



# Mental Capacity Act 2005

## 2005 CHAPTER 9

### PART 1

#### PERSONS WHO LACK CAPACITY

##### *Preliminary*

#### **[<sup>F1</sup>4B Deprivation of liberty necessary for life-sustaining treatment etc**

- (1) If the following conditions are met, D is authorised to deprive P of his liberty while a decision as respects any relevant issue is sought from the court.
- (2) The first condition is that there is a question about whether D is authorised to deprive P of his liberty under section 4A.
- (3) The second condition is that the deprivation of liberty—
  - (a) is wholly or partly for the purpose of—
    - (i) giving P life-sustaining treatment, or
    - (ii) doing any vital act, or
  - (b) consists wholly or partly of—
    - (i) giving P life-sustaining treatment, or
    - (ii) doing any vital act.
- (4) The third condition is that the deprivation of liberty is necessary in order to—
  - (a) give the life-sustaining treatment, or
  - (b) do the vital act.
- (5) A vital act is any act which the person doing it reasonably believes to be necessary to prevent a serious deterioration in P's condition.]

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**Textual Amendments**

- F1** Ss. 4A, 4B inserted (1.4.2009) by [Mental Health Act 2007 \(c. 12\)](#), **ss. 50(2)**, 56; S.I. 2009/139, **art. 2(b)** (with art. 3)

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