



**MEETING
WITH YOUR
GUARDIAN
AD LITEM**



I AM YOUR GUARDIAN AD LITEM.

MY NAME IS:

YOU CAN CONTACT ME AT:



Barnardos

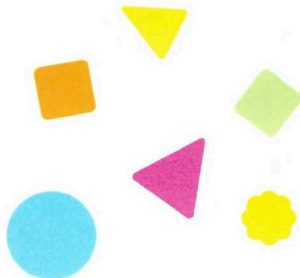
THIS LEAFLET TELLS YOU WHO I AM AND WHAT I DO.

Sometimes, when adults can't agree on what is best for children a judge is asked to decide.

I have been asked by the judge to listen to you and then to tell the judge what you think. I will also tell the judge what I think about what is happening.

I will be meeting with you to talk and to hear your wishes and feelings.

I will also listen to other people who know you well, people like:



If you want, you can write a letter or draw a picture for the judge. I can help you to do this.



I will be writing a report to tell the judge about your wishes and feelings and also what I think is best for you.

As well as listening to me, the judge will hear what other people think, people like:

Sometimes the judge asks us to come back a few times before making a final decision about what should happen.

When the judge has made a final decision I will talk it through with you and we can chat about what it means for your future.

This may be the end of my work with you. However, sometimes the judge may want to hear how you are getting on and may ask me to visit you again.

REMEMBER

- The most important thing for the judge to think about is what is best for you
- The judge needs to hear your wishes and feelings
- I will tell the judge what I think is best for you

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