**Defensible Decision Making Framework**

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| Framework: | Content/ activity |
| 1. Act within Legislation | * ASP Act 2007 * SW Scotland Act 1968 * NHS & CC Act 1990 * Human Rights Act 1998 * AWI Act 2007 * MHC&T Act 2003 * Forced Marriage 2011 |
| 1. Apply Procedural Fairness | * Consider capacity * Duty of care * ASP principles - Benefit to the adult, least restrictive * Also Adult’s view and wishes (and those of others), adult’s participation, not treated less favourably, consideration of adult’s abilities, background and characteristics. |
| 1. Work Consistently with Agency Practice and Procedures | * ASP Code of Practice * WoS Code of Practice * NAC ASP Practice guidance * Positive risk Assessment * SSAQ |
| 1. Take Account of All Considerations Relevant to the Situation | Collection and assessment of information:   * What are the facts? – what, who, when , where & how? * Is the evidence relevant, credible, significant * Corroboration of information * Checking out inconsistencies, * Considering range of perspectives (especially adults) * Risk assessment and analysis – severity and likelihood of risk |
| 1. Ensure Decisions Are Grounded in the Evidence | Communicate with other, seek gaps in information  Collect, verify and thoroughly evaluate |
| 1. Reflect Upon and Analyse All Facts with an Independent Mind | * On own biases/ preconceptions/anxieties/ other experiences * Role of intuition/ gut feelings? * Influences from others/ elsewhere * Unexpected outcomes * Role of manager and peers to aid reflection |
| 1. Record and Account for Your Decision Making | * Record decisions in line with agency policies (including significant events) * Communicate and share decision as appropriate (including with adult) |
| 1. Reconsider the decision if more evidence/information becomes known | * New information * Change in circumstances * Change in wider situation |