



Údarás Náisiúnta Míchumais
National Disability Authority



Expression of Interest

Taking part in research on leaving the Wards of Court system

Hello

 <p>Údarás Náisiúnta Míchumais National Disability Authority</p>	<p>I am a researcher in the National Disability Authority.</p>
	<p>The NDA gives the Government advice on things that are important to the lives of people with disabilities.</p>
	<p>I am writing to invite you, and the Committee who acts for you, to take part in a research study.</p>



This research study will look at how the Wards of Court system is ended in Ireland.



It will look at the experience of adults moving from the Wards of Court system to a new decision-making support system.



We hope to show how the new Decision Support Service is working and if it can be made better.



The NDA asked the Wards of Court Office to send this invitation to you.

The NDA does not have information on people who are Wards of Court or Committees that act for them.



The Wards of Court Office is working to help people to leave the Wards of Court system

This research study is separate to this work.



You can make a choice to take part or not.

Please read the information leaflet with this letter before you decide.



Take time to make your decision.

You can talk about it with a family member, an advocate, or the Committee that acts for you.



If you say you might be interested, it does not mean you have to take part in the research.



If you decide that you do not want to take part, there will be no changes for you.

It will not affect the support you get in the future.



If you are a Committee, there will be no changes for the person you act for.



You can contact me if you would like to take part.

This is called an expression of interest.



You can contact me if you have any questions or need more information.



Please contact us at

wardsresearch@nda.ie

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Yours Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading 'Caroline O'Nolan', written on a set of three horizontal lines (top, middle, bottom).

Dr. Caroline O'Nolan
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