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MCA - Five Statutory Principles

5. Before the act is done, or the decision is made, regard must be had to whether the purpose for which it is needed can be as effectively achieved in a way that is less restrictive of the persons rights and freedom of action.

4. An act done, or decision made, under this Act for or on behalf of a person who lacks capacity must be done, or made, in his best interests.

3. A person is not to be treated as unable to make a decision merely because he makes an unwise decision.

2. A person is not to be treated as unable to make a decision unless all practicable steps to help him to do so have been taken without success.

1. A person must be assumed to have capacity unless it is established that they lack capacity.

