



Children's rights

WHAT IS A BEST INTERESTS ASSESSMENT?



A child (below 18) who arrived alone is assigned a person called a guardian for support.

- A best interests assessment is a meeting where a trained officer carefully listens to you and asks questions to understand **what you need to be protected and cared for**.
- What you tell them will help to make **important decisions**, bearing in mind your safety, well-being and future.

SUCH DECISIONS MIGHT BE



What medical care is crucial for you.



Which school or work suits you.



Where you will live.



Who will care for you.



Talk to the authorities.



Learn about how to access support services.



Keep appointments.



Learn about the culture and life here.

DURING THE ASSESSMENT, TELL THE OFFICER IF



You feel sick, sad, worried or if someone hurt you.



You have family in Europe.



You are with family but they can't or won't support you.

Tell the officer what motivates and gives you hope.



All information shared during the best interests assessment stays private.

REMEMBER

- ✓ Ask for an interpreter if you don't speak the language.
- ✓ You can choose a male or female officer to support you during the assessment.
- ✓ All officers must treat you with respect.
- ✓ Work with the officers where you can.

