16/17-year-old presents as homeless or potentially homeless

**YP Joint protocol process summary**

Young person presents to Children’s Social Care (CSC) first

Young person presents to Housing Options Team (HOT) first

If no risk of homelessness OR homelessness prevented, case reviewed by CSC- closed to HOT & support offered (if eligible) or case closed by CSC

Referral made to the Integrated Front Door for initial social work screening

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Integrated Front Door Social Worker takes the lead on enquiries to determine if there is a genuine risk of homelessness and whether this has been prevented i.e. contacting family/friends

If s20 duty is owed, Childrens Social Care to secure accommodation for the YP

If a genuine risk of homelessness is determined, either that night or within 56 days, CSC to undertake a CIN assessment to determine what duties, if any, are owed to the YP under Children Act, Joint assessment undertaken with HOT. Depending on capacity this could be undertaken by the joint Homelessness Social Worker post

**Outcome of all assessments will be:**

* Section 20 duty owed
* Section 20 refused
* If no section 20 owed or it is refused, a homeless assessment and decision made in line with Homeless Reduction Act 2017
* Section 17 support to keep the young person at home or in the family network

**Accommodation available to HOT:**

* Crash pad
* Centrepoint Supported Housing

If there is risk of street homelessness a section 188 placement is made, pending application process & final decision.

If there is a disagreement this stage as to who will accommodate the YP, or no suitable accommodation can be identified, the escalation policy will be invoked

If YP is deemed only to have an accommodation need, referral is made to HOT (along with a copy of the CIN assessment) to complete homeless assessment and make decision in line with Homeless Reduction Act 2017