

# Mental Capacity Act Update

Edition 15 - September 2007



Welcome to Edition 15 of the Mental Capacity Act Newsletter.

## What's new?

### Forms and advice

You can now see **Lasting Power of Attorney and new Court of Protection** information, advice and forms on the **Public Guardianship Office** website.



There is more information about this on the next page.

This update is from the Mental Capacity Implementation Programme whose members are:

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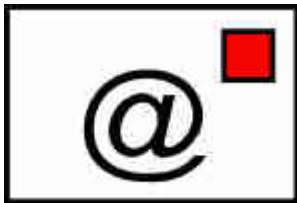
  
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## Rules about taking away people's liberty

Some new rules about taking away people's liberty have been put into the Mental Capacity Act. The Government is asking people what they think about these at the moment.

If you want to have a say about the new rules you can e-mail:



[safeguardsconsultation@guardianship.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:safeguardsconsultation@guardianship.gsi.gov.uk)

## Communications and Events

### Forms, advice and information



You can now see the **Lasting Power of Attorney** information and forms on the **Public Guardianship Office** website. You can also see the draft information and forms for the **Court of Protection**.

The website address is:



[www.guardianship.gov.uk/formsdocuments/forms.htm](http://www.guardianship.gov.uk/formsdocuments/forms.htm)

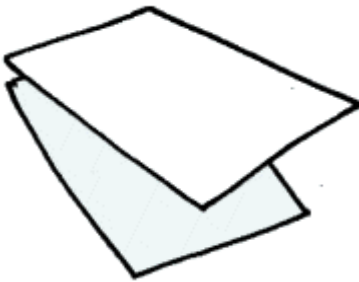


You can now see forms and advice about:

- Making a **Lasting Power of Attorney**



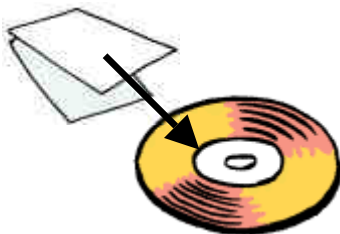
- The new **Court of Protection**
- How the **Court of Protection** will work



The forms and advice may still change.

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Paper copies will not be ready until September. A CD Rom will be made of all the advice and forms.



This will help people to get ready and train for when the Act starts.



## Information

There are some booklets and a leaflet about the law.

You can see these at:



[www.guardianship.gov.uk/formsdocuments/publications.htm](http://www.guardianship.gov.uk/formsdocuments/publications.htm)



You can get a paper copy of the booklets and leaflet by telephoning



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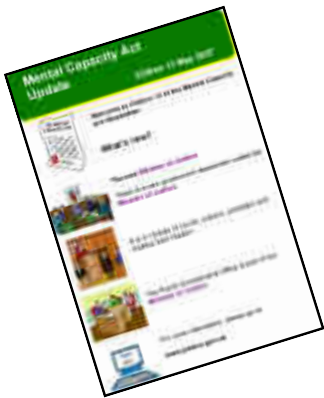
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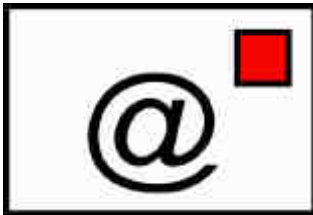


Please send this newsletter onto anyone:

- who is interested in the Mental Capacity Act
- who may be affected by the new law.



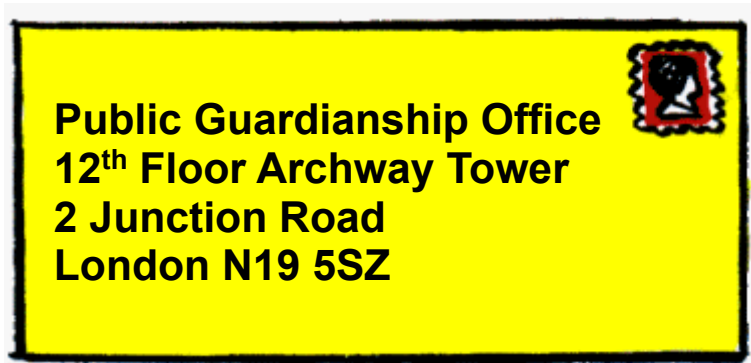
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Website:

**[www.justice.gov.uk/whatwedo/mentalcapacity.htm](http://www.justice.gov.uk/whatwedo/mentalcapacity.htm)**

# What the words mean

## **Court of Protection**

The new court which deals with everything to do with the Mental Capacity Act. The court decides what is best for people who cannot decide for themselves.

## **Lasting Power of Attorney**

A power a person can give to another person to make decisions for them about certain things in the future. A person can only do this if they understand what it means. They can also put limits on the power they give to their Attorney.

## **OPG - Office of the Public Guardian**

This is a new office set up under the Mental Capacity Act. It will:

- help the Court by looking after the paperwork and applications for Lasting Powers of Attorney and Deputies
- keep an eye on Deputies to make sure they are doing their job properly
- work with the police and social services when they think that somebody may have been abused.

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