

What is Assisted Decision-Making (ADM)?

The Assisted Decision-Making (Capacity) Act 2015 provides a rights-based legal framework for decision-making in health and social care. It requires professionals to move:

- Away from substitute or “best interests” decision-making
- Towards practice that prioritises a person’s will and preferences.

In practice, this means supporting individuals to participate in decisions, applying functional assessments of capacity, and working in line with rights-based principles and legal requirements.

We’re Here to Help

Contact the ADM Service for professional support with:

- Promoting Future Planning: Enduring Power of Attorney and Advanced Healthcare Directives
- Complex case consultation
- Guidance on functional decision-making capacity
- Advice on ADM legislation and practice
- Education and training for teams and services
- Support applying the HSE National Consent Policy
- Applying Human Rights & Equality Based Practice



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Assisted Decision-Making (ADM) Dublin North Service

- Specialist support for professionals on decision-making, capacity and consent
- Embedding will and preferences in everyday clinical and care decisions
- Promoting a rights-based approach in line with legislation and policy

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Contact the ADM Dublin North Service

There are two ADM Leads that professionals of community-based services can contact.

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Please contact for advice, consultation, or training at:

adm.dncc@hse.ie



About the ADM Dublin North Service

The ADM Dublin North Service is a specialist support service for professionals implementing:

- The Assisted Decision-Making (Capacity) Act 2015
- The HSE National Consent Policy
- Equality & Human Rights Based Practice
- Associated Further Legislation and Policies

The ADM Dublin North is a specialised social work team leader led service which operates within the Quality, Safety and Service Improvement (QSSI) function and works alongside Safeguarding & Protection and Quality Patient Safety teams to support safe, consistent and governance-aligned practice.

The Role of the ADM Dublin North Service:

- Is not a crisis, emergency, or safeguarding service
- Provides guidance, consultation, and training only
- Does not assume clinical responsibility or case management

Professionals and services retain all responsibility for:

- Clinical decision-making and interventions
- Risk management
- Governance and safeguarding processes

How We Can Support

- ✓ Specialist advice on ADM legislation and policy
- ✓ Guidance on consent and functional capacity
- ✓ Complex case consultation
- ✓ Support applying legal and policy requirements in practice
- ✓ Tailored education and training

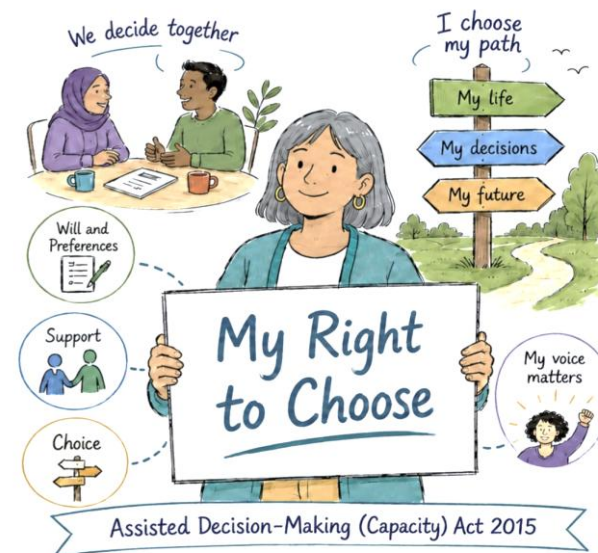
This Enables Professionals to

- Apply ADM principles in clinical and care settings
- Navigate capacity and consent considerations
- Work effectively with decision support arrangements
- Improve decision-making outcomes for service users

Who We Support

The ADM Dublin North Service supports health and social care professionals working across:

- Primary Care
- Mental Health
- Disability Services
- Older Persons Services
- Safeguarding & Protection
- Social Inclusion



Our Aim:

To support professionals to:

- ✓ Embed rights-based, person-centred practice
- ✓ Deliver consistent, legally compliant care
- ✓ Build confidence in applying ADM legislation
- ✓ Strengthen decision-making processes across services
- ✓ Enable professionals to translate ADM legislation into everyday practice
- ✓ Promote supported decision-making and respect for will and preferences
- ✓ Build organisational capability and leadership in ADM implementation
- ✓ Drive culture change from substitute decision-making to supported decision-making
- ✓ Ensure people they work with are empowered to make their own decisions wherever possible