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Video 3: Reassessing capacity

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There are times when a person clearly does have capacity. There might be other times, for example when they are very tired or very anxious, when it appears that they don't have capacity.

And so a person’s capacity isn’t something which is going to apply either to the same situation or to different situations all the time.

Capacity is something which relates to a particular moment, a particular event, and has to be reassessed and reconsidered frequently for individuals and for different choices.