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| APPLICATION FOR A MCKENZIE FRIEND*in civil proceedings in a magistrates’ court* |
| Use this form if you want permission to be helped by a McKenzie friend during a hearing in civil proceedings in a magistrates’ court. **The court needs the information in this form to decide whether to give permission.** If you have not made your application before the hearing date, hand the completed form to the court usher before the hearing starts.**Case details**Name of supported litigant(s): ……………………………………………………………………………………...Court: ………...…………………………………………………………………………………………………Case reference number: ………………………………………………………………………………………Name of litigant making this application ……………………………………………...…….……… I apply for the court’s permission to have a McKenzie friend with me during the hearing. I understand that if the court gives permission:* my McKenzie friend may help me with case papers, take notes for me and advise me quietly, without interrupting the proceedings, as the court permits
* my McKenzie friend may NOT address the court or question a witness unless, exceptionally, the court gives special permission immediately before they do so
* the court may withdraw permission at any time.

About my McKenzie friendFull name: Paul Cosier Address: 45A Mottram Road, Stalybridge, Cheshire, SK15 2QP Date of birth: 12th May 1955 Email address: paul@free-mckenzie-friend.org Phone: Mobile: 07536-982 015Is the person you want to be your McKenzie friend expected to be a witness in your case? ☐Yes  NoIf yes, that person cannot usually help you as a McKenzie friend. You should find someone else.The person I want to be my McKenzie friend is: ☐ a friend or family member (please say which) ………………………………….………………. ☐ a member of an advice agency or similar organisation (please specify the agency or organisation and give its address): ………………………………...………………..  an independent adviserThe person I want to be my McKenzie friend has:  no legal education, legal training or legal qualification ☐ the following legal education, legal training or legal qualification (please give details): Have you agreed to pay your McKenzie friend for their help? ☐ Yes  NoIf yes, please give details:Has the person you want to be your McKenzie friend ever been: refused permission to help someone as a McKenzie friend? ☐ Yes  No excluded from a court hearing? ☐ Yes  No found in contempt of court? ☐ Yes  No disciplined by a legal professional body? ☐ Yes  NoIf you answered yes to any of those questions, please give details:Is the person you want to be your McKenzie friend involved in the same or a connected case? ☐ Yes  NoIf yes, please give details.**Declaration by McKenzie friend**I confirm the accuracy of the information above.I understand that if the court gives permission for me to help the litigant:* I may help with case papers, take notes for the litigant and advise the litigant quietly without interrupting the proceedings, as the court permits
* I may NOT address the court or question a witness unless, exceptionally, the court gives special permission immediately before I do so
* I will be a participant in the conduct of the case for the purposes of [rule 3A of the Magistrates’ Courts Rules 1981](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/other-procedure-rules-for-magistrates-courts-and-the-crown-court-with-statutory-instruments#procedure-rules-and-forms), which means that I must comply with the Rules and with directions made by the court
* the court may withdraw permission at any time.

I understand that the court may ask me questions about this application.Signed: P. Cosier (McKenzie friend)Signed: …………………………………………………………………………… (litigant)Date: …………………………………………………………………………… |

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**Employment/Volunteering History**

Volunteer: **Manchester Support Through Court**  (Jul 2022 – Feb 2025)

Volunteer Coordinator **Booth Centre** (Apr 2019 – Mar 2020)

Volunteer: Campaign Researcher **Greater Manchester** (Apr 2017 – Nov 2018) **Law Centre**

Volunteer: Accredited Assessor **Tameside Citizens Advice** (Jun 2014 – Nov 2016)

**Bureau**

Teran Foundation: Administrator/Office Manager (Jan 2006 – Dec 2009)

Radiant Film Development: Administrator/Office Manager (Jul 2003 – Dec 2005)

Global Link: Travel Brokerage Owner/Manager (Jul 1993 – Jun 2003)

IT Consultant: Freelance Systems Analyst/Designer (Jun 1981 – Jun 1993)