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Background:

Caring for people at the end of their lives is an important role for many health and social care professionals

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Why it matters:

An Advanced Care Plan is a process of discussion between an individual and their care providers irrespective of discipline

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In Advance:

Advanced Decisions must relate to refusal of specific medical treatment and can specify medical treatment and can specify circumstances. It will come into effect when the individual has lost capacity. Valid Advanced Decisions which are refusals of treatment are legally binding

Documented:

Statement of wishes and preferences embraces a range of written and/or recorded verbal expressions, which can be documented in relation to future treatment and care. They are not legally binding.

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Wishes:

An Advance Care plan is to make clear a person's wishes in regard to future care

Important:

An Advanced care plan must be

- Documented
- Regularly reviewed
- Communicated to key persons involved in their care
- If the individual wishes, their family and friends may be included



MCA:

An Advanced Care plan must link to the principles of the Mental Capacity Act 2005

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