

COSTS

The Mental Health Court proceedings and the support both involve costs. These costs must be covered by the supported person if they are able to meet the financial requirements.

BEGINNING OF SUPPORT

Support will begin with the sending of the judge's decision. The litigation friend will engage the support worker and hand over the support worker's certificate.

END OF SUPPORT

Support will end following a court order. The person receiving support may submit a petition for termination. If the court agrees to the petition, support will end.

OUR SERVICE HOURS FOR YOU

We would be happy to assist you on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 am – 12 pm and 1 pm – 4 pm, on Fridays from 9 am – 12 pm, as well as by appointment, either on the phone or in a personal meeting – if requested, even in your own home.

Please remember to arrange your appointment for consultation or certification with us in advance.

HOW TO CONTACT US

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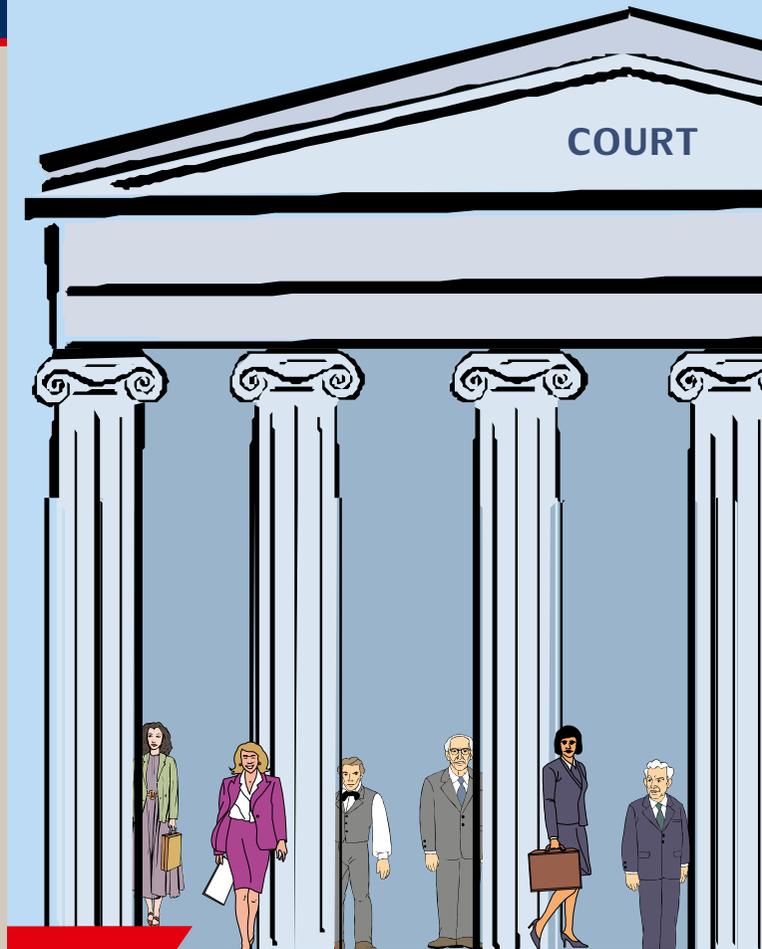


The support centre is located at Winterhuder Weg 31, on the corner of Zimmerstraße. The HVV buses 25, 172 and 173 stop directly in front of it at the Beethovenstraße bus stop. The nearest accessible underground station is Mundsburg.

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THE MENTAL HEALTH COURT PROCEDURE



The procedure begins with a **petition for the appointment of a support worker** at a Mental Health Court.

The Mental Health Court is responsible for and will manage the procedure.

The judge decides who may participate in the procedure. This usually comprises a **social worker**, a **medical expert** and a **litigation friend**.

In the course of the procedure, the participants will contact the affected citizen and will also involve family members.

The **judge** will obtain the assessment of the support centre and of the medical expert and will talk to the affected person.

At the judge's **hearing**, the findings will be collated and the judge will reach a final **decision**.

The **judge's ruling** will lay down whether, how long and for what activities support will be necessary, and who will be appointed as support worker.

The written decision will be sent to the affected person, the support centre, the support worker and the litigation friend.

Petition to appoint a support worker



Responsible for procedural management

Mental Health Court

Judge

- has a personal discussion with the affected person
- collates the findings
- at the end of the hearing, decides on the support, type of activities, support worker and duration



Decision

Employee of support centre

Social worker

- collects information on the affected person's current living situation
- assesses whether and what support is required, and who could become a support worker



Medical expert

Specialist in psychiatry/neurology

- prepares a medical opinion
- determines whether illnesses and/or disabilities are present that may impair the handling of legal transactions in everyday life



Litigation friend

- reviews whether legal procedural regulations are being adhered to
- represents the affected person during the court proceedings



Affected citizen



Support worker

may be a family member, a close friend, or an association or professional support worker