Advice about Guardians for International Applicants who are Under 18 Years

If you will be under the age of 18 when you register with the University of Nottingham and your parents live outside of the UK, the University requires that you provide details of a guardian based in the UK. Preferably this should be someone who is in or near to Nottingham. The guardian should be an adult who the University can contact in case of emergency and can act in loco parentis.

The UK based guardian may be a relative or friend of your family living in the UK but you should discuss these responsibilities with them and ask their consent before providing the University with their contact details.

The University will only be able to offer you a place once you have provided details of a UK based guardian. If, however, you do not have a contact in the UK who is willing and able to act as a guardian then there are a number of agencies who will, for a fee, make guardianship arrangements for you.

The Association of Educational Guardians for International Students (AEGIS) inspects and provides accreditation to guardianship organisations in the UK in line with current UK legislation. Further details are available on their website at:

http://www.aegisuk.net

Agencies who are able to make guardianship arrangements include:

Clarendon International Education (http://www.clarendon.uk.com)
Gabbitas Educational Consultants (http://www.gabbitas.co.uk)
Guardians International (http://www.guardiansinternational.com)
Sutherland Education (http://www.sutherland-education.com/)

If you do not have a contact in the UK who can act as a guardian then you will need to make arrangements to obtain a guardian before completing and returning the enclosed pro-forma and include details of the guardian on the form.