



Hello!



You would like to know...

... about the **Court of Protection**.



When a person **lacks mental capacity** ...



Court of protection



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## The Court of Protection:



- decides if someone is able to make decisions for themselves.



- decides who will make decisions for them (if they cannot make decisions on their own).



- gives people the chance to make a decision for someone (who cannot make a decision).



- decides about when someone can be stopped from doing something (because it is not safe for them).

This is called **deprivation of their liberty** under **the Mental Capacity Act**.



An example of this is when someone is not allowed to leave their home on their own.



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## What the words mean

When a person does not have **mental capacity**, the **Court of Protection** can make decisions about their money and their wellbeing.

The **Mental Capacity Act 2005** is a law. It explains how to check (assess) if people can make decisions for themselves. It also explains what to do if people are not able (lack capacity) to make decisions.

If a person cannot make decisions for themselves, they are described as '**lacking capacity**'.

**Wellbeing** means how happy, healthy, and safe you feel in your life.