Portsmouth
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Positive Risk Taking- Information sheet

- Positive risk taking recognises that taking risk is an everyday part of life and that there are many benefits that can be had from taking positive risks
- Positive risk taking is making good decisions about risk; it is the taking of calculated and reasoned risks, not leaving things to chance.
- Decisions and rationale supporting positive risk taking need to be explained and documented.

Key Questions

What understanding does the person have about the risk?

- Benefits and outcomes hoped for?
- Potential harm and consequences?
- Responsibilities and accountability?

Where there is reason not to assume capacity have the principles of the MCA been followed?

What are the potential benefits?

What could go wrong?

How likely is this to happen?

What is the severity of the outcome if something went wrong?

What is already in place that reduces the risks?

What else could be done to reduce the risk or severity?

Have you considered the least restrictive options?

Have you involved everyone that is appropriate to support the resident to determine how to manage the risk?

What risks will remain after plans are made to reduce risks?

Do you have a contingency?

How will you monitor and review risks?

How will you document the risk in a way that is clear for all parties including the person?