

An exciting pilot project has established a new referral pathway for Glasgow young people presenting at Emergency Departments and Minor Injury Units under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs. Established 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021, this is a partnership between Glasgow Emergency Care and Medical Services, Glasgow City Youth Health Service, Alcohol and Drug Recovery Services and Social Work.

The current Notification of Concern (NoC) process is well established to identify the most vulnerable young people, however there is a gap in early intervention support for those young people who do not require a social work child protection referral, but where there is a welfare concern and missed opportunity for intervention.

The Youth Health Service is a holistic health and wellbeing service with a focus on early intervention and prevention, for young people in Glasgow City. Support is available from Nurses, Doctors, Counsellors and Multiple Risk Project Workers for many issues, including:

- Sexual health
- Mental health
- Alcohol and drugs
- Weight
- Social issues such as bullying and relationships
- Employability or further education

The service is well placed to offer a range of support for young people to divert them from risk taking behaviours including alcohol and drug use, and prevent a repeat presentation at an Emergency Department or MIU due to intoxication.

#### *What are the criteria for referral?*

- Young person
  - aged 13 - 16 years
  - 16 – 18 years and care experienced
  - 16 – 18 years and non-care experienced (with their consent)
- Assessed as low risk and not requiring a Social Work referral, but would benefit from follow-up support with substance use/risk-taking behaviours

#### *What do I need to do?*

- Discuss referral with young person
- Complete NoC form as normal, ensure you record that the young person is **AWARE** of referral in Section 2



- For referral to Glasgow City Youth Health Service write “**Refer to YHS**” in the box at Section 7
- Check contact details correct
- Staff should ensure a copy of the NoC is sent as soon as possible to the Acute Addiction Team [acute.intoxicatedsharedrefs@ggc.scot.nhs.uk](mailto:acute.intoxicatedsharedrefs@ggc.scot.nhs.uk)
- We will do the rest

*What will the Youth Health Service do?*

The Youth Health Service will contact the young person directly and arrange an appointment. This may be in-person at one of their venues across Glasgow, or by telephone or video call. Their experienced team will support the young person with enhancing their knowledge, exploring personal challenges in relation to alcohol and drug use and increasing their resilience.

*Who can I contact for more information?*

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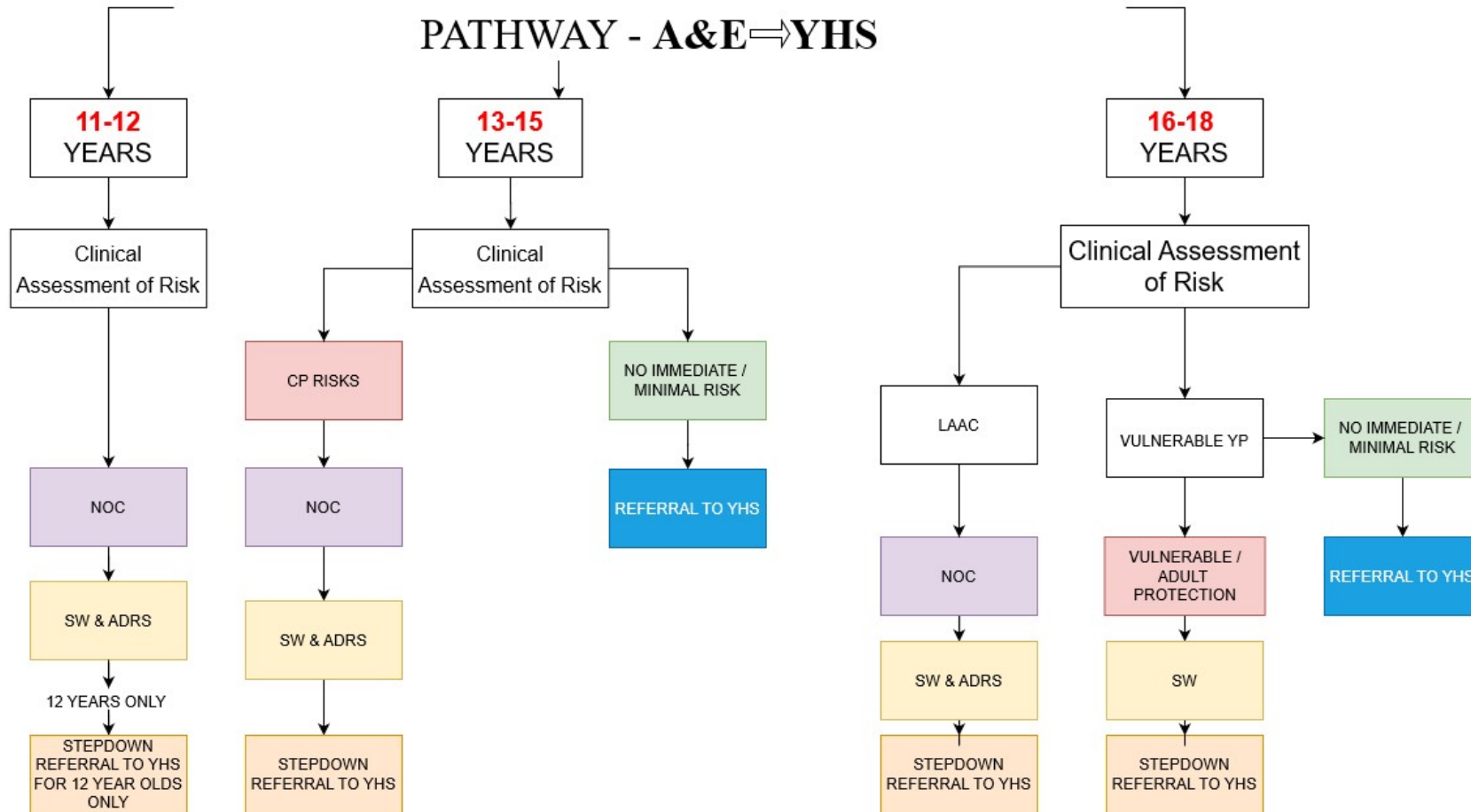
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## INTOXICATED YOUNG PEOPLE REFERRAL PATHWAY - A&E ⇒ YHS



### GLOSSARY

NOC - Notification of Concern  
SW - Social Work

LAC - Looked After / Care  
ADRS- Alcohol & Drugs Recovery Service

CP- Child Protection  
YHS - YOUTH HEALTH SERVICE