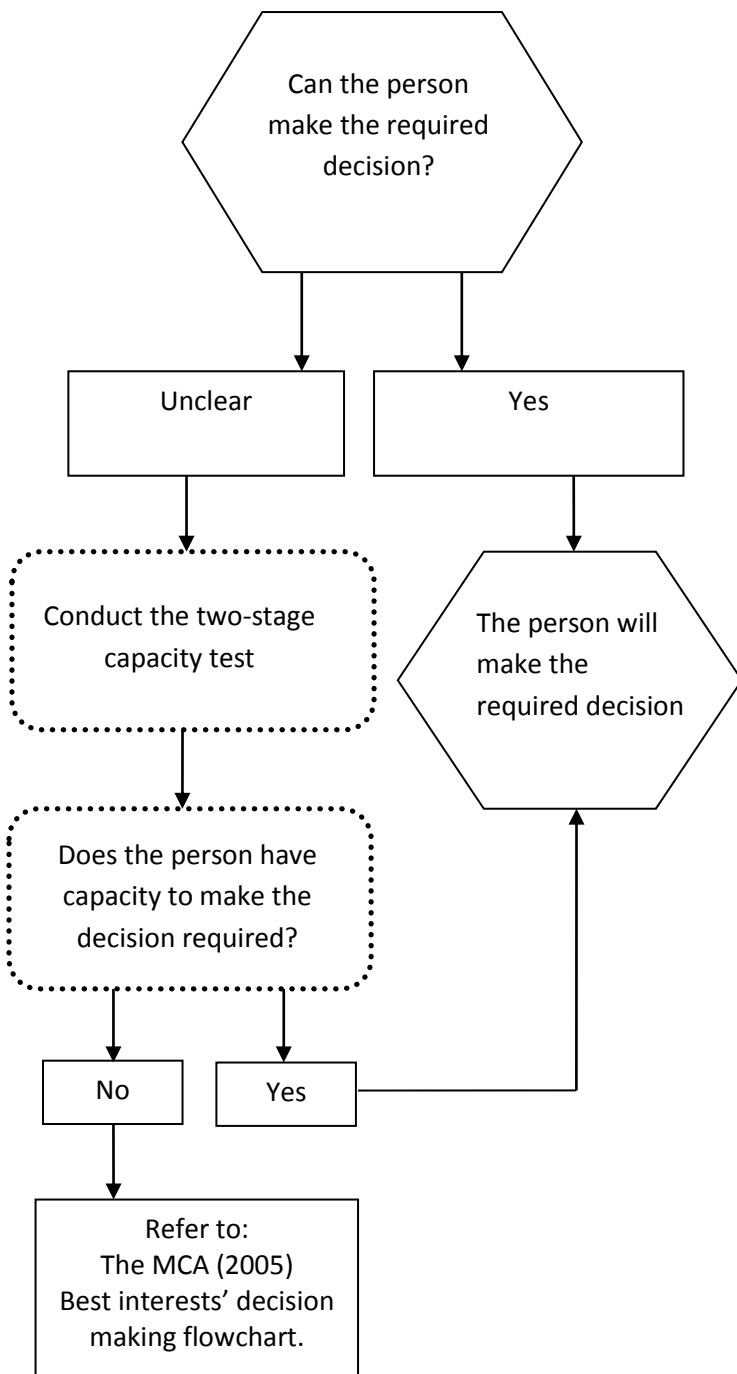


MCA (2005) Mental Capacity Assessment Flowchart



Refer to the five principles of the MCA:

- A presumption of capacity
- Individuals being supported to make their own decision
- Unwise decisions
- Best Interests
- Least restrictive option

The two-stage capacity test:

Stage one: Is there an impairment of, or disturbance in the functioning of the person's mind or brain? If so,

Stage two: Is the impairment or disturbance sufficient that the person lacks the capacity to make the particular decision?

Can the person:

- Understand the information relevant to the decision,
- Retain the information,
- Weigh that information as a part of the process of making a decision and
- Communicate their decision (whether by talking, using sign language or any other means?)

(Person must demonstrate all four functions above to be deemed as having capacity for the required decision making).

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