Resilience And Change

Change is often neither easy nor straightforward. Resilience helps you pick yourself up when things go wrong and start again where you left off.

Carole Pemberton (2015) suggests considering the 4Ss when building resilience, yet that are equally valid for making changes:

- What **Skills** do you possess?
- What **Supports** are available (including family, friends, colleagues)?
- What Strategies can you adopt?
- What Sagacity (wisdom and insight) could be helpful?

Use the following questions to identify the psychological capital you have available to support you along your change journey.

Think of a previous successful change, similar to the one you are considering:	
What was that change?	

Complete the following template for that change (modified from Pemberton, 2015):

What skills did you draw on?	What supports kept you upright?
What strategies kept you moving?	What sagacity (wisdom and insight) gave you comfort?

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Now, having reflected on the above, consider the change you would like to make: What change would you like to make?

Complete the following template for the change you are considering:

What skills can you draw on?	What supports can keep you upright?
What strategies can keep you moving?	What sagacity (wisdom and insight) can give you comfort?

Learn from previous successful transformations and gain confidence in your abilities to make future changes.

References

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