



# Mental Capacity Act 2005

## 2005 CHAPTER 9

### PART 2

#### THE COURT OF PROTECTION AND THE PUBLIC GUARDIAN

##### *Supplementary powers*

#### **49 Power to call for reports**

- (1) This section applies where, in proceedings brought in respect of a person (“P”) under Part 1, the court is considering a question relating to P.
- (2) The court may require a report to be made to it by the Public Guardian or by a Court of Protection Visitor.
- (3) The court may require a local authority, or an NHS body, to arrange for a report to be made—
  - (a) by one of its officers or employees, or
  - (b) by such other person (other than the Public Guardian or a Court of Protection Visitor) as the authority, or the NHS body, considers appropriate.
- (4) The report must deal with such matters relating to P as the court may direct.
- (5) Court of Protection Rules may specify matters which, unless the court directs otherwise, must also be dealt with in the report.
- (6) The report may be made in writing or orally, as the court may direct.
- (7) In complying with a requirement, the Public Guardian or a Court of Protection Visitor may, at all reasonable times, examine and take copies of—
  - (a) any health record,
  - (b) any record of, or held by, a local authority and compiled in connection with a social services function, and
  - (c) any record held by a person registered under Part 2 of the Care Standards Act 2000 (c. 14),

---

*Status: This is the original version (as it was originally enacted).*

---

so far as the record relates to P.

- (8) If the Public Guardian or a Court of Protection Visitor is making a visit in the course of complying with a requirement, he may interview P in private.
- (9) If a Court of Protection Visitor who is a Special Visitor is making a visit in the course of complying with a requirement, he may if the court so directs carry out in private a medical, psychiatric or psychological examination of P's capacity and condition.
- (10) "NHS body" has the meaning given in section 148 of the Health and Social Care (Community Health and Standards) Act 2003 (c. 43).
- (11) "Requirement" means a requirement imposed under subsection (2) or (3).