

*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 15 – Supplementary

Section 297 – Panels constituted to decide applications: general provision

This section requires a panel constituted to grant an authorisation under the Act (under Schedules 1, 3 or 6) to have 3 members, all of whom must be present during any panel proceedings. Further membership requirements may be provided by regulations, including requirements around how the panel should operate. The section also allows for regulations to amend the time limit in which panels must make decisions on authorisations (currently 7 working days on receipt of application); and also the length of interim authorisations granted. (currently 28 days).