



DEPRIVATION OF LIBERTY SAFEGUARDS

Mental Capacity Act

(Northern Ireland) 2016

6 TIME LINES - TRUST PANEL AUTHORIZATION

1. Assessments and reports completed before making the application

- Form 1 must be completed within a reasonable period
- Form 2 must be completed within a reasonable period
- Form 4 must be completed within a reasonable period
- Form 6 must be completed within 2 days of medic examining P
- Form 7 must be completed within a reasonable period

2. Application to Trust Panel

- Form 5 must be completed - there are no time requirements between completion of assessment/forms and application

3. Trust receives application and convenes Panel

- Trust must issue Form 17 as soon as practicable
- Trust must convene a Panel
- Trust Panel must make a decision within 7 working days of Trust receiving application
- Trust Panel must issue Form 18 as soon as practicable after making decision

4a. Decision

- Trust panel authorisation lasts 6 months unless revoked or unless P has been discharged from detention.

or

4b. Interim decision

- Interim authorisation lasts for 28 days from decision.
- The same Trust Panel must consider final decision.
- Granting of authorisation after interim authorisation lasts 6 months (see 4a).



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