



Carers' Assessments & Eligibility

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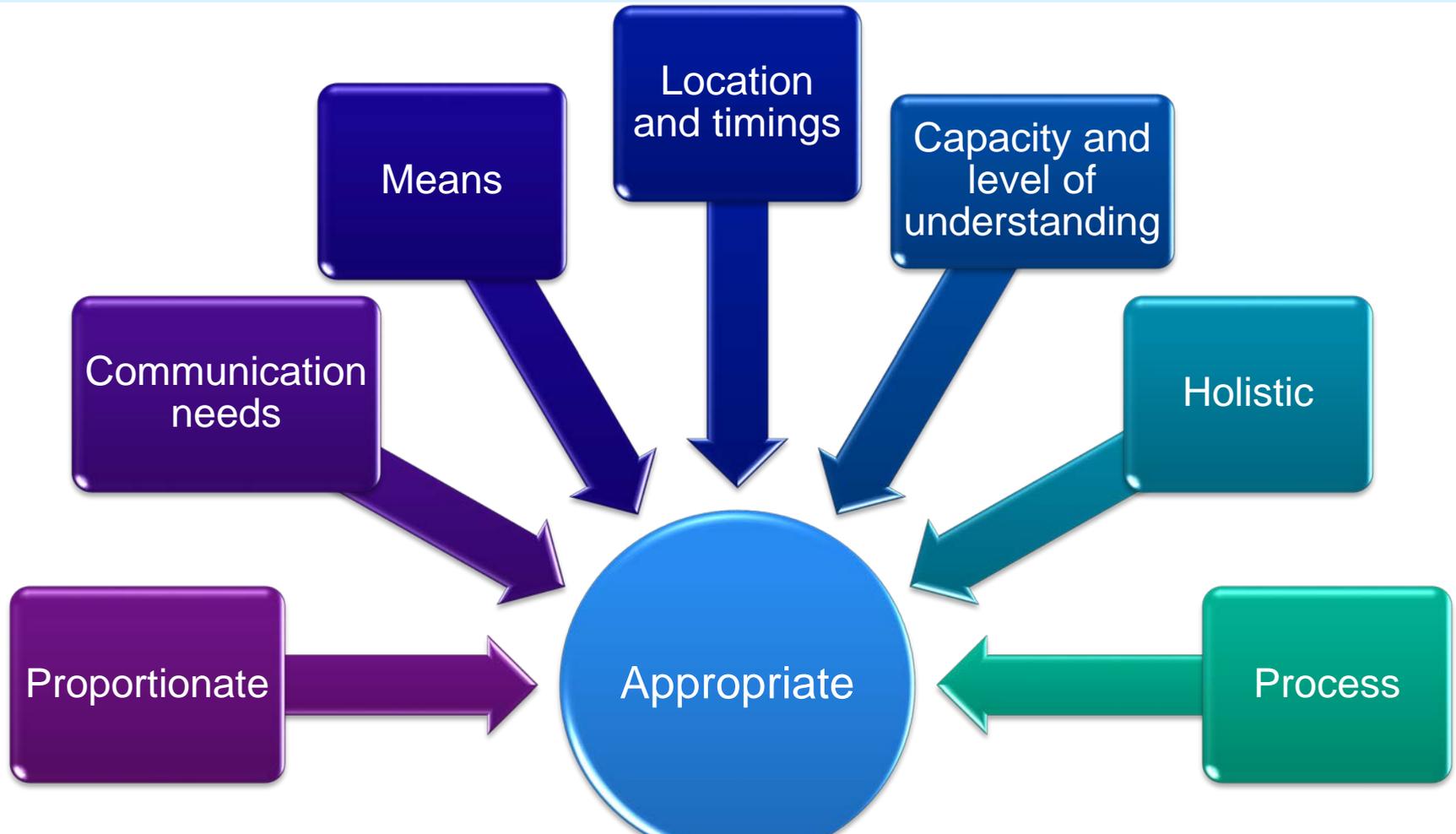
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Wellbeing principle



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Good assessment practice



Applies to the entire assessment process: which should be flexible enough to be adapted to the individual's needs and circumstances to ensure their maximum participation

Strengths-based approach

- Local authorities **must** consider what else, other than the provision of care and support, may help someone meet their desired outcomes
- This does not mean ignoring challenges, or spinning struggles into strengths
- Local authorities **should** first focus on identifying the person's strengths – personal, community and social networks - and maximise those
- Only after this should they consider targeted or support services

The strengths-based approach should be applied to any intervention

Eligibility determination: carer with support needs

Do the needs arise because the carer is providing necessary care and support?

Is the carer's physical or mental health affected or deteriorating, or is the carer unable to achieve any of the listed outcomes?

Is there consequently a significant impact on the carer's wellbeing?



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Carers' Eligibility Outcomes

- Carry out caring responsibilities for a child
- Provide care to other people (in carer role)
- Maintain a habitable home environment in carer's home
- Manage and maintain nutrition
- Develop/maintain family and other personal relationships
- Engage in work, training, education or volunteering
- Make use of community services
- Engage in recreational activities



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Implications for practitioners

- Eligibility: based on inability to achieve personal outcomes and impact on wellbeing - not on level of risk
- Professional judgment and good conversations - crucial
- Increased subjectivity in decisions
- Meeting needs through range of means
- Need to know: the situation; the law; the local offer



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