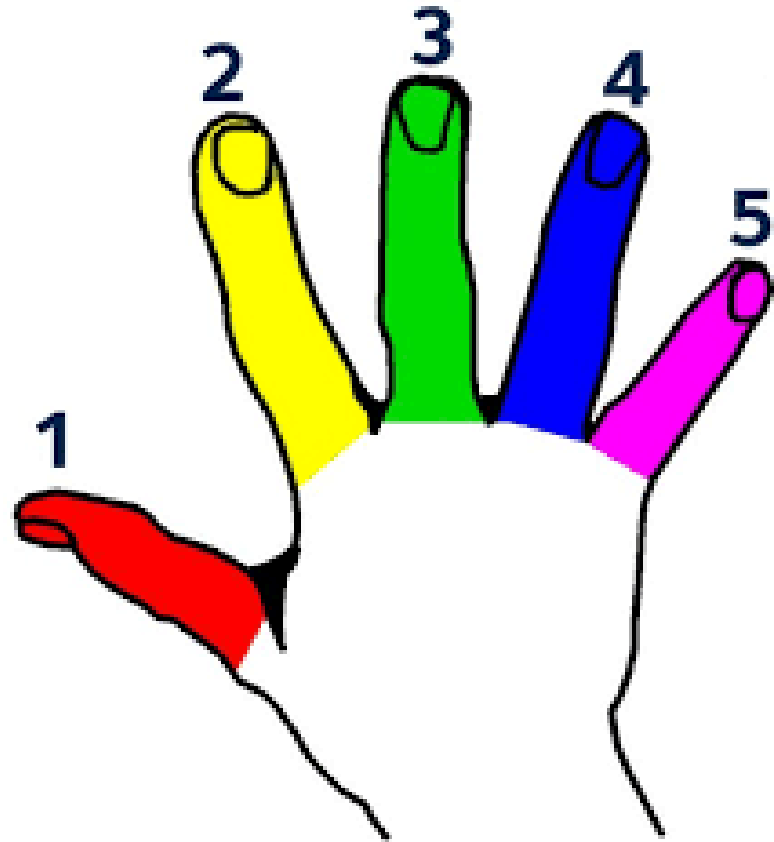


MCA PRINCIPLES

1. Assume Capacity
2. Assist decision making
3. Unwise decisions
4. Best Interest decisions
5. Least restrictive option



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- A person must be assumed to have capacity unless it is established that they lack capacity
- A person is not to be treated as unable to make a decision unless all practicable steps to help them to do so have been taken without success
- A person is not to be treated as unable to make a decision merely because they make an unwise decision
- An act done, or decision made for a person who lacks capacity must be done, or made, in their **best interests**
- Before the act is done, or the decision is made, it must be considered if it can be effectively achieved in a way that is **less restrictive** of the person's rights and freedom of action