**AGE ASSESSMENT FLOWCHART**

**(To be used in conjunction with Age Assessment Guidance)**

Referral to MAST requesting an age assessment

The PM from MAST to do the initial case screening within 2 hours

The PM from MAST to ask the PM from CAT who is on duty to identify the SW’s (x2) who will undertake an initial age assessment screening within a maximum of 24 hours (at least 1 SW must have experience in conducting age assessments and receive appropriate training)

The SW’s from CAT to email responsible PM from MAST with the outcome of their initial age assessment visit within a maximum of 24 hours

If it is deemed by the CAT SW’s that the individual may be over the age of 18, then the CAT will undertake an age assessment

If it is deemed by the CAT SW’s that the individual is likely to be under the age of 18, then the PM from MAST will transfer the case to the CLA inbox

The PM from MAST will transfer the case to CAT inbox for an allocation and age assessment

The PM from CLA will be responsible for identifying the placement and for making the child/young person CLA on the system

The individual undergoing an age assessment should be supported as a child whilst the assessment is being undertaken

The CLA team will be responsible for completing the child/young person’s profile and for making a request for placement search

If the outcome of the age assessment is that the individual is under the age of 18, the CAT will be responsible for completing the profile, identifying the placement and making the child/young person CLA on the system

Permission to accommodate must be sought from the relevant SM and there is no need for the child/young person to be discussed at gateway panel

The child/young person will be transferred from CAT to CLA team at the initial CLA review

If the outcome of the age assessment is that the individual is an adult, then the case will be closed to CYPS or referred to adult services if specific needs are identified

**PLEASE NOTE:** The case transferred by MAST either to CAT or CLA Inbox cannot be returned to MAST Inbox without prior agreement from a TM from MAST