**Future Feeding Planning Pathway**

**Before commencing process:**

* Check for the following: ADRT/LPA for Health & Welfare/Court Appointed Deputy for Welfare/ Statement of Wishes - **document in** **Booklet, Section 1**
* If LPA or Court appointed deputy, check that authorisation has been given for life-sustaining treatment decisions.
* Consider discussing with patient as patient has right to change their decision (if still has capacity).
* Decision documented - **Booklet, Section 1**
* Meet with patient/family to offer support if appropriate.

**Yes**

ADRT in place that is valid and applicable to this decision?

**No**

**Before capacity assessment:**

* Communication & cognitive assessments
* Inform family/Carer re: process. Give information leaflet/written information - **Booklet, Section 3**

**Not for Feeding Tube**

* Liaise medical team re: referral to palliative care to highlight future care needs.

**Capacity assessment:**

* Conduct education and capacity assessment sessions with patient – **Booklet, Section 2**. (use supportive materials as indicated e.g. Talking Mats, Yes/No Questions, simple pictorial materials). **Minimum 2 sessions.**

**Has capacity**

**No capacity**

Patient does not have capacity to make an informed decision:

Education sessions with family/IMCA/LPA holder – **Booklet, Section 3**

(If no family/NOK identified, consider appointing IMCA).

* Do not continue with Booklet.
* Ask patient if they would like to create ADRT – if yes provide support (seek further guidance if you need to).

Best interests meeting required with family/IMCA /LPA and MDT – **Booklet, Section 4**

(If irreconcilable dispute about what is in patient’s best interests, seek legal advice)

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* Consider referral to palliative care to highlight future care needs.
* To review decision at least annually or when clinically indicated – Document this discussion on **Annual Review Form.**

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* Decision documented – **Booklet, front page**.
* Finalise booklet and associated paperwork and distribute/file – see **checklist on final page of Booklet.**