

*Changes to legislation: Mental Capacity Act (Northern Ireland) 2016, Paragraph 17 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 21 March 2024. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations. (See end of Document for details) View outstanding changes*

## SCHEDULES

### SCHEDULE 2

Authorisation of short-term detention in hospital for examination etc

#### Part 3

Events terminating the authorisation

*Unreasonable delay in taking certain steps*

17.—(1) If—

- (a) pursuant to a report under paragraph 2, P is admitted to the hospital specified in the report, or
- (b) P is treated under paragraph 1(5) as so admitted,

and subsequently there is an unreasonable delay in taking a relevant step, the start of that delay is an event which terminates the authorisation.

(2) In this paragraph a “relevant step” means making an application under Schedule 1 where a measure that would need authorisation under that Schedule is proposed in relation to P.

#### Commencement Information

- II [Sch. 2 para. 17](#) in operation at 2.12.2019 for specified purposes by [S.R. 2019/163, art. 2\(4\)](#), [Sch. Pt. 4](#) (with [art. 3](#)) (as amended by [S.R. 2019/190, art. 2](#))

**Changes to legislation:**

Mental Capacity Act (Northern Ireland) 2016, Paragraph 17 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 21 March 2024. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.

[View outstanding changes](#)

**Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:**

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 285(2)(a)-(c) substituted for s. 285(2)(a)(b) by [2022 c. 18 \(N.I.\) Sch. 3 para. 77\(b\)](#)