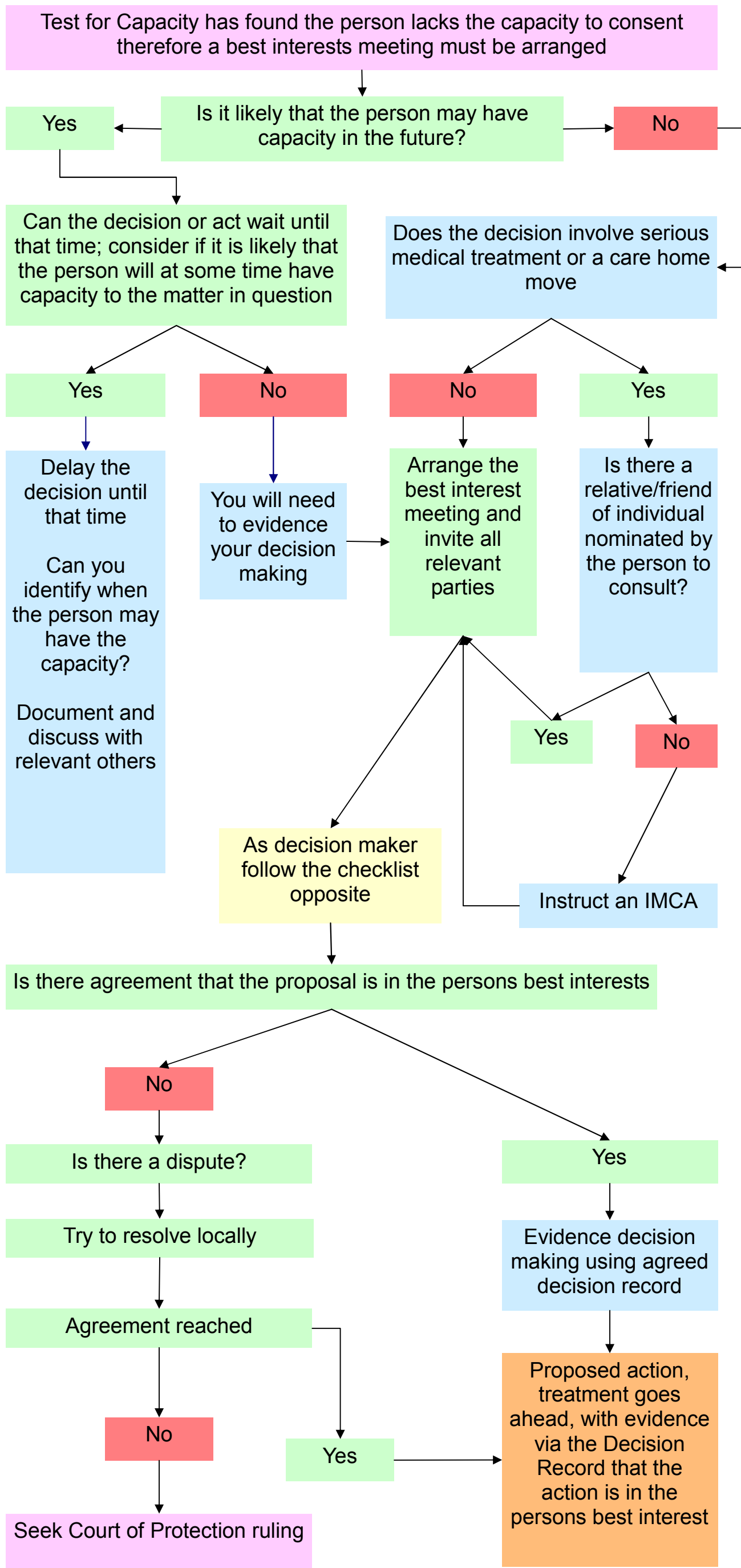


Mental Capacity Act (2005) Best Interest Pathway

Principle 4 - Anything done for, or on behalf of a person who lacks capacity must be done in the persons best interests



The decision maker takes the responsibility to ensure that the proposed action is in the best interests of the person

The decision maker needs to check if there is an advance directive, LPA or Deputy or if there is a friend/carer of person nominated by the person to consult

All relevant parties, the person, GP/Doctor, carers, nurse, allied health professional, social care staff, advocate, IMCA or people who know the person really well

The decision maker must:

- Consult with all relevant parties
- Identify the views of all relevant people in the persons life
- Not make assumptions due to a persons age, appearance
- Consider all the relevant circumstances relating to the decision in question
- Involve the person as fully as possible
- The decision concerns the preservation of life (the decision maker must not be motivated by a desire to bring about death)
- Be able to justify and evidence their decision making
- Ensure that other least restrictive options are always explored (please complete best interests decision record)

Record Keeping; it is important that you accurately record and evidence any decisions made with regards to best interest

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