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**Best Interest Decision Meetings**

This document is for Adult Care and Community Wellbeing only.

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KEY POINTS

* Only people with a relevant and formally appointed power can make best interest decisions on behalf of someone lacking capacity.
* Where someone lacks capacity, decisions made in a person’s best interest should be the least restrictive course of action.
* Formal, recorded Best Interest meetings should happen where there are complex or contentious decisions where there is not always agreement about best interests.

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The Best Interests Meeting Guidance document’s primary purpose is to provide chairs, decision-makers and adult social care practitioners with additional guidance on the process, content and structure of best interest meetings.

The following documents can be accessed via the Mental Capacity section of the [Local Resource Library](https://lincolnshireadults.proceduresonline.antser.com/resources/local-resource-library):

* Best Interests Checklist
* Best Interests Checklist Prior to Setting up
* Best Interests Meeting Agenda
* Best Interests Meeting Guidance
* Best Interests Meeting Guidance for the Chair
* Best Interests Meeting Minutes
* Procedure for arranging a Best Interests Meeting
* Adult Care Invitation Checklist
* Mental Capacity Act 2005 Best Interests