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 and 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 agency 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 best practicable solution?