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Box 1: Quotes from the consultation observation relating to the decision to be made

Explicit need for decision	"So the reason you are here today is really for us all to put our heads together to see what the best possible treatment for you is to try and deal with those spaces" [Dentist 6] "I think you just need to be armed with all the information, so you can make an informed decision with time" [Dentist 5]
More than one option	"There's different things that we can do to help you out so what we're going to try to do is explain the different ways of doing it" [CC03, Orthodontist]
Preference-based decision	"I think with you it could probably go either way but it just needs a bit more planning" [CC02, Orthodontist] "I don't think one is better than the other Its more implications for you in the long term" [CC03, Restorative Dentist]
Complexity of decision	"We struggle with concepts sometimes we find it complicated and we do this all the time, so please ask as many questions as you'd like" [CC05, Orthodontist]