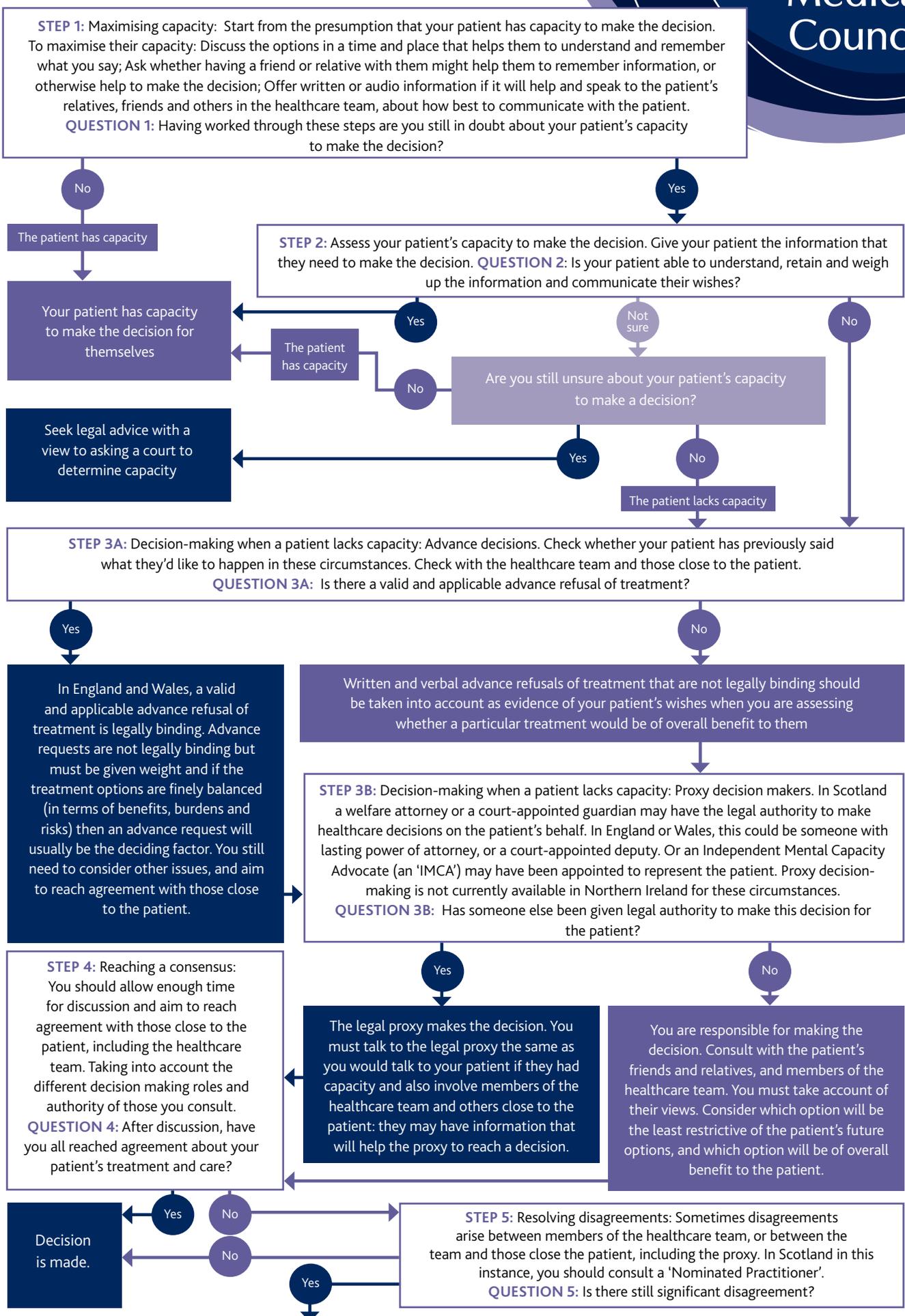


Flowchart for decision making when patients may lack capacity



If you cannot reach agreement about the patient's treatment, you will need to seek legal advice from the appropriate statutory body in Scotland or appropriate court for an independent ruling. This needs not be an adversarial process and does not necessarily mean that trust or relationships have broken down. Sometimes approaching the court is a constructive way of thoroughly exploring the issues and providing reassurance that the patient's interests have been properly considered in the decision.