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**Deputy Applications and
the Court Process**



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When and Why is an Application Needed?

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**MANAGING BANK
ACCOUNTS AND
FUNDS FOR P**



**AGREEING CARE
COSTS**



**TAX RETURN AND
ADVICE ON THIS**



**INSTRUCTING IFA
AND AGREEING
INVESTMENTS**

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Authority will be requested at outset

Court may not always approve though

Application may take time

Interim authority needed to manage funds pending deputy Order

Payments only in P's best interests

Accommodation, care, case management and therapies/rehab



**Specific authority
needed**



**Issuing proceedings
or raising appeal**



Court can take time

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An Overview of Pre litigation

- Funding
- Medical Records
- Expert Instruction
- Conference and letter of claim
- Letter of response
- ? Approval hearing

An overview of litigation

- Defendant says 'no'.
- Litigation process:
- 18 months of directions
- Settlement meeting where the case does not settle
- Trial

Then....comes Quantum...

- Approach experts
- Instruct experts and appointments
- Reports in.
- Conference
- Pleading
- Seeing the Defendants experts.
- Defendant says, 'computer says no'.
- Refer back to litigation slide again.....

Sticking points

- The time for litigation.
- All the experts on top of actual appointments.
- Experts provision is out with current provision/expert provision is a lot more than current resource. The feel of overwhelm.
- On the ground reports.
- Answering to us....
- Answering to advice we have provided the family, 'Natalie says'.
- Answering to advice their friends have been provided.
- The exhaustion of litigation and the carrot being dangled...



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