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## 2016 CHAPTER 18

### PART 4

#### INDEPENDENT MENTAL CAPACITY ADVOCATES

*Procedure for ensuring that an independent  
mental capacity advocate is instructed*

PROSPECTIVE

#### **Right to declare that no independent mental capacity advocate to be instructed**

**90.**—(1) Where the steps in section 89 have been taken, P may (at any time when P has capacity to do so) declare that he or she does not wish an independent mental capacity advocate to be instructed to represent and provide support to him or her in the matter in question.

(2) A declaration may be revoked by P at any time when P has capacity to do so.

(3) A declaration, or a revocation of a declaration, is valid only if it is in writing and the conditions of section 95 (formalities) are met.

(4) Where a declaration has been made (and not revoked)—

(a) no request may be made under section 88 for an independent mental capacity advocate to be instructed to represent and provide support to P in the matter in question; and

(b) accordingly, no such instruction may be given under section 91.

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(5) In this section “declaration” means a declaration under this section.

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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\(b\)](#)