

Guardianship Board

1963 – c. 1995

Details

The Guardianship Board, established by the *Mental Health Act* of 1963, replaced the Mental Deficiency Board in 1963. Its purpose was to assume the guardianship of people with an intellectual disability or mental illness. It also advised the Minister about the care, treatment and occupations of people suffering from an intellectual disability or psychiatric illness. The Guardianship and Administration Board replaced the Guardianship Board in about 1995.

The Guardianship Board had five members. In 1963, they were the Director of Social Welfare, the Director of Psychiatric Services and three others, one of whom had to be a woman, and the other, a medical practitioner with experience in diagnosing and treating mental illness. In 1965, eighty people came under the auspices of the Guardianship Board.

The *Guardianship and Administration Act* of 1995 replaced the Guardianship Board with the Guardianship and Administration Board.

More info

Chronology

- Mental Deficiency Board (1922 - 1964)
 - **Guardianship Board (1963 – c. 1995)**
 - Guardianship and Administration Board (1995 - current)

Related Entries

Related Legislation

- [Mental Health Act 1963, Tasmania \(1963 - 1999\)](#)
The Mental Health Act 1963 established the Guardianship Board.
- [Guardianship and Administration Act 1995, Tasmania \(1995 - current\)](#)

Related Organisations

- [Division of Psychiatric Services \(1963 - 1968\)](#)
The Guardianship Board was a part of the Division of Psychiatric Services.

Records

Records held by other organisations

- [Case Files of Mental Defectives Placed under Guardianship \(1947 - 1974\)](#)
 - [Correspondence Files-About Patients, Guardianship Board \(1960 - 1969\)](#)
 - [Correspondence Files \(1919 - 1998\)](#)
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