

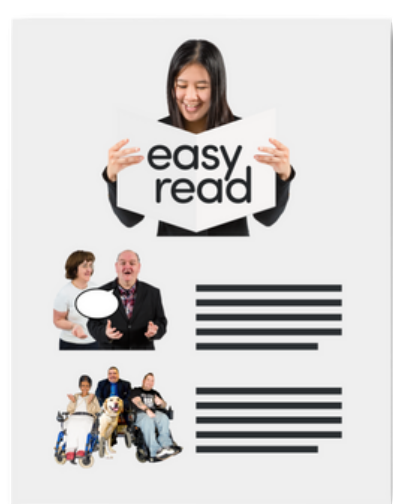
The 5 Principles of the Mental Capacity Act

1



Assume I have capacity

2



Give me all of the support
I need to make my own
decisions

3



I am allowed to make
decisions you think are unwise

4



If you must make a decision
for me it must be in my best
interest

5



Choose the least restrictive
options for my rights and
freedoms

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1,2 and 3 are **about me**
4 and 5 you do **with me**
if I lack capacity