



All about Compulsory Supervision Orders . . .

This leaflet provides information for children and young people about Compulsory Supervision Orders.

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Order?

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it last?

How do I appeal?

You must appeal in writing to the Sheriff at your local Sheriff Court within 21 days of the Hearings' decision. At the appeal, the Sheriff will listen to everyone involved in your case and then make a decision.

If the Sheriff agrees to your appeal, there's a number of options:

Your case may be discharged which means you are no longer on Supervision.

You may be asked to go back to another Hearing so Panel Members can listen to your case again.

The Sheriff may decide to make a different Compulsory Supervision Order from the one made by the Hearing.

If your appeal fails (sometimes this is called 'not allowed') the Sheriff will leave things as they are and your Compulsory Supervision Order made at the Hearing will continue unchanged.

Where can I get help?

You can get more information about Compulsory Supervision Orders from our website - www.scra.gov.uk

There is a special section for children and young people and also for parents/carers.

You can also contact the Children's Reporter - their name and contact details will be on the letter which was sent to you about your Hearing.

More information?

The Scottish Child Law Centre provides free legal advice to children and young people - contact the under 18's freephone on **0800 328 8970**. You can email enquiries@sccl.org.uk or visit their website at www.sccl.org.uk.

Young Scot also has a free information and enquiries service. Email them at infoline@youngscot.org or call the Young Scot InfoLine on freephone **0808 8010338**.

If you don't understand this leaflet or any of the information which has been sent to you about your Hearing or Compulsory Supervision Order, please get someone to help you.





What is a Compulsory Supervision Order?

At your Hearing, if Panel Members are concerned about you, they might make what's called a Compulsory Supervision Order.

This is a legal document which means that the Social Work Department must be involved in your life and that they are responsible for making sure you are looked after and supported.

What happens if the Hearing makes a Compulsory Supervision Order?

The Panel Members at your Hearing will tell you they have decided to make a Compulsory Supervision Order. Then they will tell you and your parents/carers the reasons why they have decided to do this.


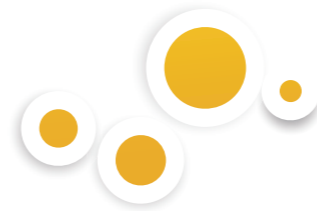
Most children and young people on a Compulsory Supervision Order stay at home. Sometimes children and young people need to live somewhere else to make sure they're safe, such as with another family member or foster carers.

Being on a Compulsory Supervision Order means that you will have to see a Social Worker who can support you. They will work with you and your parents/carers to make things better for you.



Do I have to be on a Compulsory Supervision Order?

Yes, if the Hearing decides that it is best for you.



How long will it last?

It will last as long as the Hearing thinks is necessary to help and support you and make your life better. This can sometimes be for just a little while, but it can also last for a few years.

You will be asked to come back to a Hearing within a year of your Compulsory Supervision Order being made. This is called a Review Hearing.

When the Hearing decides you no longer need to be on Supervision they will decide to end your Compulsory Supervision Order.

If not before, a Compulsory Supervision Order must end on or shortly before your 18th birthday.

Can another Hearing (a Review Hearing) take place before a year has passed?

Yes. A Compulsory Supervision Order must be reviewed at a Children's Hearing at least once every year, but it can be also be reviewed more often.

You or your parents/carers can ask for a Review Hearing at any time once you have been on Supervision for three months. Your Social Worker can also ask for a Review Hearing at any time.

What can happen at my Review Hearing?

The Hearing may decide that you no longer need to be on Supervision and they will end your Compulsory Supervision Order.

They may decide that you still need to be on Supervision, and they will extend it to make sure you are getting the supports that you need.

They may decide that they need to change your Compulsory Supervision Order to make things better for you.

What if I'm not happy with the decision to be placed on a Compulsory Supervision Order?

You and your parents/carers have the right to appeal to the Sheriff (a judge) if you are not happy with the decision of the Hearing. If you decide to appeal, you will probably want to get some advice from a lawyer about this.



What happens now?

