

Checklist for Sufficient Understanding

Does the child understand the question they are being asked?

Does the child have a reasonable understanding of:

- what information might be shared?
- the main reasons for sharing the information?
- the implications of sharing the information and of not sharing it?

Can the child or young person:

- appreciate and consider the options that are open to them to agree or disagree to?
- weigh up one side of the decision against the other?
- express their own opinion on the matter and not just repeat what someone else thinks they should do?
- be reasonably consistent in their opinion on the matter and not constantly change their mind?
- fully understand the implications of their decision for themselves and others?



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