**Best interests decision-making case study: Questions**

**Best Interests Checklist**

* What efforts have I made to enable Miss Powell to participate in making the decision?
  + ……………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………
* What relevant circumstances have I identified?
  + ……………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………
* What information about Miss Powell’s past and present views am I taking into account?
  + ……………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………
* How have I avoided discrimination by not making an assumption on the basis of Miss Powell’s age, condition, appearance or behaviour?
  + ……………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………
* Is Miss Powell likely to regain capacity? Why?
  + ……………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………
* Does this decision regard life-limiting treatment?
  + ……………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………
* What information have I gathered from consulting others and how does this inform my decision?
  + ……………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………
* How have I avoided restricting Miss Powell’s rights?
  + ……………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………
* In summary, how I am I taking all this into account when deciding?
  + ……………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………

**Balance sheet structure**

Using the layout below, identify 4 realistic potential courses of action to decide between for this case. Remember that remaining in the current situation could be an option.

Set out the case for and against each option, noting which elements of each option you consider to have the highest priority. Then use the final section to choose one option, answering the questions to explain your choice.

**Options**

Option 1:

Benefits

Risks

Option 2:

Benefits

Risks

Option 3:

Benefits

Risks

Option 4:

Benefits

Risks

**What is your best interest’s decision?**

* My chosen option is
  + ………………………………………………………………………………….
* This is because
  + ………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………
* I think the following conditions should be attached to this authorisation
  + ……………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………
* I think the authorisation should last for
  + ……………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………
* I think the recommended RPR (relevant person’s representative) should be
  + ……………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………