A) WHY ARE WE DOING THIS?

- · What goals are linked to this decision?
- What is the rationale, and is that jointly agreed?
- Does it support working together, saving lives, reducing harm?

B) WHAT DO WE THINK WILL HAPPEN?

- What is the likely outcome of the action; in particular, what is the impact on the objective and other activities?
- How will the incident change as a result of these actions, what outcomes do we expect?

C) IN LIGHT OF THESE CONSIDERATIONS, IS THE BENEFIT PROPORTIONAL TO THE RISK?

 Do the benefits of proposed actions justify the risks that would be accepted?

D) DO WE HAVE A COMMON UNDERSTANDING AND POSITION ON:

- The situation, its likely consequences and potential outcomes?
- The available information, critical uncertainties and key assumptions?
- Terminology and measures being used by all those involved in the response?
- Individual organisation working practices related to a joint response?
- · Conclusions drawn and communications made?

E) AS AN INDIVIDUAL:

- Is the collective decision in line with my professional judgement and experience?
- Have we, as individuals and as a team, reviewed the decision with critical rigour?
- Are we, as individuals and as a team, content that this decision is the most practicable solution?