**What is expected of a Deputy who has been appointed by The Court of Protection**

**Best Interests**

When carrying out their responsibilities, the Deputy must ensure that they are constantly acting in the person’s best interests. This ranges from minor decisions such as deciding what they eat, to major decisions such as financial transactions.

**Duty Of Care**

When carrying out their services, a Deputy is expected to show a duty of care at all times. A Deputy not being paid for their services is expected to use the same duty of care as if they were managing their own affairs and looking after themselves. If this is found not to be the case, they could be found liable for a claim of negligence.

**Fiduciary Duty**

A Deputy has a fiduciary duty to not take advantage of their position. This includes situations involving a conflict of interest

**The Deputy should take advice every year, as a Trustee would, to ensure that assets are properly looked after. Where Deputies have to act together in the event that one is frustrating the proper running of the finances the Court can remove them as a Deputy**