

The 5 Principles



Principle 1: Assume a person has capacity unless proved otherwise.

Principle 2: Do not treat people as incapable of making a decision unless all practicable steps have been tried to help them.



Principle 3: A person should not be treated as incapable of making a decision because their decision may seem unwise.

Principle 4: Always do things or take decisions for people without capacity in their best interests.

Principle 5: Before doing something to someone or making a decision on their behalf, consider whether the outcome could be achieved in a less restrictive way.

