

**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?