

## HOW CAN I END A SUPERVISION ORDER?

The following people can apply to end a Supervision Order:

- You
- Your parents/guardians
- Someone from the Trust who knows you well e.g. your Social Worker

The law doesn't state the age you must be to apply to end a Supervision Order - but you must be old enough to understand what this process means, and how it will affect you.

For you to end a Supervision Order there will be a range of steps involved. The court will appoint a Guardian Ad Litem (an independent person who will talk to you), and you will also need a Solicitor, who will advise you about what you need to show the court e.g. how have things changed so that your parents can care for you properly without having a Supervisor?

There is a time limit on repeat applications. If you have applied to end a Supervision Order and this has been rejected, you cannot apply again for another 6 months.

**This leaflet is based on information contained in The Children (NI) Order 1995, Guidance and Regulations Vol 1 'Court Orders & Other Legal Issues'.**

## ARE YOU CONFUSED OR STILL NOT SURE?

If you are uncertain about any aspect of this leaflet, or want some extra support, you can ask for an **Advocate** from VOYPIC and they will be happy to help you.

## HOW DO I GET AN ADVOCATE?

- Ring 08450 742 942 and ask for the Advocacy Service or email [advocacy@voypic.org](mailto:advocacy@voypic.org)
- You will talk to the Duty Advocate. They can offer you help and advice there and then
- If you need to meet someone for further support, they will put you in touch with an Advocate in your area
- It is that easy! Our Duty Advocates are there for you 9.30am-5.30pm, Monday to Thursday and 9.30am – 4.30pm on Friday



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**PLEASE NOTE THE INFORMATION ON THIS LEAFLET WAS CORRECT AT TIME OF PRINT**

**YOUNG PERSON'S GUIDE TO SUPERVISION ORDERS**

## THIS LEAFLET WILL TRY TO HELP YOU UNDERSTAND:

- What a Supervision Order is
- When a Supervision Order is made
- The effects of a Supervision Order
- How long it lasts for
- How you can end a Supervision Order
- How ADVOCACY can HELP YOU

## WHAT ARE SUPERVISION ORDERS?

A Supervision Order is when the court appoints you and your family a Supervisor. This Supervisor is there to **HELP YOU** and to get to know more about you and your family, so that they can make sure that you are being properly cared for.



Interim Supervision Orders are similar to full Supervision Orders, except that they will be **TEMPORARY**. The court will decide how long they last for, but they can not last for more than 8 weeks.

## WHEN IS A SUPERVISION ORDER MADE?

Supervision Orders are made when the Trust feels that children and young people are not being cared for properly at home. The Trust will go to court and ask for a Supervision Order. There can be a number of Interim (temporary) Supervision Orders made first and then the court will decide if a final Supervision Order is going to be made.

## WHAT ARE THE EFFECTS OF A SUPERVISION ORDER?

This means the Supervisor will visit you at home. The Supervisor will visit as much as they need to, to make sure you are safe. They will spend time talking to you and will offer you and your family help and advice.

## HOW LONG WILL THE SUPERVISION ORDER LAST FOR?

- A Supervision Order will usually last for 1 year to start with, unless the Supervisor feels that it should end sooner. If not, the Supervisor can ask the court to make the Supervision Order longer.
- It can't last more than 3 years
- It will end if you reach the age of 18
- It will also end if a Care Order is made instead

If your Supervisor feels that they are not getting to see you enough or that your parents need more help to look after you, the Supervisor may have to take further steps to make sure that you are OK e.g. ask the court for permission to change the order to make sure that they can see you.

