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# Voice Matters

## Learning from Sage Advocacy's Experience of the ADMCA

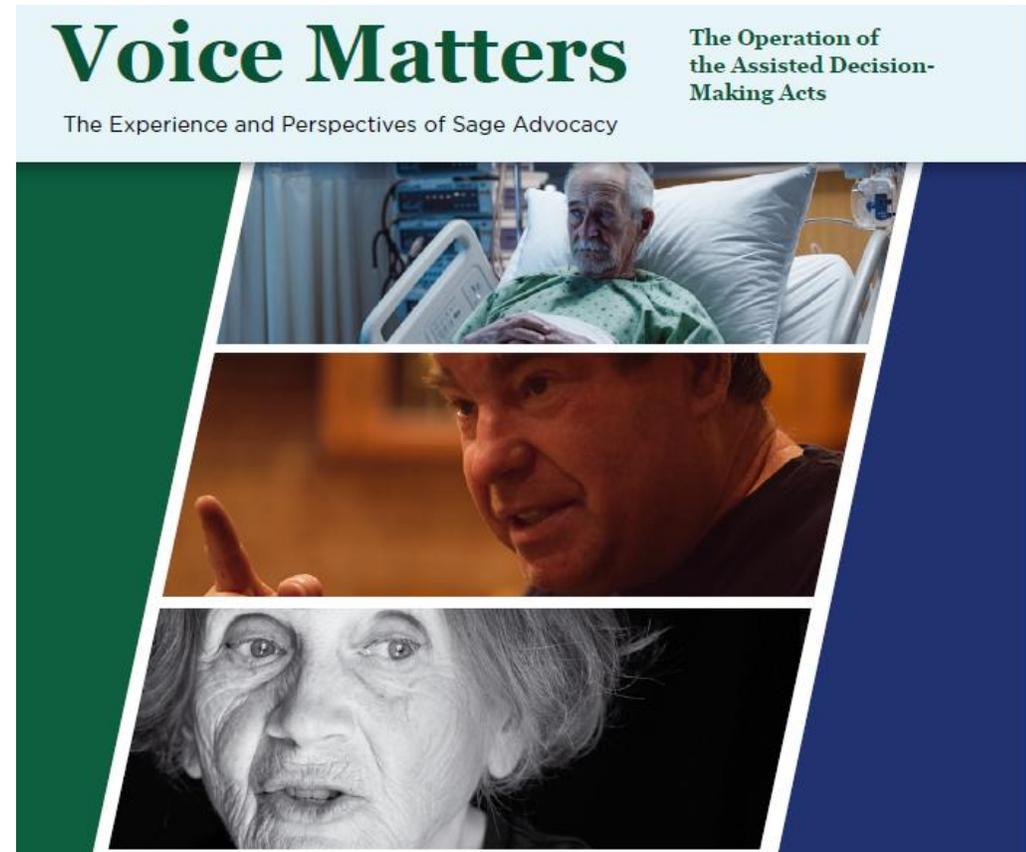
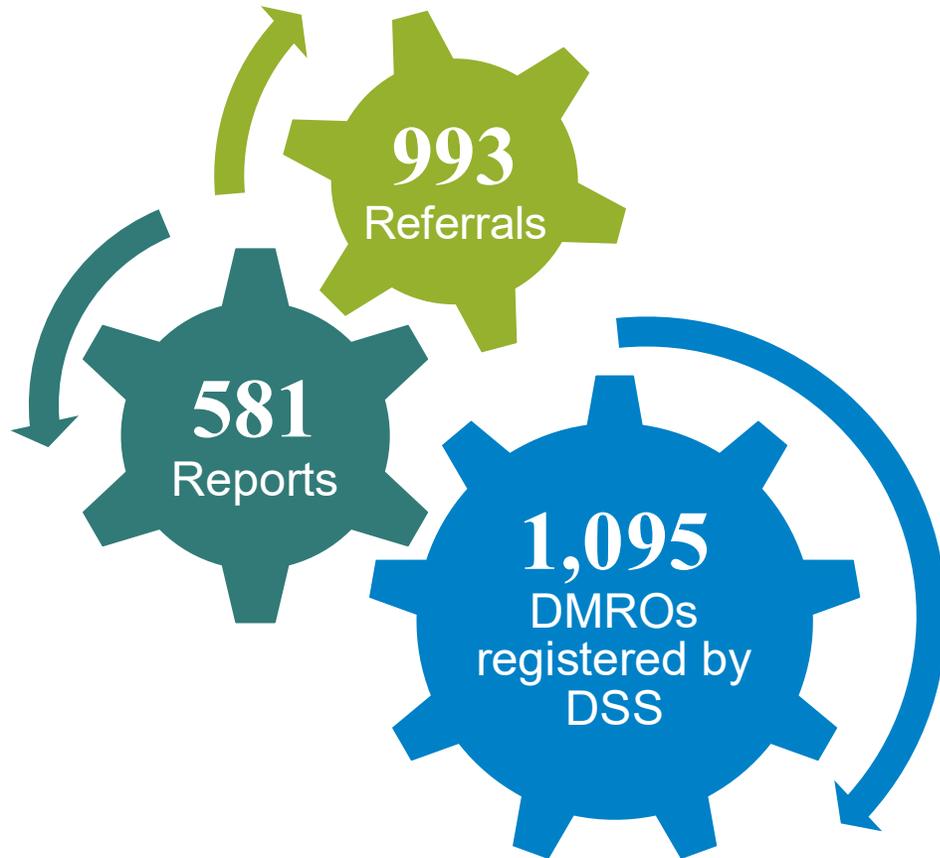
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# Context of Sage Work



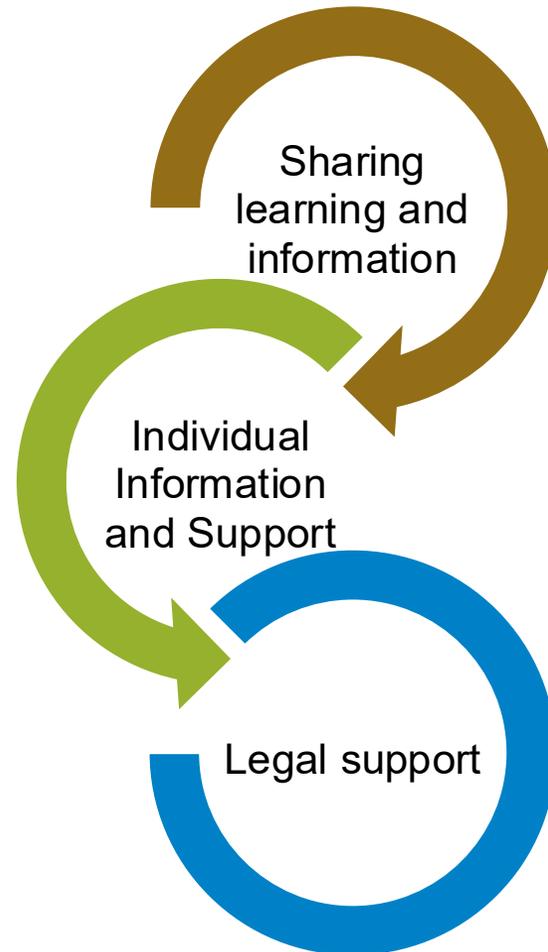
# Overview of Report – Sage Activities

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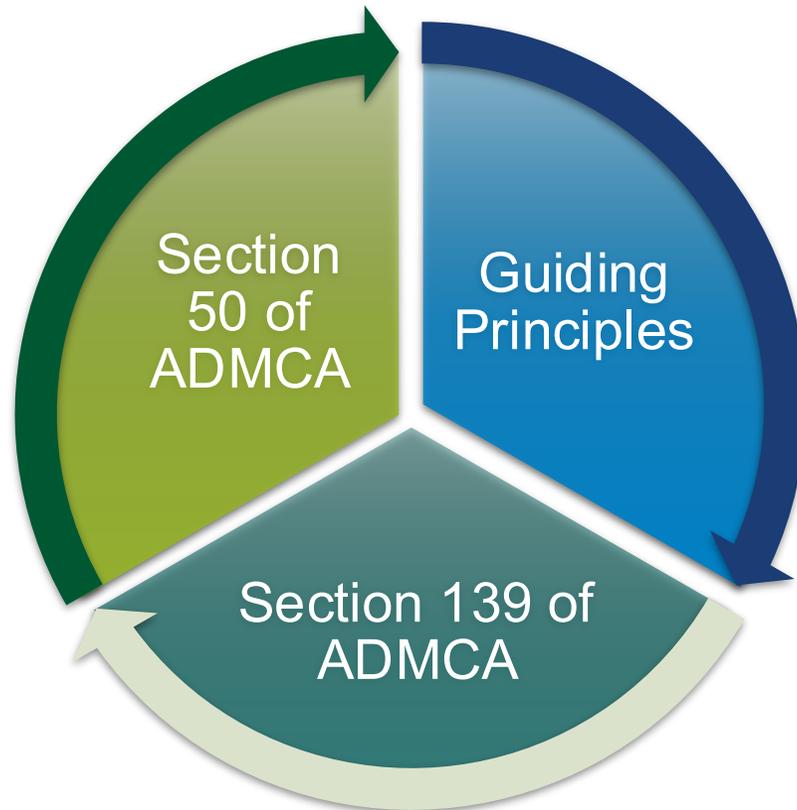


# ADM Related Activities

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# Part 5 & DMR Applications



## Appendix Three

### *Sage Advocacy Template for Independent Advocacy Report*

Application under Part [5/6/48/49] of the Assisted Decision-Making (Capacity) Act

Report Date: / / Court: \_\_\_\_\_

Reference Number/Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Referral made by: Name Surname \_\_\_\_\_

Date of referral: / / \_\_\_\_\_

Place of Visit: \_\_\_\_\_

Date/s of Visit/s: \_\_\_\_\_

Purpose of Visit: \_\_\_\_\_

(Refer to section of relevant form if applicable)

Date of Court hearing: / / \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Independent Advocate: \_\_\_\_\_

**Report on Visit 1:** \_\_\_\_\_

(State if any other person was present)

**Response on Decisions:** \_\_\_\_\_

(Set out each decision, the information given on each decision and then the response and any other relevant comment)

**Person's comments on proposed DMR:** \_\_\_\_\_

(If applicable)

**Other relevant comments:** \_\_\_\_\_

(Include any specific request/comments made by the person)

**Report on Visit 2:** \_\_\_\_\_

(State if any other person was present)

**Response on decisions:** \_\_\_\_\_

(Set out each decision, the information given on each decision and then the response and any other relevant comment)

**Person's comments on proposed DMR:** \_\_\_\_\_

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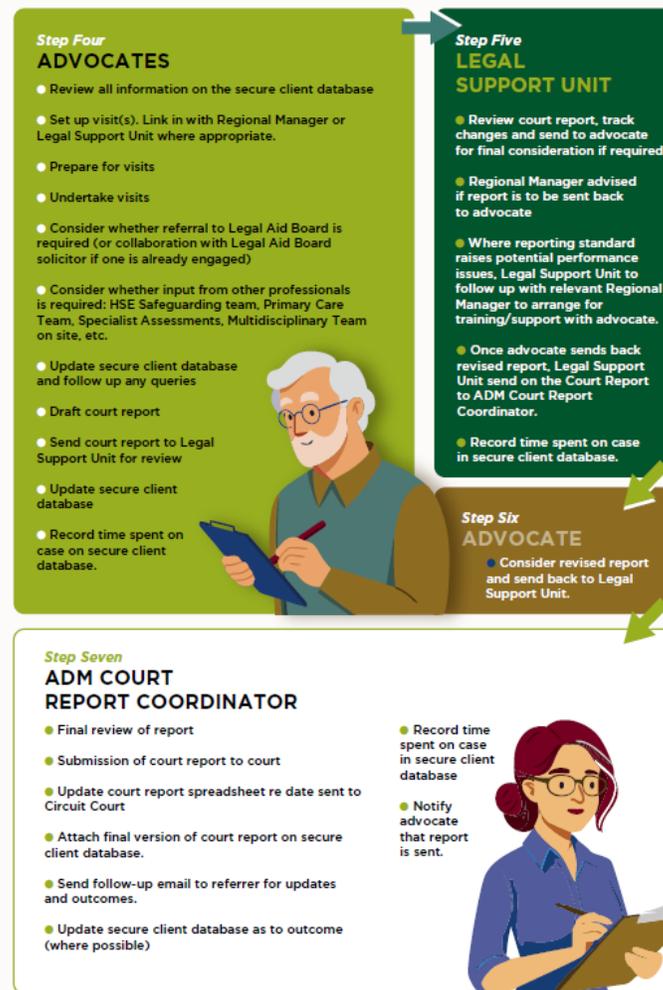
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**Signature of Independent Advocate** \_\_\_\_\_

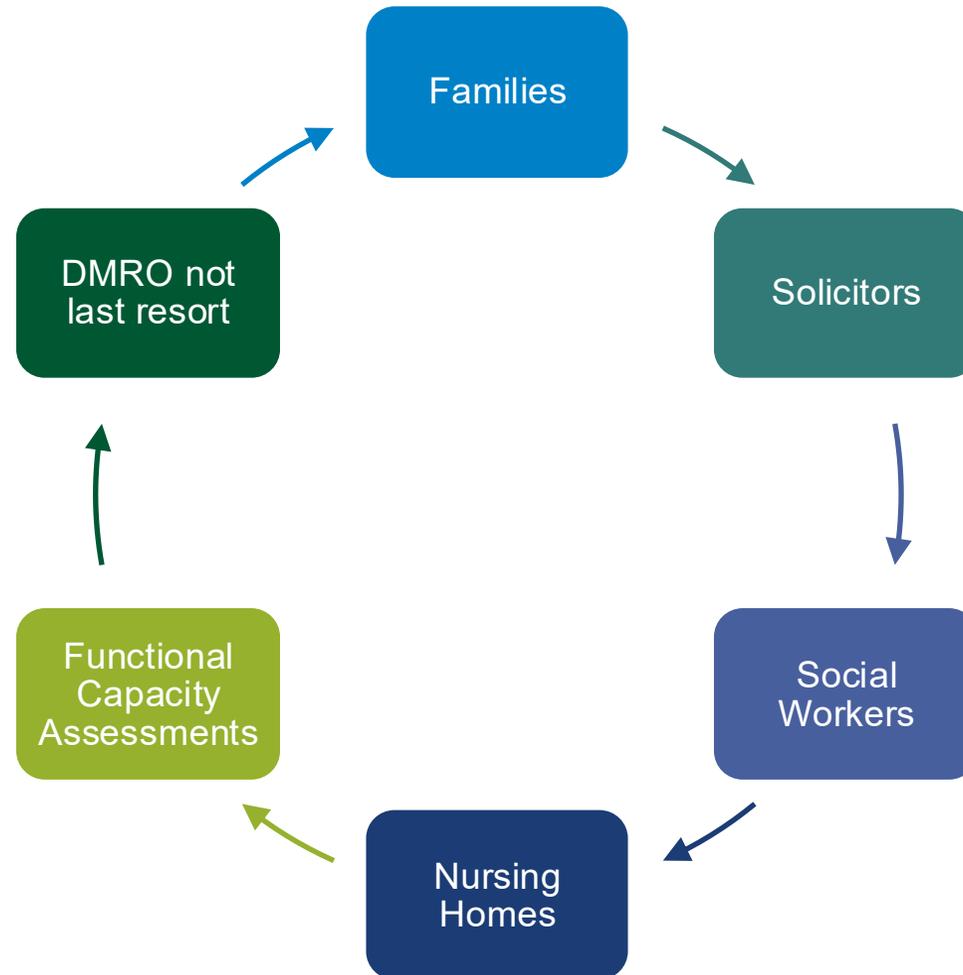
# Process Development and Continuous Learning

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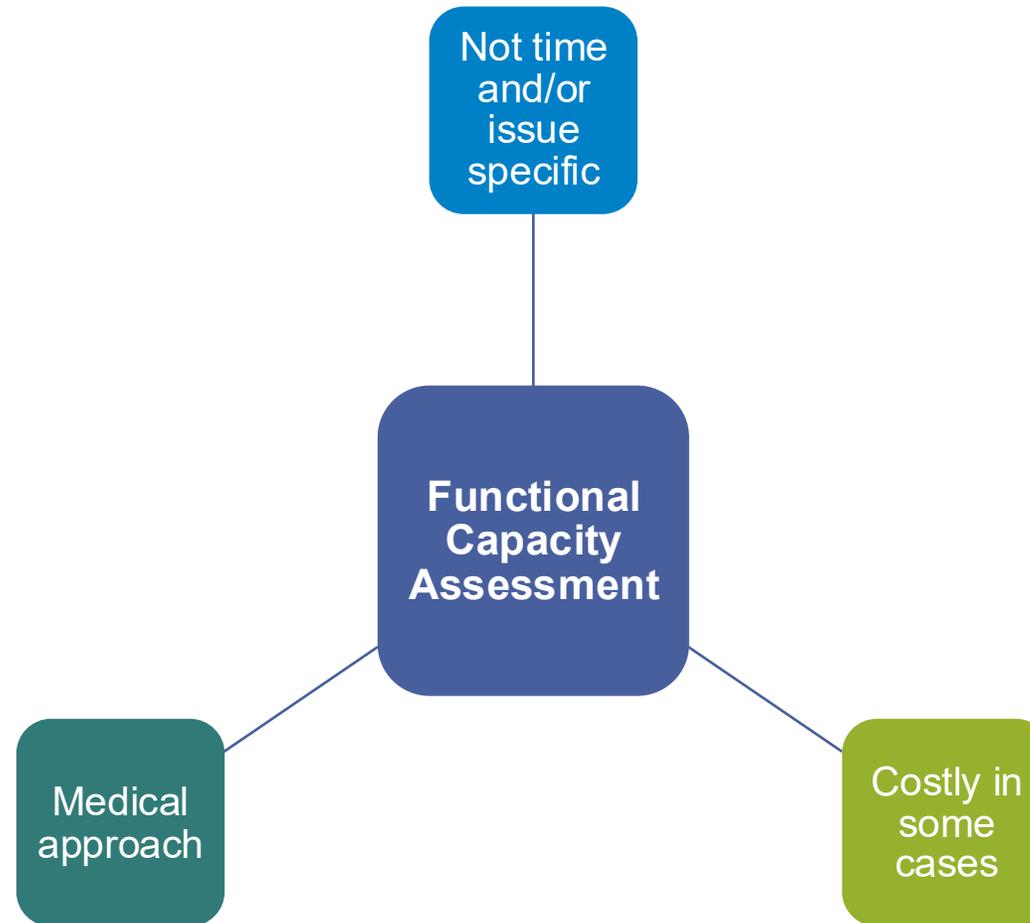
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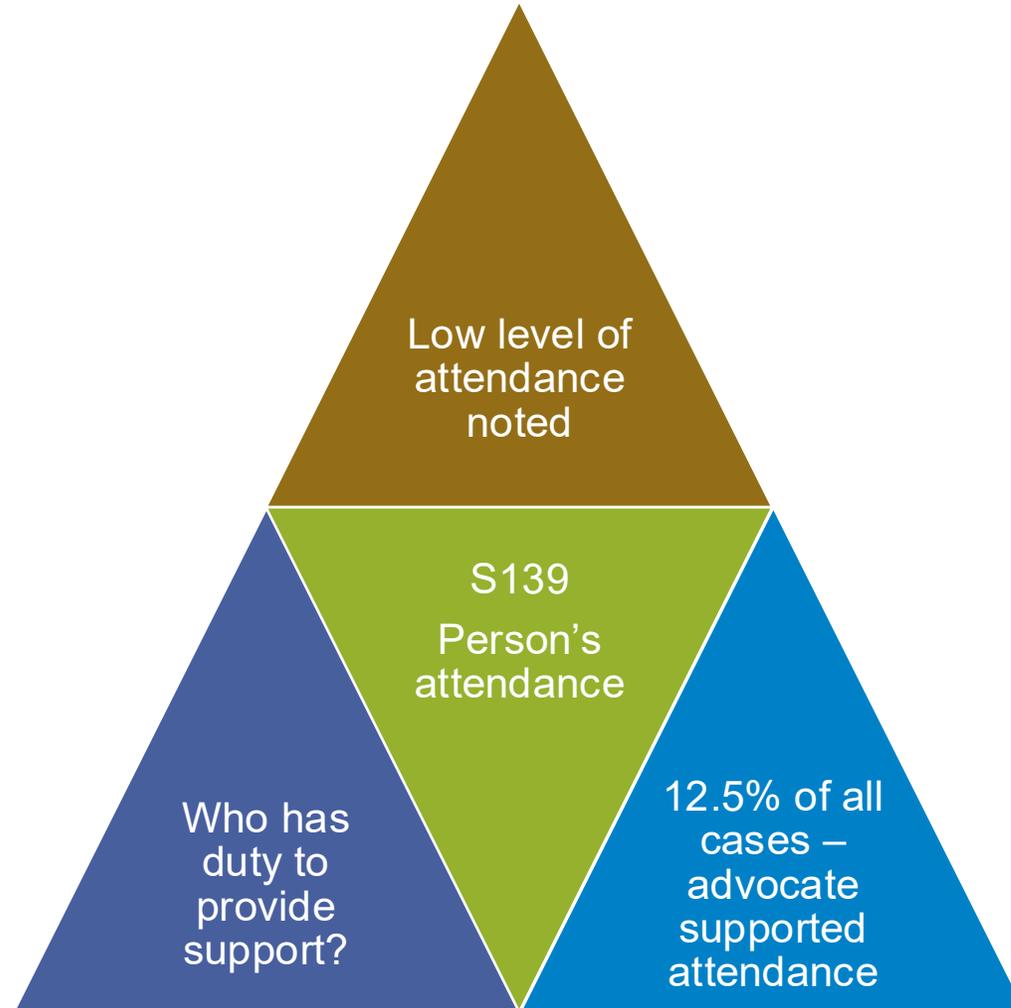
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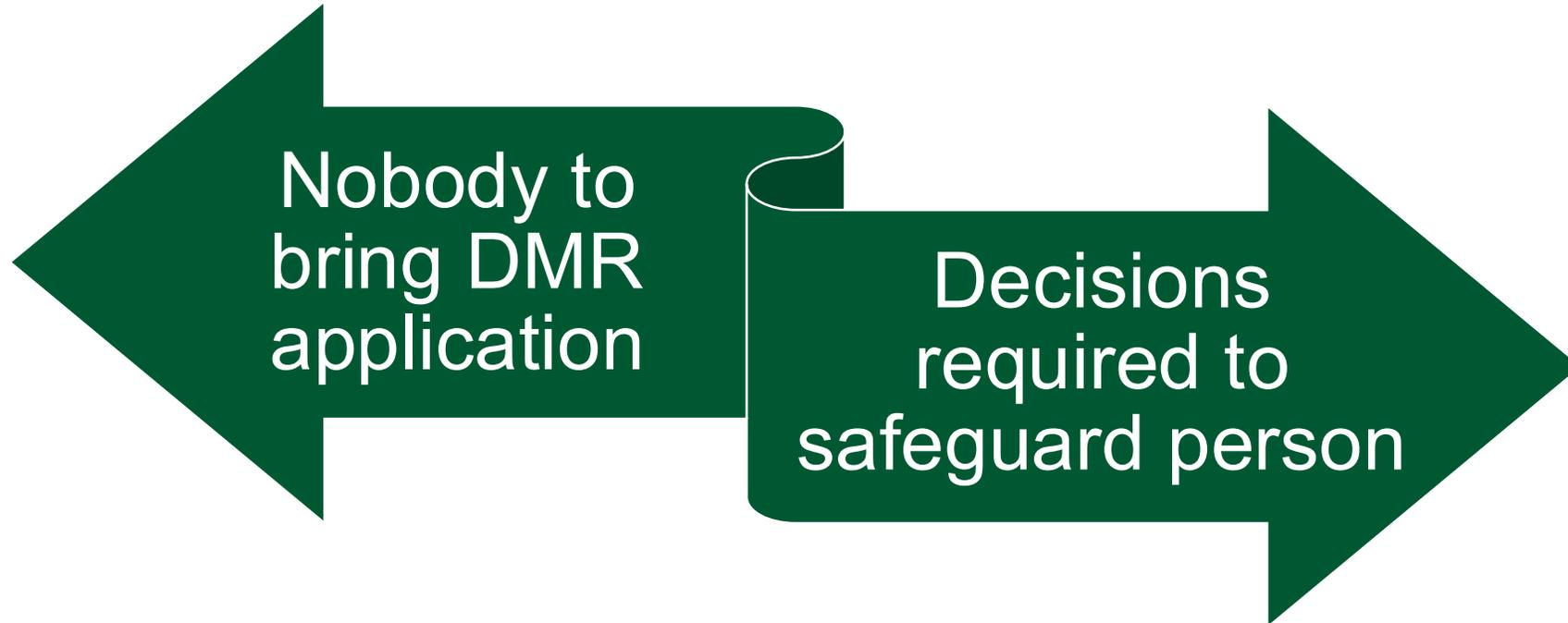
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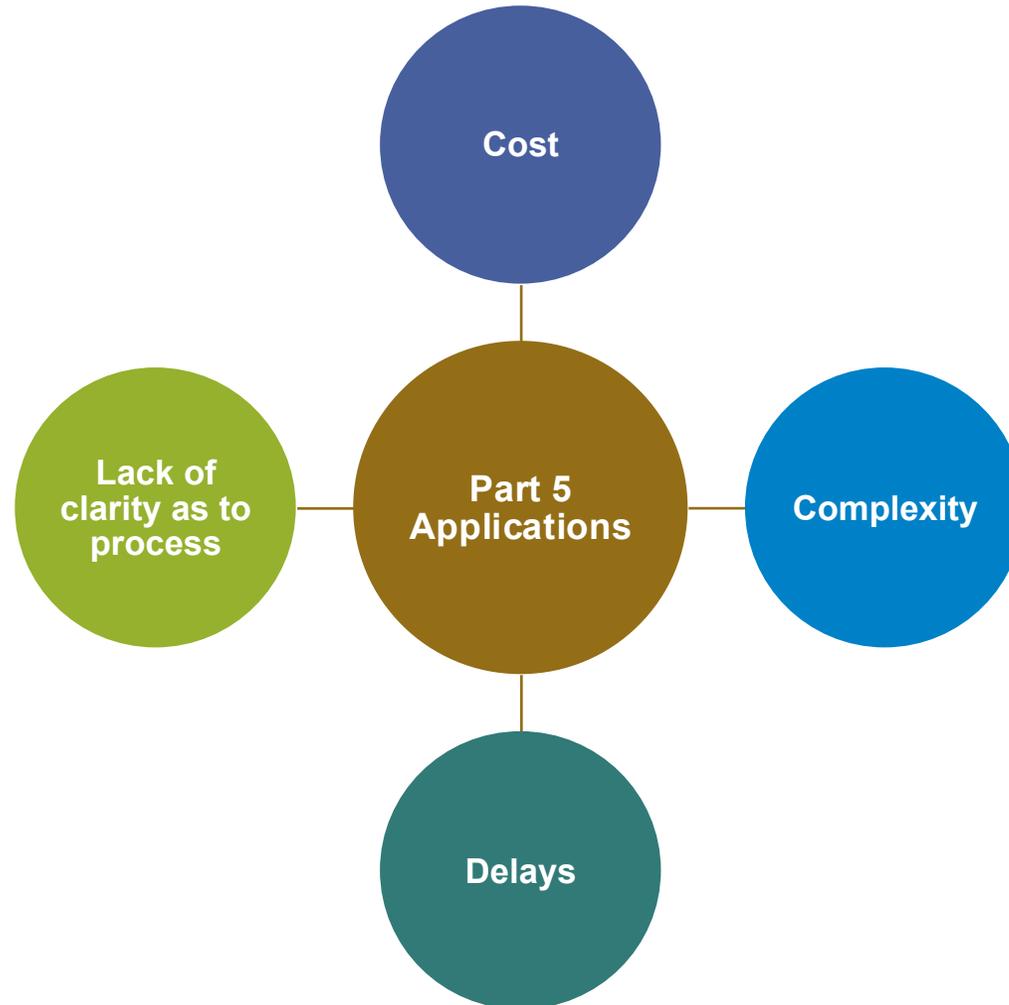
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## Underdeveloped understanding of legislation

Role  
uncertainty

Solicitor  
Social Worker  
Advocate

Duty to  
safeguard and  
central role in  
ADMCA

### Presumption of capacity not respected

Least  
restrictive  
support not  
explored

Independent  
legal  
representation

### Broad scope decisions

Not time or issue specific

Specific authority for  
certain decisions – eg gifts

# Snapshot

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orate governance is very much an evolving area. In recent years, there has been a growing emphasis on transparency and accountability, particularly in the UK, where the Companies Act 2006 introduced significant reforms to ensure that companies are more proactive in seeking reforms that will enhance their performance and ensure appropriate use of funds.

governments alike have been proactive in seeking reforms that will ensure that their boards are more accountable, that qualified independent non-executives



**Continuous Learning and Collaboration**



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