

LIKELY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. What is the Office of the Public Guardian (OPG)'s existing training programme for appointed and prospective deputies?

Currently, OPG offers classroom training to newly-appointed deputies. The training workshops are conducted by pro bono lawyers recommended by Law Society of Singapore and at no cost to interested deputies. Apart from publicising on OPG's website, OPG invites deputies through direct mail.

2. What is OPG's current process for supervising deputies?

Deputies are required by the Court to submit information to the Public Guardian annually, to account for their management of the personal welfare, as well as property and affairs matters, for the person who has lost his/her mental capacity ('P'). OPG provides a prescribed form to guide them in filling the required information and supporting documents.

OPG supervises deputies to ensure they are acting within the court orders and in the interests of P. If OPG discovers any issues which may compromise P's interests, it would conduct an investigation, and take appropriate actions against errant deputies. This may include applying to the Court to vary or revoke their deputyship powers.

3. What is OPG's response to the recommendations by the RERF Committee?

OPG is currently studying the recommendations to see how they could be operationalised.

We welcome views and suggestions on the recommendations during the public consultation. This will help OPG better understand the issues on the ground, as OPG considers the recommendations.