

## Who I am

I'm here to make sure the children's hearing, or court, is able to make the best decision for you.

As a safeguarder I am independent. This means I'm not connected to other people working with you, and I'm free to give my view of what I think is in your best interests. I will always do what I think is best for you. You, or others involved with you, may or may not agree with this.

### My name is

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### How you can contact me

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### Important dates

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## About the Safeguarders Panel

I belong to the national Safeguarders Panel. This is made up of all the safeguarders across Scotland. Each safeguarder has agreed to follow national standards to make sure they do the best job they can. You can read the national standards at [www.children1st.org.uk/safeguardersstandards](http://www.children1st.org.uk/safeguardersstandards)

Do you have any questions about the job that safeguarders do? Do you have any comments, good or bad, about how I'm carrying out my role? If you do please contact the Safeguarders Panel Team.  
**e: [safeguarderspanel@children1st.org.uk](mailto:safeguarderspanel@children1st.org.uk)**  
**t: 0345 60 44 296**

I have been appointed as a safeguarder by Scottish Government Ministers. The Safeguarders Panel Team that supports me is based at Children 1st, Scotland's National Children's charity.

# safeguarders panel



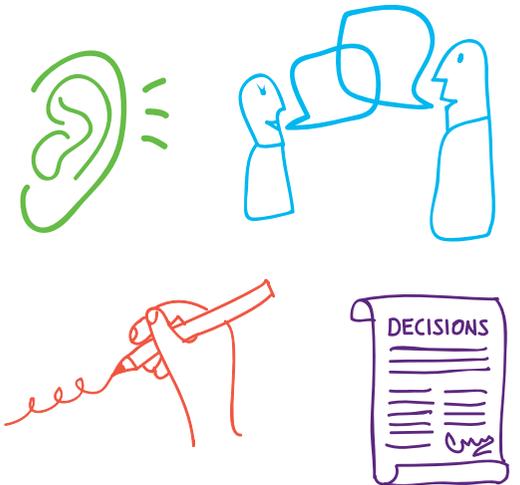
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# The safeguarder

## Information for children and young people



## Why I am here

The children's hearing, sheriff, or both, thought a safeguarder would help them in making the best decisions for you. I will assist the children's hearing or sheriff by gathering information.

## What will happen now

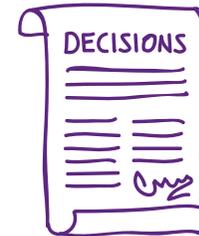
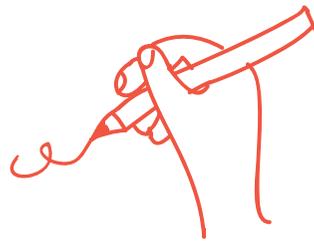
I'll listen as you tell me what you would like to happen. I'll also do my best to answer any questions you have.

I may ask other people in your life, such as parents, carers and teachers, what they think would be best for you.

I may be asked by the children's hearing or sheriff to write a report. In it I would say what you want to happen, and give my view as to what I think is best for you.

I'll speak to the children's hearing, or sheriff. I will tell them what you want to happen, and give my view as to what I think is best for you.

Knowing your view and having heard from me and others, the children's hearing, or sheriff will make a decision.



## Keeping information about you safe

As a safeguarder I will gather information about you. By law, I have to make sure that this information is kept safe and shared only with people who have a right to know this.

If I receive information about a child or adult not being safe or about a crime, it is my duty to report this.

If I write a report about you the Safeguarders Panel Team may ask to read this. They would do so only to check that I am doing my job properly and would not share information about you with anyone else. If you have any worries about this please let me know.

