
STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2019 No. 164

**The Mental Capacity (Deprivation of
Liberty) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2019**

PART 6

Money and Valuables and Research

Money and valuables

55.—(1) Where a relevant authority holds money or valuables it may expend that money or dispose of those valuables for the benefit of P subject to paragraph (2).

(2) When a relevant authority expends money or disposes of valuables for the benefit of P the relevant authority must—

- (a) have regard to the sentimental value any article may have for P, if P had capacity;
- (b) consult P's nominated person (if one is appointed and if it is reasonable and practicable to do so) regarding the expenditure or disposal;
- (c) ensure that the expenditure or disposal is not of such nature that P's future options will be limited, unless necessary due to a contractual commitment or to ensure P's best interests; and
- (d) not use the money and valuables to pay for such things which would normally be included in the fees for the place of residence or to pay for such fees.