



## **OBSERVER FEEDBACK FORM**

*Thanks for sharing your observations of a hearing in the Court of Protection with us.*

*This form is intended to help you to structure your observations and record the key issues. Please don't worry if you can't answer all the questions – all information you provide is valuable.*

### **1. Some information about you**

- Your name:
- Email address:
- Reasons for wanting to observe a hearing (give your professional background if relevant):

**2. How was the hearing listed?** (include case number, name of judge, date and time of hearing – and any other information e.g. issues to be addressed by the court).

### **3. Access to the hearing**

- Was it telephone or video-conference (Skype? Zoom? CVP?)
- Did you get a timely and appropriate response to your request to observe?
- Did audio/video work well?
- Were you sent a Transparency Order? If yes, please forward it to us. If no, did someone explain what you are and are not allowed to report (and do you understand it?)

### **4. Introductory Summary**

- Was there an introductory summary to the hearing?
- Who presented it and what information was given?
- Was it helpful?

## 5. Basic structure of the hearing

- Who was the applicant (e.g. a Clinical Commissioning Group, a Local Authority, the person at the centre of the case (P) via a litigation friend). Obviously don't name them if the Transparency Order forbids it.
- Who was (or were) the respondents (i.e. the other parties in the case; e.g. a Clinical Commissioning Group, a Local Authority, as above)
- Were other people present at this hearing, other than the parties (e.g. other observers, family members of P who were not parties to the case, court officials, trainees? Give roles, not names!)
- How was P (the person at the centre of the case) involved in this hearing? Who represented P – give the name of the barrister. Was this barrister appointed by the Official Solicitor or by P directly or by another litigation friend?

**6. What was P's "impairment of or disturbance in the functioning of the mind or brain"? And what order or declaration was the applicant seeking? (e.g. a declaration that it would be lawful to treat P against their wishes; an order that P should live in a residential facility)**

**7. Were there disagreements between the applicant and the respondents. What were these disagreements?**

**8. Were witnesses called? Describe what happened.**

**9. What did the judge decide? (If there is to be another hearing, what needs to be done before the next hearing?)**

**10. Anything else you want to say about this hearing?** What did you learn from it? Please also jot down anything you saw/heard that you *didn't* understand (e.g. reference to a "COP3 Form", or something a judge/party/someone else did or didn't do).

*Please return your form to us at [openjustice@yahoo.com](mailto:openjustice@yahoo.com)*