

*These notes refer to the Mental Capacity Act (Northern Ireland)
2016 (c.18) which received Royal Assent on 9 May 2016*

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EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

Part 13 – Offences

Section 272 - Obstruction

In certain circumstances someone may be authorised by the Act to visit, interview or examine a person affected by the provisions of the Act. This section makes it an offence to refuse or obstruct that access, or to refuse to produce related records when requested by the authorised person. The section also makes it an offence for any third person to insist on being present after having been requested to withdraw by the authorised person. Conviction can result in a fine, prison term or both.