

Draft Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy

**Economy and Enterprise Overview and
Scrutiny Committee**

18 December 2023



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Background



Background – how we got here

- Statutory requirement to have a strategy in place
- In depth review of homelessness and rough sleeping carried out over a 3 year period
- Consultation earlier in the year on proposed priorities with a range of partners and members of the public

Key Points

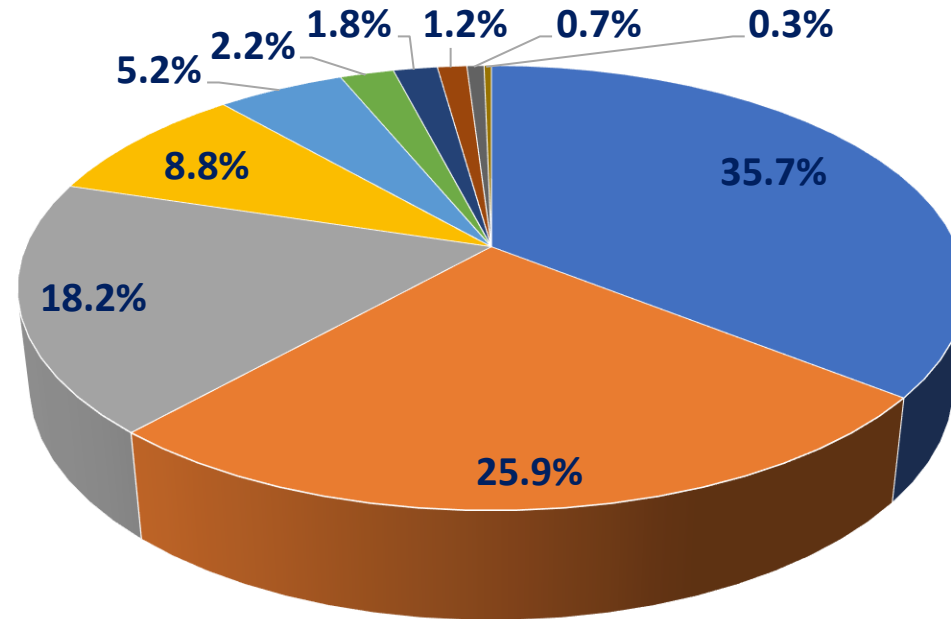


Key points

The draft strategy differs from the existing strategy: -

- It has a more detailed evidence base to inform the strategy
- Reviewed the housing needs across a range of cohorts to identify gaps and service offer
- It is clear which landlords we need to engage with to assist in homeless prevention and access to the supply of accommodation

Key points – who presents in Durham



- General homeless 35.7%
- Complex Needs 25.9%
- Young People 18.2%
- Domestic Abuse 8.8%
- Offenders 5.2%
- Larger families 2.2%
- Rough Sleepers 1.8%
- Care Leavers 1.2%
- Hospital discharge 0.7%
- Veterans 0.3%

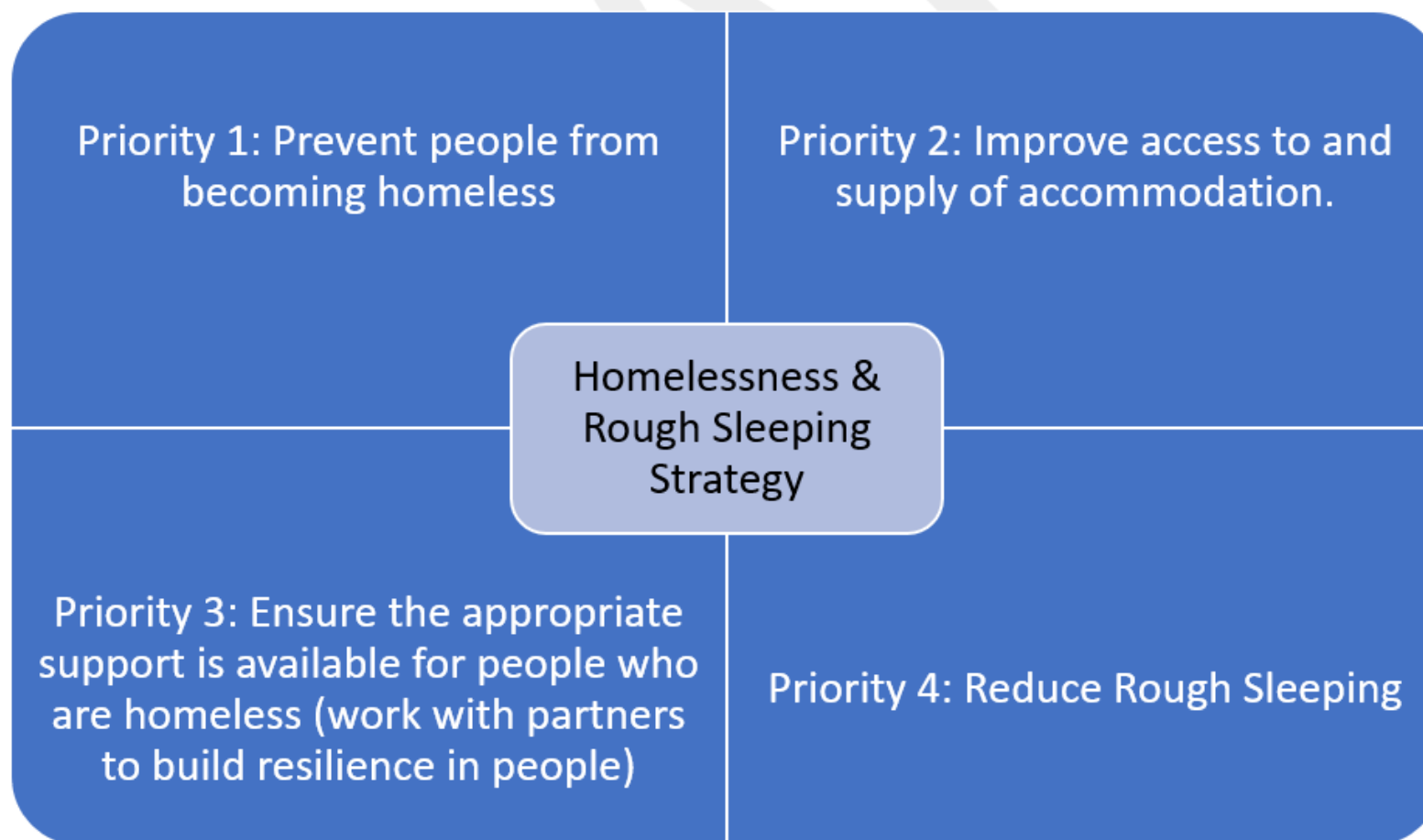
Key points

- Around 7,500 people contact the housing service each year claiming homelessness
- Of those around 2,500 are accepted as being homeless in line with legislation
- Main reasons for homelessness are, end of private rented tenancy, domestic abuse and parent/friends no longer willing to accommodate.

Key points

- Large increase in number of people requiring early advice
- Reduction in helping people remain in their existing home
- Increase in numbers of people with complex needs
- Access to some tenures for certain cohorts is difficult
- Pressures on temporary accommodation

Key points/priorities of the strategy



Next steps



Next steps

- Approved by Cabinet
- 7 week consultation period until 18 December
- Final approval in June 24
- Establishment of a Homelessness Forum
- Development of a delivery plan

Consultation



Consultation

Consultation for both draft strategies is between **30 October and 18 December 2023**

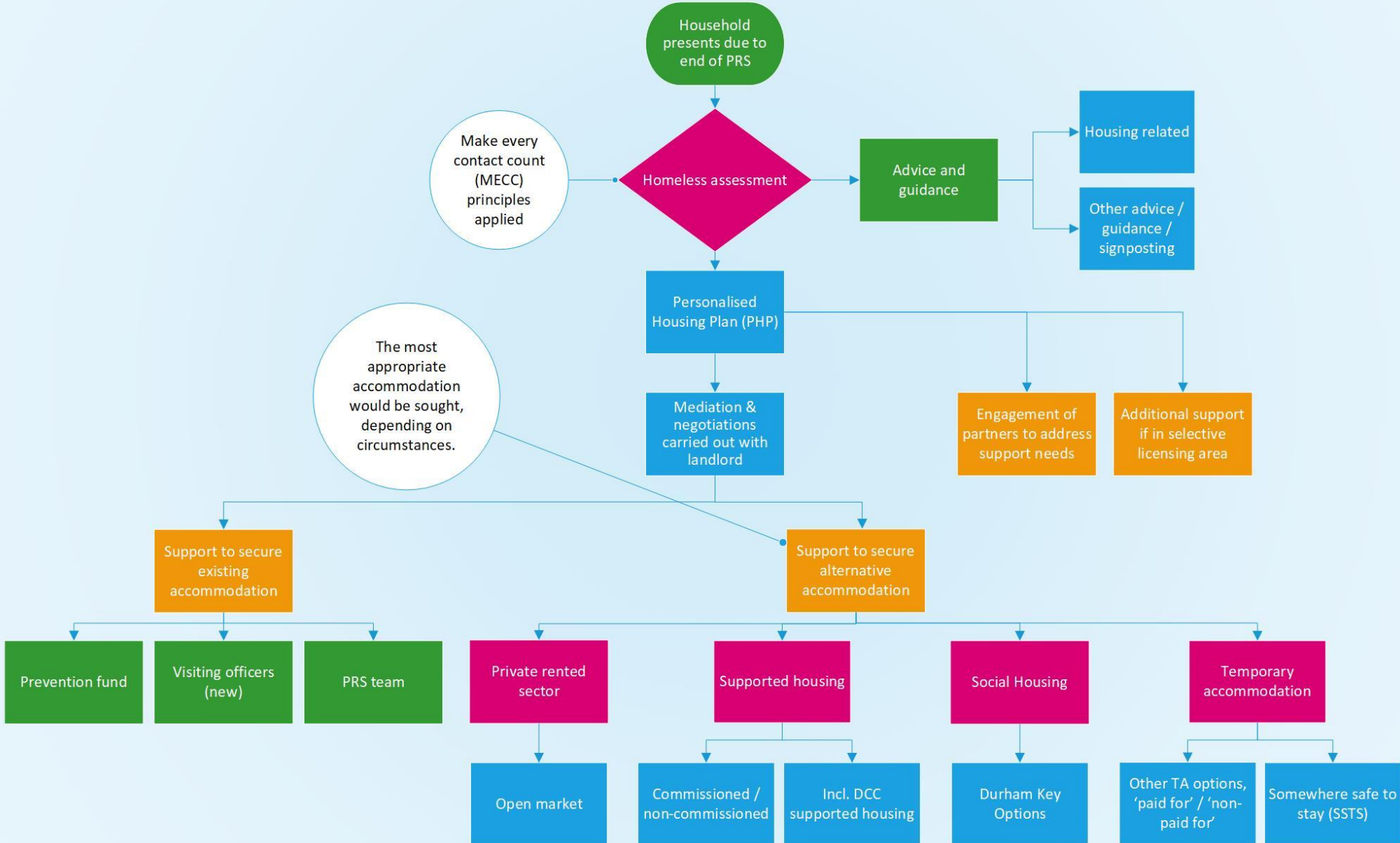
Provide your feedback on the Housing Strategy and/or the Draft County Durham Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy:

- Online at www.durham.gov.uk/consultation
- By taking part in one of two virtual meetings, which can be booked via the web page above:
 - Monday 13 November 2023 from 1.30pm to 3.00pm
 - Monday 20 November 2023 from 6.00pm to 7.30pm
- By emailing comments to thehousingconversation@durham.gov.uk
- At any of the council's Customer Access Points and libraries

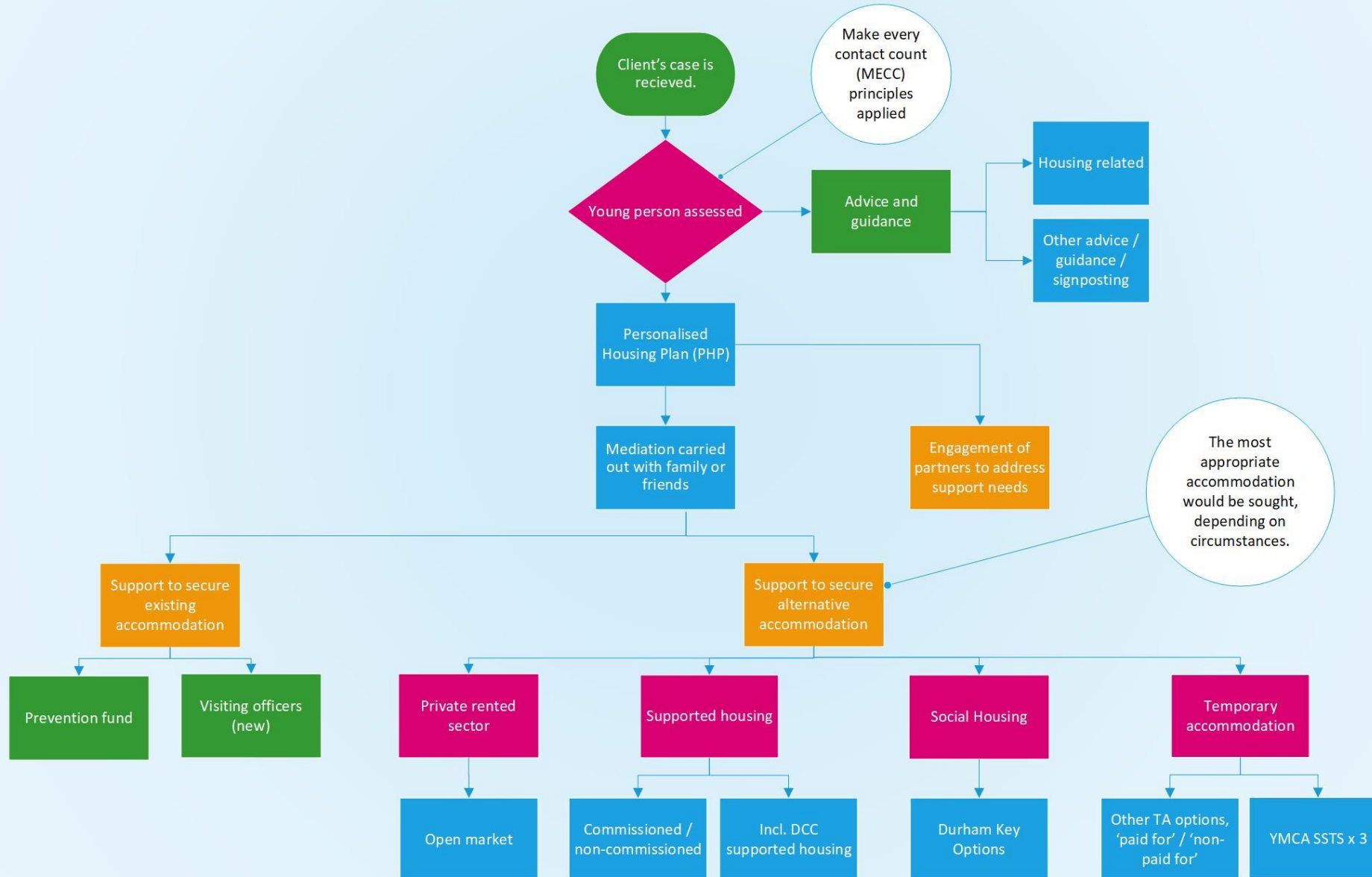
Case study pathways



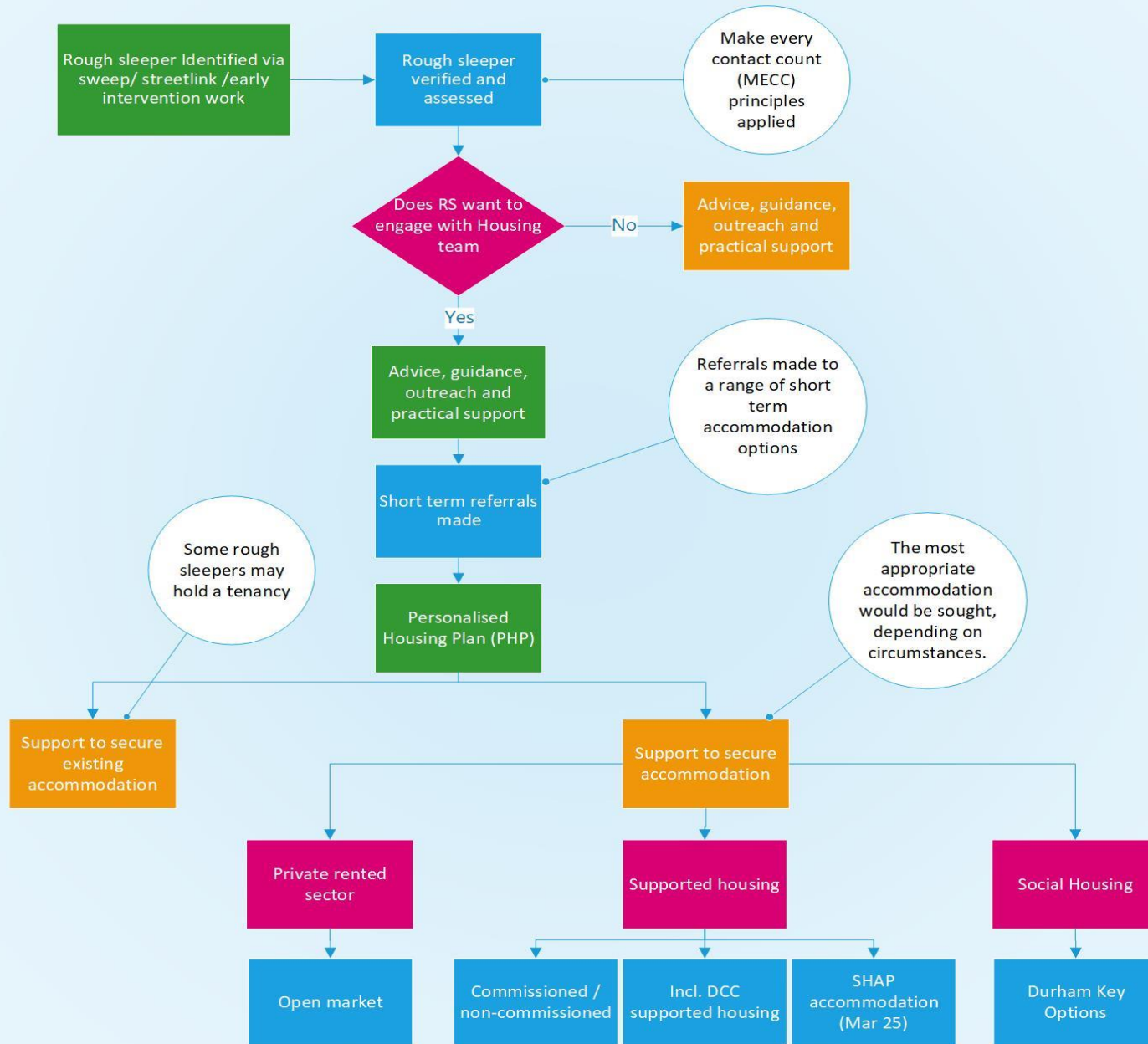
End of PRS presentation



Presentation of an 18 yr old, family or friends not able to accommodate



Rough Sleeper - Journey/pathway



Partners the homeless team work with

