



Mental Capacity Act 2005

2005 CHAPTER 9

PART 2

THE COURT OF PROTECTION AND THE PUBLIC GUARDIAN

Practice and procedure

50 Applications to the Court of Protection

- (1) No permission is required for an application to the court for the exercise of any of its powers under this Act—
- (a) by a person who lacks, or is alleged to lack, capacity,
 - (b) if such a person has not reached 18, by anyone with parental responsibility for him,
 - (c) by the donor or a donee of a lasting power of attorney to which the application relates,
 - (d) by a deputy appointed by the court for a person to whom the application relates, or
 - (e) by a person named in an existing order of the court, if the application relates to the order.

[^{F1}(1A) Nor is permission required for an application to the court under section 21A by the relevant person's representative.]

^{F1}(2) But, subject to Court of Protection Rules and to paragraph 20(2) of Schedule 3 (declarations relating to private international law), permission is required for any other application to the court.

- (3) In deciding whether to grant permission the court must, in particular, have regard to—
- (a) the applicant's connection with the person to whom the application relates,
 - (b) the reasons for the application,
 - (c) the benefit to the person to whom the application relates of a proposed order or directions, and

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(d) whether the benefit can be achieved in any other way.

(4) “Parental responsibility” has the same meaning as in the Children Act 1989 (c. 41).

Textual Amendments

F1 S. 50(1A) inserted (1.4.2009) by [Mental Health Act 2007 \(c. 12\)](#), ss. 50, 56, [Sch. 9 para. 9](#); [S.I. 2009/139](#), [art. 2\(e\)](#) (with art. 3)

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