

Layla is a 35 year old woman with a significant Intellectual Disability that affects her ability to make decisions and manage her own affairs. Layla lives in Supported Accommodation with two other ladies, and 24/7 support.

Layla has been living in the home for 7 years and over this time, the staff and management have consulted with mum Alice on any of Layla's care needs and interventions. Alice and Layla are very close, so this suited them both fine.

In December 2020, laws were changed that means some of the interventions that were in place for Layla were considered a 'Restricted Practice', and in order for the team to keep using these interventions, they needed a legal Guardian to sign off. Whilst Alice had been managing Layla's affairs since she was born, she was not a legally appointed Guardian, and so there was a sudden rush for Alice to get guardianship to keep Layla safe.

Alice and Layla attended Midlas and Alice explained the situation. She understood that she would need to apply to the State Administrative Tribunal, but wasn't sure where to start, or what Guardianship would mean for Layla. Midlas' SAT Lawyer explained the process and the responsibilities of a Guardian. The Lawyer and Alice together reviewed what evidence would be needed, and who else would need to be informed.

Alice collected the required documentation and the Midlas Lawyer prepared and submitted the application. Alice had a hearing booked at the Tribunal, and attended with her Midlas Lawyer.

The Guardianship application was approved and Alice was able to continue to support Layla as well as sign off on her medical interventions and Behaviour Support plans.