

Assisted Decision-Making (Capacity) Act 2015 – Resources

E-learning programmes

There are three e-learning programmes to support staff in implementing the principles of the Assisted Decision Making (Capacity) Act 2015. These are now available on [HSELand](#): **Assisted Decision-Making (Capacity) Act 2015 – Guidance for Healthcare Workers.**

This e-learning programme provides essential information about implementing the 2015 Act in practice and will help staff to familiarise themselves with their new responsibilities under the Act.

This e-learning programme includes three modules:

- **Module 1: Guiding Principles**
- **Module 2: Working with Decision Supporters appointed under the 2015 Act**
- **Module 3: Advance Healthcare Directives**

Supporting Decision Making in Health and Social Care e-learning programme

This e-learning programme focuses on the principles of supported decision-making and models key communication skills, strategies and tools.

- Module 1: Supporting a person to make decisions
- Module 2: Supporting a person to plan for the future
- Module 3: An Introduction to the Functional Assessment of Capacity

HSE National Consent Programme e-learning programme.

This e-learning programme prepares staff to ensure that valid consent is sought for every intervention in line with the HSE National Consent policy.

- Module 1: General Principles
- Module 2: Working with Children and young People

Webinars

There are a number of recorded webinars on www.assisteddecisionmaking.ie:

- Assisted Decision-Making (Capacity) Act 2015: Update since commencement
- Getting Ready for Commencement of the Assisted Decision-Making (Capacity) Act 2015
- Getting ready for Advance Healthcare Directives under the Assisted Decision-Making (Capacity) Act 2015
- Transition from Wardship to the Assisted Decision-Making (Capacity) Act 2015: Guidance for Staff



- Preparations for the Commencement of the Assisted Decision-Making (Capacity) Act 2015: considerations for HSE Mental Health Services

Case study-based webinars

Five case study-based webinars with a multi-disciplinary panel on Commencement and Implementation of the Assisted Decision-Making (Capacity) Act 2015 have been developed which cover the following topics:

- supporting a person to make a decision
- how and when to engage with the Decision Support Service
- the functional assessment of capacity
- positive risk taking and 'unwise decisions'
- respecting the rights of the person and the role of families.

Website

Up-to-date information and guidance is available on www.assisteddecisionmaking.ie including:

Frequently asked questions on the Act

[Click here](#) to access to the FAQs on the 2015 Act. These FAQs should not be relied upon as legal advice or opinion and are subject to regular review.

A short explainer on the Act

This [short video](#) was designed to be used across all services. It includes the voices of staff and people who use our services.

A recorded presentation

This is a [recorded presentation](#), An Introduction to the Assisted Decision-Making (Capacity) Act 2015.

Assisted Decision-Making (Capacity) Act 2015: Personal and Professional Reflections

This [book is a collection of essays](#), written by subject matter experts, experts by experience, health and social care professionals and others, offering their perspectives on what we can expect from the Assisted Decision-Making (Capacity) Act 2015.

Newsletters

We have created a catalogue of Newsletters from over the years which features a number of articles from staff and people who use our services about various topics including the Assisted Decision-Making (Capacity) Act 2015. For further information on our Newsletters click into [National Office for Human Rights and Equality Policy](#).



Decision Support Service

The Decision Support Service, a new service established under the 2015 Act, officially launched on Tuesday 26th April 2023. Its primary function is to promote awareness and confidence in the new statutory framework, to regulate and supervise the new arrangements and to promote organisational change.

The Decision Support Service published 13 statutory [Codes of Practice](#) on the 2015 Act in advance of commencement including codes:

- for [Healthcare Professionals](#),
- on [Advance Healthcare Directives for Healthcare Professionals](#),
- for [Supporting Decision-Making and Assessing Capacity](#).

The Decision Support Service have also developed a number of [guidance materials](#), [easy read materials](#) and [videos](#) about the Act.

Further details on the work of the Decision Support Service is available at www.decisionsupportservice.ie

Court Service

Part 5 Capacity Template

We have developed [a guide](#) to the functional assessment of capacity required for a capacity assessment under Part 5 of the Act. This is not a legal document and has been developed for guidance purposes only.

In addition, the Court Service have created a flow-chart on how to make a capacity application which can be viewed [here](#)

Information on the wardship discharge process, including flowcharts of the Discharge Process and Leaving Wardship, can be found at <https://www.courts.ie/assisted-decision-making-capacity-act>

Resources for families

Information booklet for families and carers, published by Family Carers Ireland. It explains the Assisted Decision-Making (Capacity) Act in simple language, together with examples. Link to the document is <https://www.familycarers.ie/media/3012/a-practical-guide-for-family-carers-on-the-assisted-decision-making-capacity-act-2015.pdf>

*This document is subject to frequent review and updates

