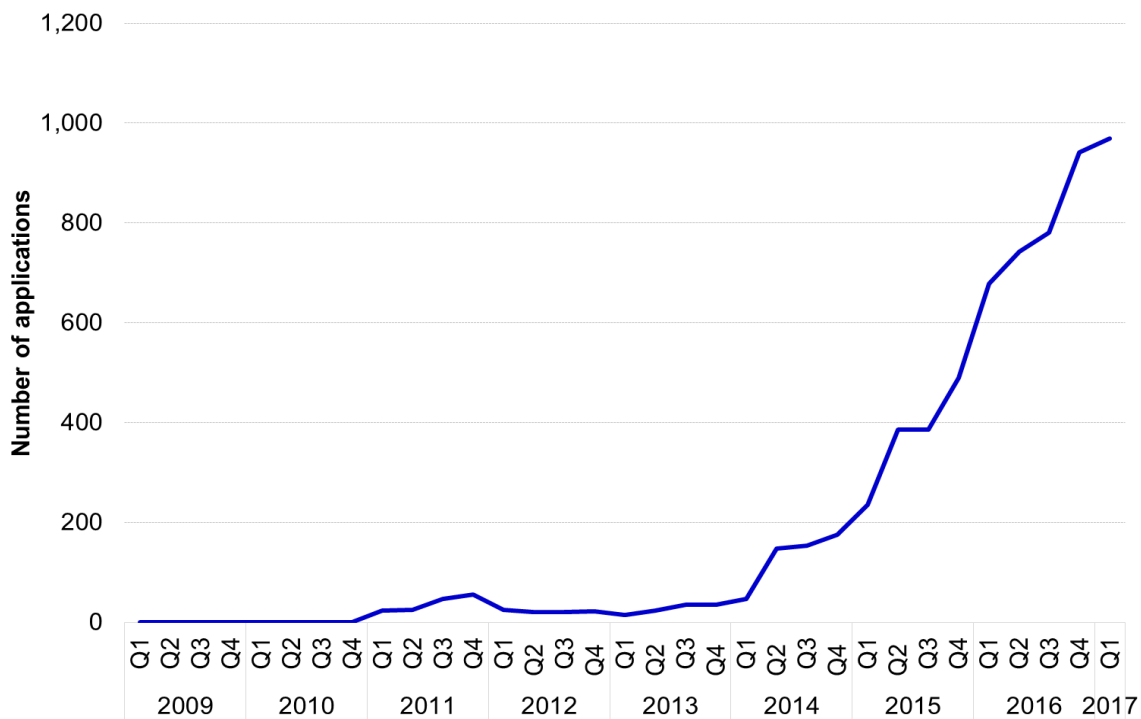


10 Mental Capacity Act - Court of Protection

Continued increasing trend in applications and orders made in relation to deprivation of liberty

There were 969 applications relating to deprivation of liberty made in the most recent quarter, up 43% on the number made in January to March 2016. Similarly, orders made for deprivation of liberty almost doubled over the same period, from 292 to 547 respectively.

Figure 10: Deprivation of Liberty applications, January to March 2008 to January to March 2017 (Source: Table 20)



In January to March 2017, there were 7,820 applications made under the Mental Capacity Act 2005 (MCA), up 8% on the equivalent quarter in 2016. The majority of these (52%) related to applications for appointment of a property and affairs deputy (Table 20).

In comparison, there were 8,911 orders made under the MCA, 36% higher than the same quarter in 2016. Almost half (48%) of the orders related to the appointment of a deputy for property and affairs (Table 21).

11 Mental Capacity Act - Office of the Public Guardian

There were 186,169 Lasting Powers of Attorney (LPAs) received in January to March 2017, up 31% on the same quarter for 2016 (Table 22). The increase seen in recent years is largely due to increased publicity and new online forms which were introduced in July 2015 making it simpler and faster to apply for LPAs. There were 3,399 Enduring Powers of Attorney (EPAs) in January to March 2017, down 3% on the equivalent quarter in 2016.

Figure 11: Powers of attorney received, January to March 2008 to January to March 2017 (Source: Table 22)

