



# The McKenzie Friend

## UK Network

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#### **Case Review Terms and Conditions**

1. Please note that a case review is not a detailed or 'forensic' examination of all the evidence and issues.
2. A case review is an overview of the current situation with a discussion about the key points with the possible options in relation to a direction of travel and options.
3. The direction in relation to your case and the decisions are entirely a matter for yourself. I do not tell you 'what to do'.
4. A case review is a) not about assisting with questions for cross-examination, b) is not about a detailed look at evidence in relation to allegations and responses, c) is not about assistance in writing statements.
5. I cannot predict the outcome of your case or what may happen at any hearing. I can provide suggestions of possibilities but ultimately only the court can determine the outcomes and order. This is particularly so in relation to financial settlements. The court has a very wide scope of discretion in relation to departure from equality, directions and orders.
6. All assistance is provided as a McKenzie Friend 'Layperson'
7. I do not tell you what to do in your case. I help to discuss and inform options and to discuss the possible 'pros' and 'cons' of options and pathways. Decisions in relation to your case are entirely your own.
8. I am not legally trained, I do not offer any legal advice, I provide support as would an 'informed friend'
9. Excludes involvement in your case as a McKenzie Friend and the Terms and Conditions of a McKenzie Friend. However, further case reviews may be agreed. This is however not an expectation and can be declined.
10. All matters within the Case Review are confidential. The exception is the generally understood standard that confidentiality may not be held when there are disclosures of criminal offences or where there appears to be a serious threat of harm to yourself or others.

11. You may pass any papers to myself as a McKenzie Friend to support the case review. This is permitted under paragraph 15 of the Family Court McKenzie Friend Guidance of July 2010.

*15) Litigants are permitted to communicate any information, including filed evidence, relating to the proceedings to MFs for the purpose of obtaining advice or assistance in relation to the proceedings.*

12. Notes may be taken by myself during the course of a conversation. A copy of the notes is not provided as part of the review. A written summary of the review can be requested at an additional cost of £50.00. You should allow 7 days for these to be produced.

13. In cases where it is felt that the review may be particularly challenging or indeed confrontational. The review may be recorded in part or in full. This will be the exception rather than the rule.

14. Where documents or a bundle is received that would clearly extend beyond the maximum of a 1 hour pre-read, then I will use my discretion to read the documents that I would find most helpful to facilitate the review.