only one person can be an Appointee.
- If there are no family or friends who can help, the council may be able to help.
- There are specialist providers approved by DWP who can help for a fee.

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What does an appointee do?

An **Appointee** collects benefits and spends them wisely for the person.

They cannot manage savings or make health decisions.

How do I apply for an Appointeeship?



The application depends on the type of benefits the person gets but the DWP handles the application.



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Is there a cost?

Yes, there are fees if the council is the Appointee.

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