

## **Abstract**

The diploma thesis deals with guardianship for people with mental illness. The theoretical part is divided into six chapters, where the concept of mental disorder is defined within various documents. Furthermore the process of stigmatization, both from the family and the health care professionals, is also discussed here as self-esteem as a serious consequence of society's access to mental illness. The student also mentioned the process of providing psychiatric care, outlined the reform of psychiatric care as a significant milestone in health care. A great part of the theory consists of a complete description of a guardianship and self-administration. The last chapter focuses on social work with people with mental illnesses. The practical part aims to find out how the guardianship system for people with mental disorders works and how custodians look at guardianship. The student used qualitative surveys and semi-structured interviews. Using open coding, several categories were identified and then responded to the main research question.