Flow Chart for Ethox Approach

What would constitute an appropriate decision-making process?

Remember:
- Who is to be held responsible?
- When does a decision have to be made?
- Who should be involved?
- What are the procedural rules?

What are the clinical and other relevant facts of the case?

List options

What are the morally significant features of each option

Remember:
- Patient preferences
- Capacity
- Best interests
- Consequences

What are the moral arguments for and against each option?

What does law/ guidance say about each option?

Choose an option

When choosing an option remember to consider:
- How does this case compare with others similar to it?
- Is meaning of key ethical terms in this argument clearly understood?
- Assess the evidence for any factual claims upon which the argument relies.
- Is the argument put forward valid?
- What are the consequences?
- Does this option respect the persons involved?
- What are the implications if this option should be made a general rule?

- Evaluate your argument
- Identify strongest counter argument
- Can you rebut this counter argument?

If no

If yes

Make recommendation

Review recommendation in light of what happens and learn from it