## A broad decision making checklist

• What aspects of this situation should I be concerned about?

In respect of each of these aspects (or together if relevant) answer the questions below:

- What is my role and mandate?
- What does the law say?
- What does my organisation (policies and procedures) say?
- What does my professional framework say? What is good practice in this situation? (practice standards, accepted good practice characteristics and strategies, core values, code of ethics, ethical decision making processes)
- What does my personal framework say?
- What impact/s will/might my decision/approach have on my client? On others?
- What other processes should I use to inform what I do? (e. g., seek advice / information that is necessary and relevant, assess alternative options, apply a particular practice model etc.)
- What else should I consider here?
- On what grounds can I justify what I do?

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