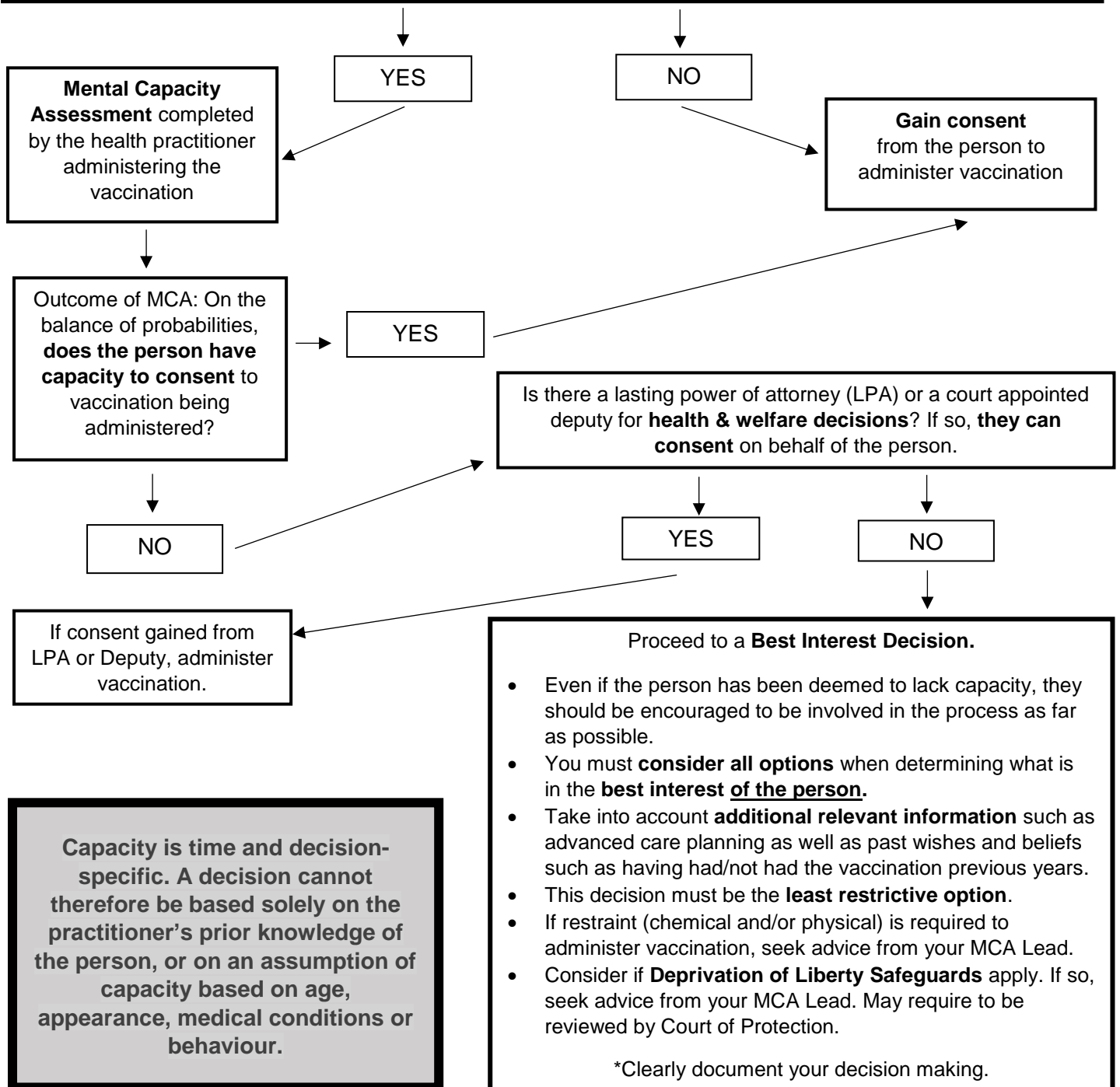


Determining Ability to Consent to a Vaccination

You **must** gather information about **the individual** and **determine if there is any reason to doubt the person's ability to consent to receiving the vaccination.**

A person may need to be assisted to reach a decision, and every effort should be made to support an individual to make a decision, if they are able. If capacity fluctuates, for example if a person has an inter-current infection, then a decision should be postponed to see if capacity is regained when the person recovers.

Ask the question: Is there an impairment of or disturbance in the functioning of the person's mind or brain? Is there reason to question the person's capacity to consent to the vaccination?



Capacity is time and decision-specific. A decision cannot therefore be based solely on the practitioner's prior knowledge of the person, or on an assumption of capacity based on age, appearance, medical conditions or behaviour.

Please note: this tool is for guidance only and does not substitute legal advice.