

# Information and advice about the Appointee and Court Deputy Service

The Appointee & Court Deputy Service deal with the financial affairs of people who meet the below criteria:

- They are in receipt of a service from Birmingham City Council (BCC) Directorate for People
- Have been assessed by a Doctor / Psychiatrist as being mentally incapable of managing their own financial affairs ie "a person who lacks capacity to make a particular decision or take a particular action for themselves at the time the decision or action needs to be taken".
- Have no family or friends that are able or suitable to take on this role for them

## What is an Appointee?

An Appointee is a person/organisation who acts on behalf of a person to receive their state benefits from the Department of Works and Pensions. The Appointee then budgets and pays the persons bills and issues them spending money.

## What is a Court Deputy?

A Court Deputy is appointed by the Court of Protection to manage the affairs of a person who has lost capacity. The Court has the same powers, rights, privileges and authority in relation to mental capacity matters as the High Court. There are two types of Court Deputy; Property & Affairs, and Health & Welfare. The Appointee & Court Deputy Service act as Court Deputy for "Property & Affairs" cases which covers the person's finances and property.

## **Does the person need an Appointee and/or Court Deputy?**

For BCC to have the legal right to become involved in managing a person's finance, they must lack the mental capacity to do so for themselves.

## **How do I request BCC to be an Appointee or Court Deputy?**

Please email the general mailbox below and request a referral form and information about what evidence needs to be submitted with the referral form.

## **Appointee & Court Deputy Service**

Email: [appointee.and.court.deputy@birmingham.gov.uk](mailto:appointee.and.court.deputy@birmingham.gov.uk)

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