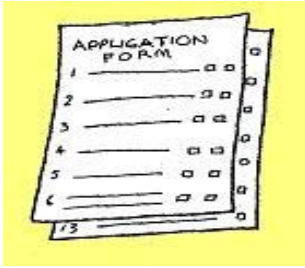




What some words mean



Application - this is where you ask the Court or the Office of the Public Guardian to look at a case and make a decision.



Civil courts – these are courts that do not deal with crimes. They deal with matters between members of the public.

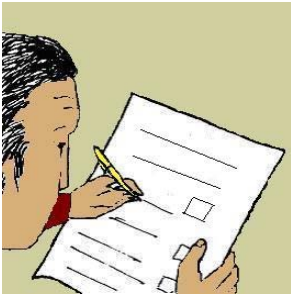


Close supervision – supervision is checking up how someone is doing and sometimes helping them. Close supervision is close checking and where more help can be given.



Court of Protection – this is a new court that has been set up by the Mental Capacity Act. This court will have the power to make decisions for people who cannot make decisions for themselves. Decisions could be about a person's money and property as well as their health and welfare.





Court of Protection visitor – this is an independent person who visits a person who lacks capacity to meet them, see what their life is like and write a report for the court.



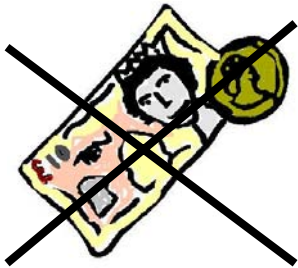
Court reporting service - the Mental Capacity Act sets up a new independent Court Reporting Service. Reports could be used to give the Court independent information about the person who cannot make decisions for themselves.



Deputies – court appointed deputies are going to take the place of the system of receivers we have now. Deputies will be used in cases where the new Court cannot just make a one off decision to sort out the affairs of a person who cannot make decisions for themselves. Deputies will be able to make decisions to do with a person's welfare, healthcare and money but they will not be able to refuse treatment that could keep a person alive.



Enduring Powers of Attorney – this allows a person the legal right to choose someone to make decisions about money matters on their behalf, including when they cannot make decisions for themselves.



Exemption – this is where the usual fee would not be charged because a person does not have enough money and is on means tested benefit.



Lasting Powers of Attorney (LPAs)
- this will allow a person the legal right to choose someone to make decisions about money matters and welfare matters on their behalf when they cannot make decisions for themselves. When LPAs begin in October 2007 it will not be possible to make an Enduring Power of Attorney.



Light touch supervision -

supervision is checking up how someone is doing and sometimes giving them help. Light touch

supervision is low level checking and where they do not need much help.

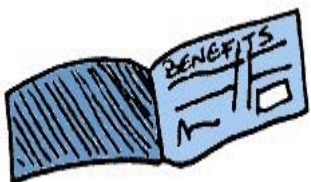


Local authority receiver –

this is where someone from a local authority is dealing with the affairs of an individual under an order of the court.



Lord Chancellor's visitors - this is an independent person who visits a person who cannot make decisions for themselves to write a report to help the court make a decision. The Mental Capacity Act replaces Lord Chancellor's visitors with **Court of Protection Visitors**.



Means-tested benefits – these are benefits that are worked out by how much money people have coming in and in savings.



Mental Capacity Act 2005 - this is a law about how decisions are made on behalf of people who lack capacity. This means they cannot make decisions for themselves.



Office of the Public Guardian – this is a new organisation that will help the Public Guardian. It has been set up because of the Mental Capacity Act and it replaces the Public Guardianship Office. It will have certain jobs to do with particular groups of people who have been given the duty of making decisions on behalf of someone who lacks capacity.



Oral Hearing – this is where someone has to come to Court in person for the case to be dealt with.



Partial Regulatory Impact Assessment - looks at out how a new idea would affect different groups of people in the community.



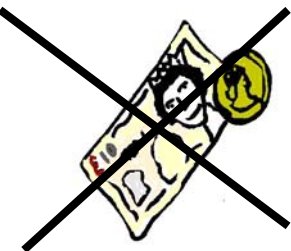
Public Guardian – is a new official set up by the Mental Capacity Act. They will oversee certain groups of people who have been given the duty of making decisions on behalf of someone who lacks capacity. The Public Guardian makes sure they do this properly and fairly.



Receivers – a receiver is appointed by the Court to handle the day to day running of a person's finances. Receivers are part of the system we have now which will be replaced by the new system of deputies.



Registration fee – money that is paid when something is set up, like Powers of Attorney.



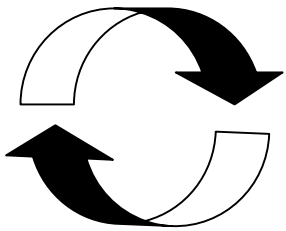
Remission – this is where the Court of Protection or the Office of the Public Guardian makes a decision that a full fee or part of the fee will not be charged.



Statutory instrument – this is a type of law that deals with technical matters and does not need to be voted on by the two Houses of Parliament.

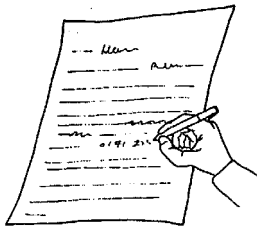
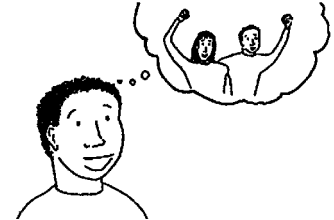


Supervision – supervision is checking up how someone is doing and sometimes giving them help.

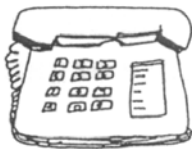


Transitional arrangements – this is how things will work while a system is changing.

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