Assessing ethical conflicts and dilemmata

Definition of the problem(s)

Empirical data

Current legal (and other) regulations

Analyse different contexts of action and decision (Who is affected by whom? Who is in charge of relevant decisions? What is (to be) done by different actors / people involved?)

Identification of moral conflicts

Arrange the findings and information with regard to their logical coherence and relevance

Aim: To develop a model or scheme for further consideration

Normative reflection and arguments

Identification of relevant norms / values / goods

Explaining and the norms

Discussion of relevant norms with regard to the special case you are dealing with

Arrange the relevant norms with regard to their impact for the ethical consideratio of the conflict(s) – give reasons!

Consideration

Outline a clear and plain judgement for the conflicts you are dealing with

Give reasons for your assessment and link them with the results of step 2

Limits of your assessment

Conditions and reasons for exceptions