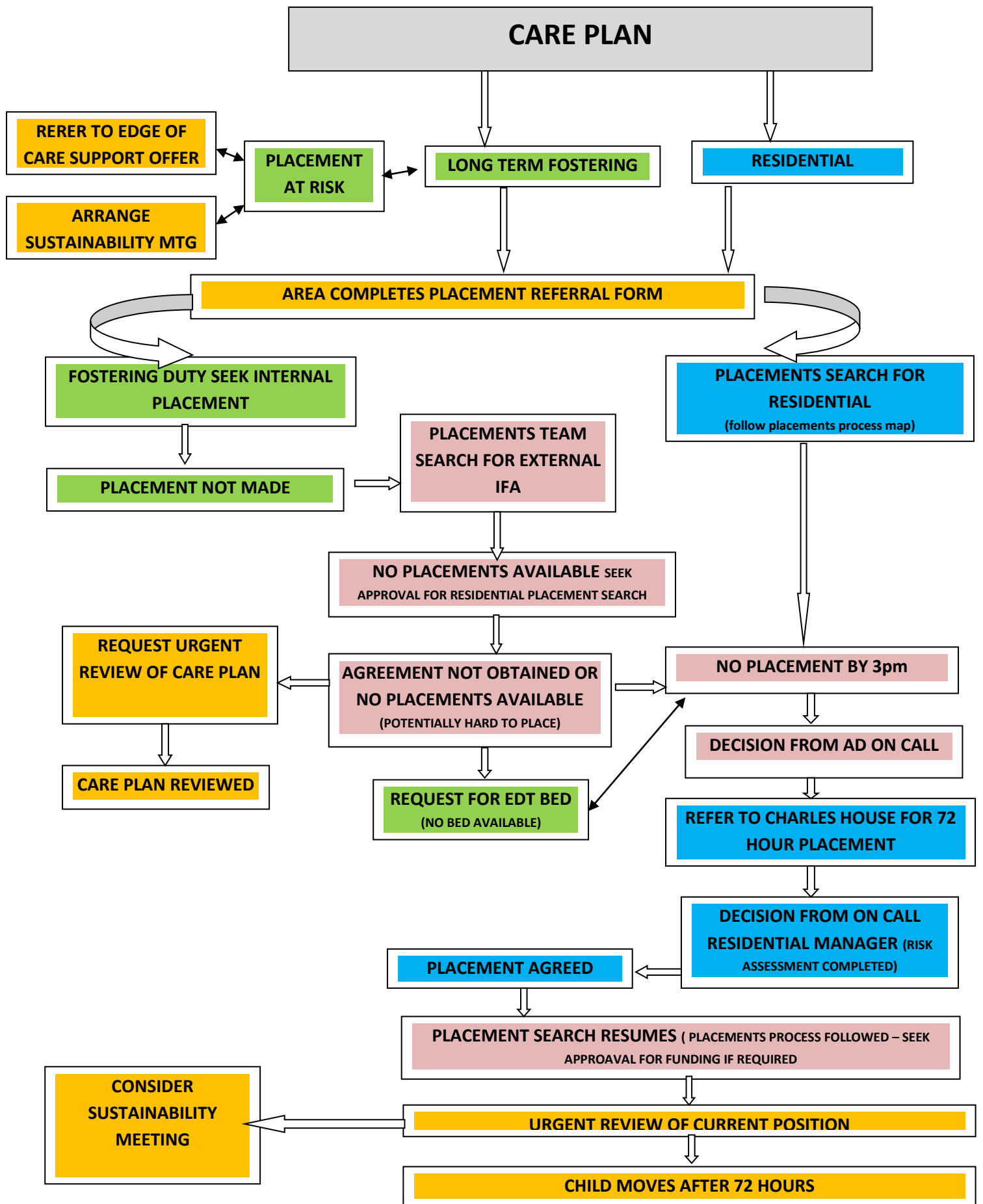


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PRINCIPLES

1. The child/young person's Care Plan must be consistent with the placement request form and reviewed prior to any placement move. Where it is not possible due to an emergency placement, the IRO must be consulted prior to the move.
2. Where a placement is identified as fragile/at risk – a 'Sustainability Meeting' will be arranged urgently and within 72 hours.
3. A referral should be made to Early Help for support to maintain the placement.
4. Where it is clear that the placement will end or the carer has given notice – a CiC Review must be arranged urgently.
5. Area Social Worker will complete the Placements Referral Form.
6. Where the child/young person's Care Plan is already agreed as Residential – the Placements Team will search for a Residential Placement.
7. Where the Care Plan is 'Long Term Fostering' the Fostering Duty Worker will search for an Internal Placement.
8. Where it is clear there is no placement option available – Placements Team will search for an external foster placement (in a/c with the agreed process map).
9. Where it is clear that a placement will be difficult to find and all options have been considered – Fostering Duty will consider EDT carers.
10. If all placement options have been exhausted – Placements Duty will consider referring to Charles House – subject to the On-Call AD giving approval and the decision from the Residential Duty Manager a placement will be made for a maximum of 72 hours.
11. The Placements Team will continue to search and review the case urgently – alongside the Fostering Duty Manager.
12. A request will be made for an urgent CiC Review if it is necessary to consider a change of Care Plan. The IRO must be consulted before any placement move.
13. Following any placement move – consideration must be given to a Disruptions Meeting if there are lessons to be learnt that may improve practice in the future. A request should be made to the Head of Service (Fostering)
14. EDT (Out of Hours) will have use of the Charles House Emergency beds – where required.