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LITIGANTS IN PERSON AND MCKENZIE FRIENDS GUIDANCE



What is a Litigant in Person?

• A litigant in person is someone who has chosen to represent themselves in proceedings. They do not have a solicitor or barrister acting on their behalf. They attend court hearings alone and are responsible for submitting their own documents and drafting them.

Why chose to self-represent?

- Cheaper
- Full control of the case
- Quicker process

What is a McKenzie Friend?

• A McKenzie Friend can come to court to assist litigants in person and give them moral support and guidance. They do not represent the litigant or speak on their behalf but can assist them in what to say and can take notes on their behalf.

How can a McKenzie Friend help me?

- Moral support
- Guidance
- They have knowledge on the legal language and legal process
- Take notes
- Can help draft documents
- Give legal advice

What can't a McKenzie Friend do?

- Represent you
- Speak on your behalf in court
- Manage your case

Why have a McKenzie Friend?

- Having a professional McKenzie Friend is significantly cheaper than having a solicitor or barrister.
- They can offer you moral support and guidance in what may be a confusing and sometimes distressing process for litigants in person.
- They can take notes on your behalf and point you in the right direction.

