

Children in Need of Care

Overview

Members of the public and social welfare workers who identify a child suffering from neglect, abuse or exceptionally poor living conditions can approach the Magistrate courts for assistance. The Court can allow for the Social worker intervention or removing the child from the situation.

Who is eligible?

Any minor child (below the age of 18) living in poor conditions is eligible for assistance.

How do I get this service?

- Individuals must submit the required supporting documents (outlined below) to the clerk of their local Magistrates' court.
- A **Notice of Motion (Form 4)** ,is used for drafting the application .The form is available at the Magistrates' court and is also Online.

What supporting documents are required?

- A written description of the poor living situation of the child in question and requesting assistance from the Courts.
- An affidavit certified by the commissioner of oaths as to the truthfulness of the letter above.
- A Certificate of Urgency with respect to the action being pursued (Note: A certificate of urgency is any written document outlining the reason for treating the matter as urgent).

How long will this service take?

The case will be allocated a Magistrate within 24 hours. From there, the process will depend on the individual situation of the child.

How much does it cost?

No fees associated with this service.

Where can I obtain this service?

HIGH COURTS AND MAGISTRATES COURTS CONTACTS

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Where can I get more information on this Service

Please contact one of the Magistrate Courts.

Opening hours are 7:30 to 12:45 and 13:45 to 16:30 Monday to Friday, except public holidays.