

PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSESSMENT OF CAPACITY

REFERRAL
Does this person lack the capacity to make this/these decision(s)?

What is the decision/choice the person has to make?

Why does the referrer have a reasonable belief that this individual lacks capacity?

Specific condition or disability?

Recent trauma or life event?

Significant changes in behaviour or functioning?

ASSESSMENT
How can we facilitate understanding?

What specifically do you think would prevent this individual from making this decision?

What needs to be provided by the team around the individual so that the individual can make the decision?

Time & space?

Any other support?

Simplifying the information?

Using communication aids?

Alternative ways of expression?

Using a trusted mediator?

Giving practical experiences?

If you judge the person **LACKS CAPACITY**

Is this likely to affect further/future decision making?

Is there any way that they can express some choices?

What decision do you think would be in this individual's best interest & would be least restrictive of their rights and freedoms?