

Being a Witness

Notes for Parents or Carers:

12 - under 16 year old witnesses



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As you know your child may be asked to be a witness for the Reporter in a children's hearing court case.

The enclosed booklet for Parents and Carers of a Child Witness tells you more about this. (It is written for parents and carers of all child witnesses. Only the parts relating to children's hearing court cases apply to you).

The enclosed booklet for **Young People Aged Under 16: Children's Hearing Court Proceedings** tells your child about being a witness in a children's hearing court case. The booklet describes different ways now available for witnesses who are under 16 to help them give their evidence.

*Please read the Parents & Carers booklet carefully, and ask your child to read the booklet for **Young People Aged Under 16**.*



The court wants to know how your child would like to give evidence.

The attached **Question & Answer sheet for under 16 year olds** is one way for the reporter to find this out and tell the court. If a safeguarder has been appointed s/he may help with this instead of the reporter.

Please ask your child to go through the Question & Answer sheet and help him/her complete it and then return it to the address at the end of the sheet. If you or your child need more information before doing this please contact the reporter's office or write a letter with any questions. The address and telephone number is at the end of this Note.

The choices to help your child give evidence are:

- Screen, or
- CCTV to another room within the court building, or
- CCTV to another room outwith the court building, or
- Supporter with screen or CCTV
- Supporter without screen or CCTV, to support a child giving evidence direct to the court

Thank you for your assistance.