

The Decision Support Service

What is the Decision Support Service?

The Decision Support Service (DSS) is a new service established under the Assisted Decision-Making (Capacity) Act 2015.

Key Reforms under the Act:

- Capacity is assessed in a time-specific and issue-specific way
- The wards of court system for adults will be abolished
- Adult wards of court will have their cases reviewed and will exit wardship within three years
- The Act provides a new three-tier support framework to support a person's decision-making about property and affairs and personal welfare
- There are new ways for everyone to plan ahead, in case we lose our ability to make certain decisions in future
- New guiding principles emphasise privacy, autonomy and respect for a person's will and preferences


The role of the Decision Support Service will be:

- to promote awareness and provide information about the Act
- to regulate and register decision support arrangements
- to supervise the actions of the legally appointed 'decision supporters'
- to maintain panels of suitable persons to carry out certain functions under the Act
- to publish codes of practice
- to investigate complaints about decision supporters and arrangements

Where can I get further information?

For further information, please visit:

 www.decisionsupportservice.ie

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