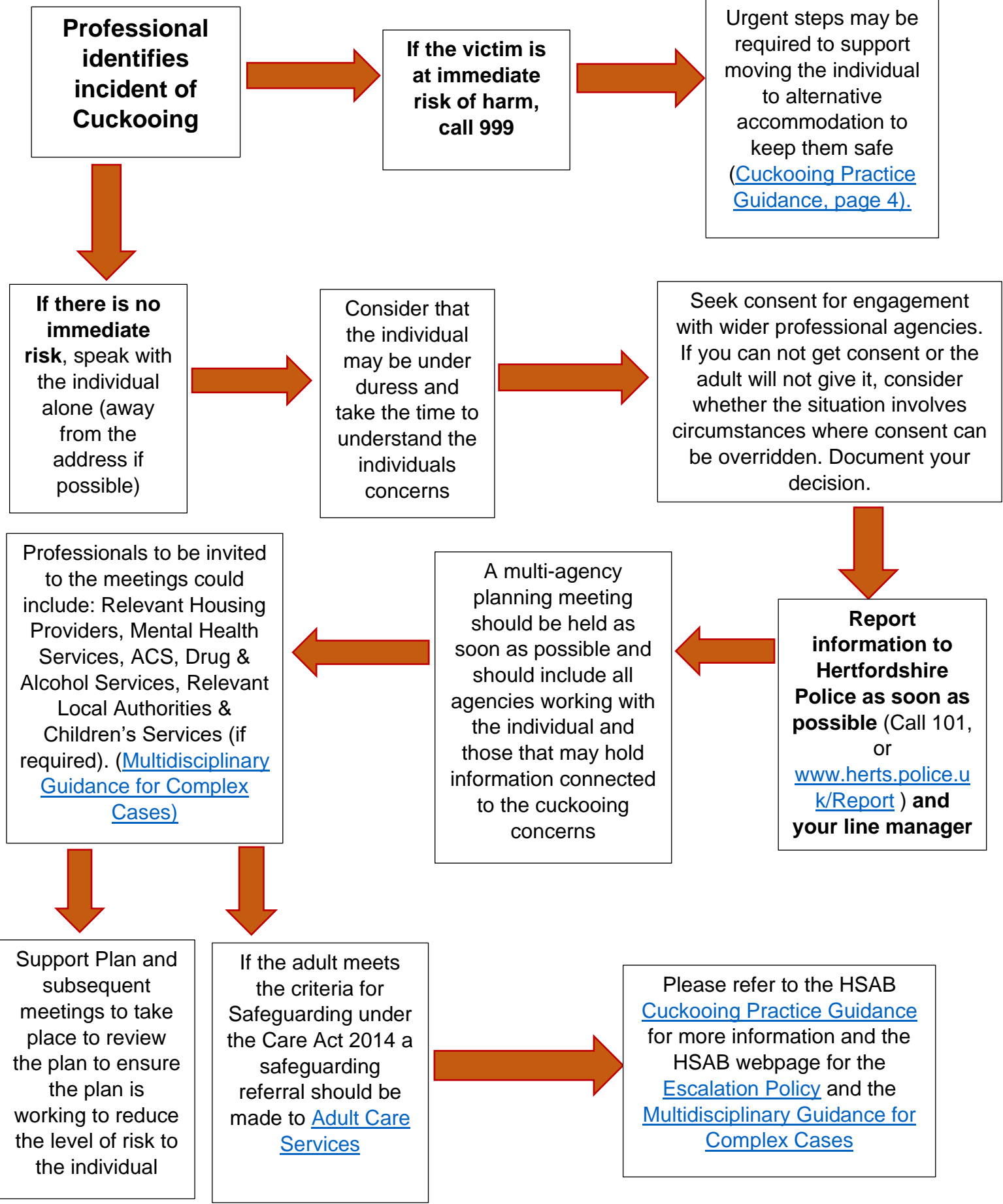


Cuckooing - Professional External Pathway



Professional identifies incident of Cuckooing

If the victim is at immediate risk of harm, call 999

Urgent steps may be required to support moving the individual to alternative accommodation to keep them safe
[\(Cuckooing Practice Guidance, page 4\).](#)

If there is no immediate risk, speak with the individual alone (away from the address if possible)

Consider that the individual may be under duress and take the time to understand the individuals concerns

Seek consent for engagement with wider professional agencies. If you can not get consent or the adult will not give it, consider whether the situation involves circumstances where consent can be overridden. Document your decision.

Professionals to be invited to the meetings could include: Relevant Housing Providers, Mental Health Services, ACS, Drug & Alcohol Services, Relevant Local Authorities & Children's Services (if required). [\(Multidisciplinary Guidance for Complex Cases\)](#)

A multi-agency planning meeting should be held as soon as possible and should include all agencies working with the individual and those that may hold information connected to the cuckooing concerns

Report information to Hertfordshire Police as soon as possible (Call 101, or www.herts.police.uk/Report) and your line manager

Support Plan and subsequent meetings to take place to review the plan to ensure the plan is working to reduce the level of risk to the individual

If the adult meets the criteria for Safeguarding under the Care Act 2014 a safeguarding referral should be made to [Adult Care Services](#)

Please refer to the HSAB [Cuckooing Practice Guidance](#) for more information and the HSAB webpage for the [Escalation Policy](#) and the [Multidisciplinary Guidance for Complex Cases](#)