

*These notes refer to the Mental Capacity Act (Northern Ireland)
2016 (c.18) which received Royal Assent on 9 May 2016*

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EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

Part 1 – Principles

Section 2 – Principle: best interests

This section provides for a further principle which requires any act done or decision made under the Act on behalf of a person who is 16 or over and lacks capacity, to be in that person's best interests. This is expanded upon in section 7.