

## 2016 CHAPTER 18

## PART 4 INDEPENDENT MENTAL CAPACITY ADVOCATES

Procedure for ensuring that an independent mental capacity advocate is instructed

## Steps to be taken before independent mental capacity advocate may be requested

- **89.**—(1) The steps referred to in section 88(3) are as follows.
- (2) P must be given prescribed information relating to independent mental capacity advocates.
- (3) P must be given an opportunity to decide whether to make a declaration under section 90 (refusal by P of independent mental capacity advocate).
- (4) If P's decision is to make such a declaration, P must be given an opportunity to make that declaration.
- (5) But the steps in subsections (3) and (4) need not be taken where P does not have capacity to make a declaration under section 90.
- (6) The information prescribed under subsection (2) must include notice that, if an independent mental capacity advocate is instructed, this may result in information about P (including sensitive personal information) being disclosed by virtue of this Act to the independent mental capacity advocate.