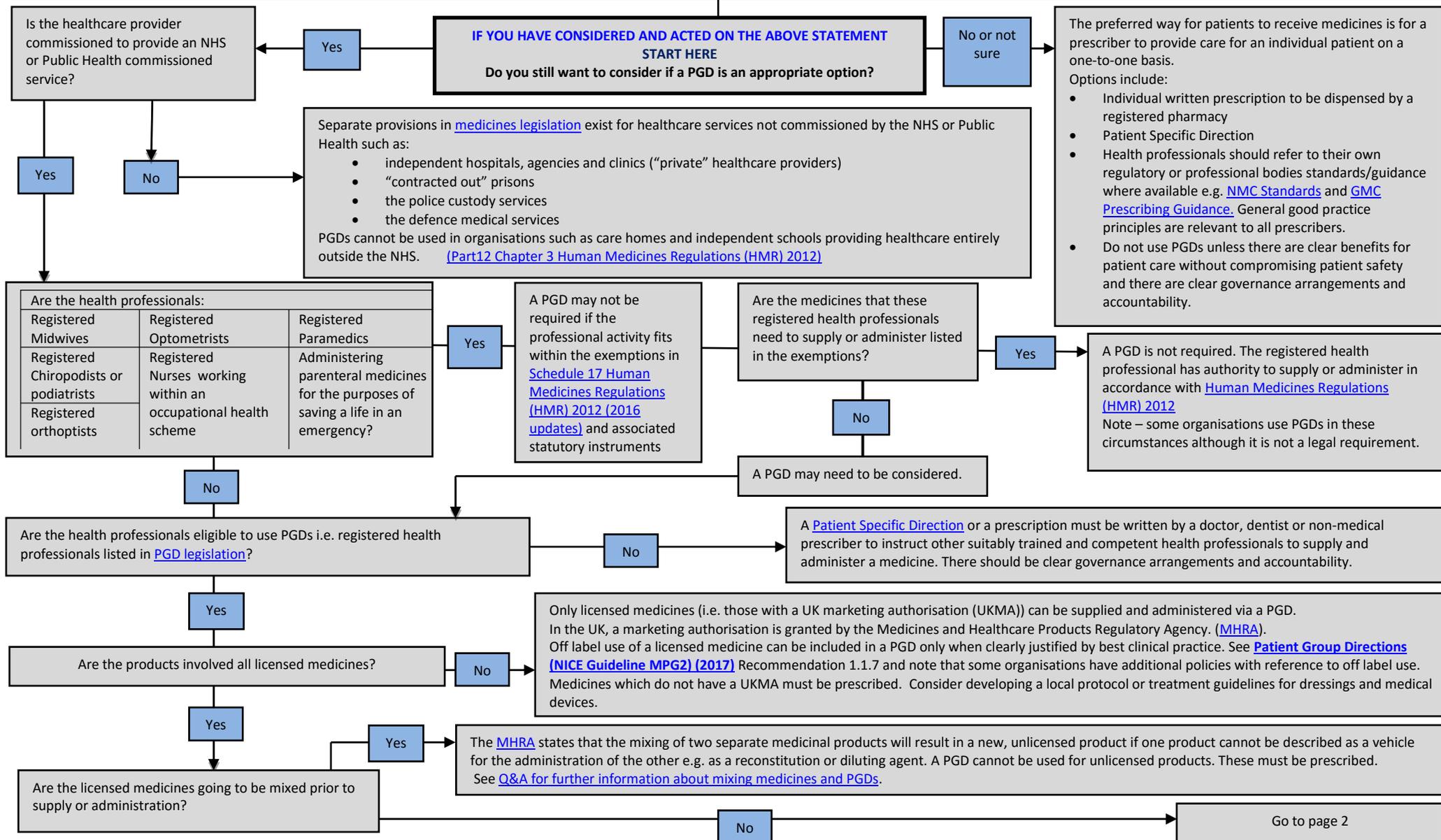


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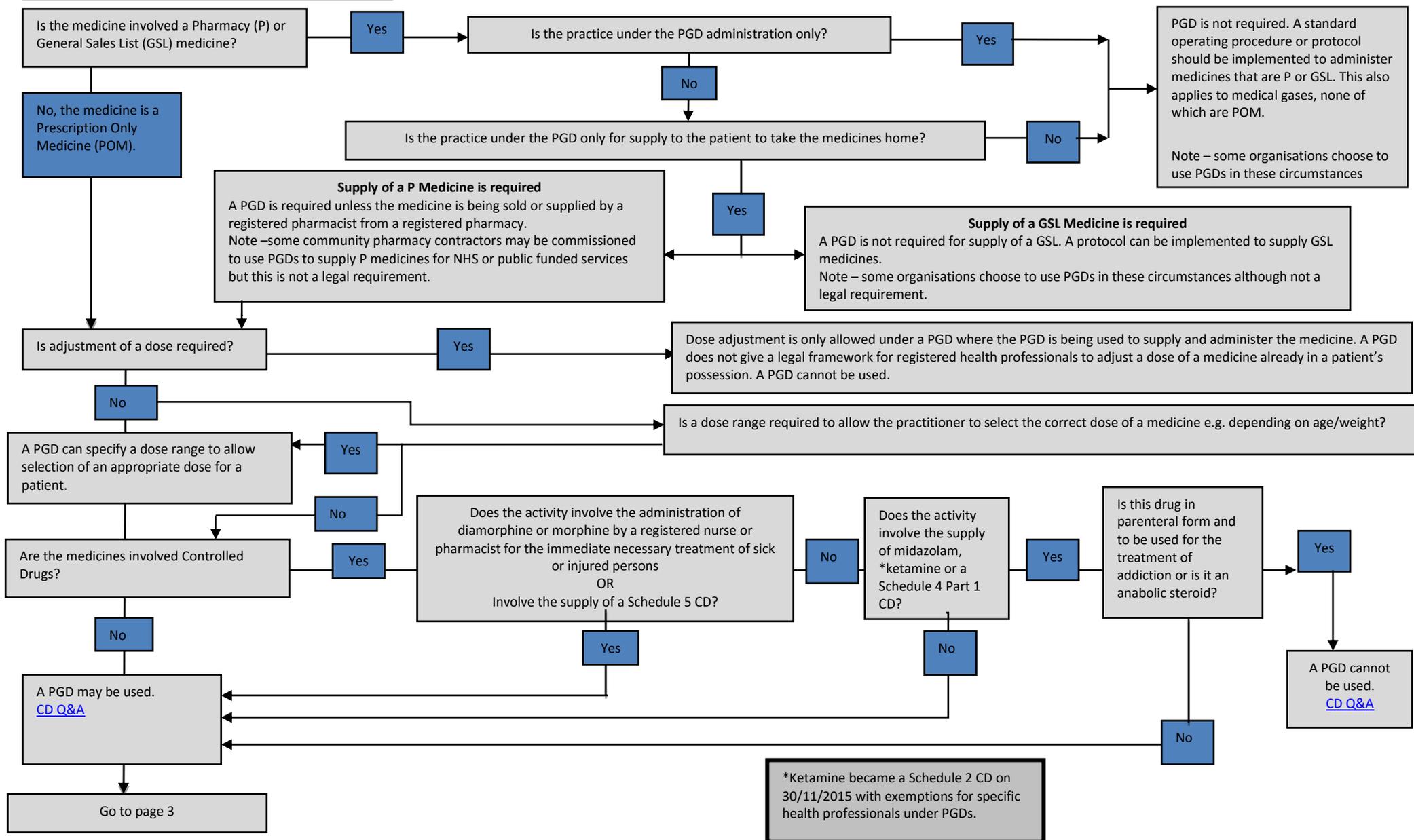
We recommend that you have a multidisciplinary discussion to carefully consider if there is, or could be, an opportunity in the care pathway to use a prescription or a written [Patient Specific Direction](#) by a doctor or non-medical prescriber. [Patient Group Directions \(NICE Guideline MPG2\) \(2017\)](#) states that you should consider investing in the training of additional non-medical prescribers to enable redesign of services if necessary.



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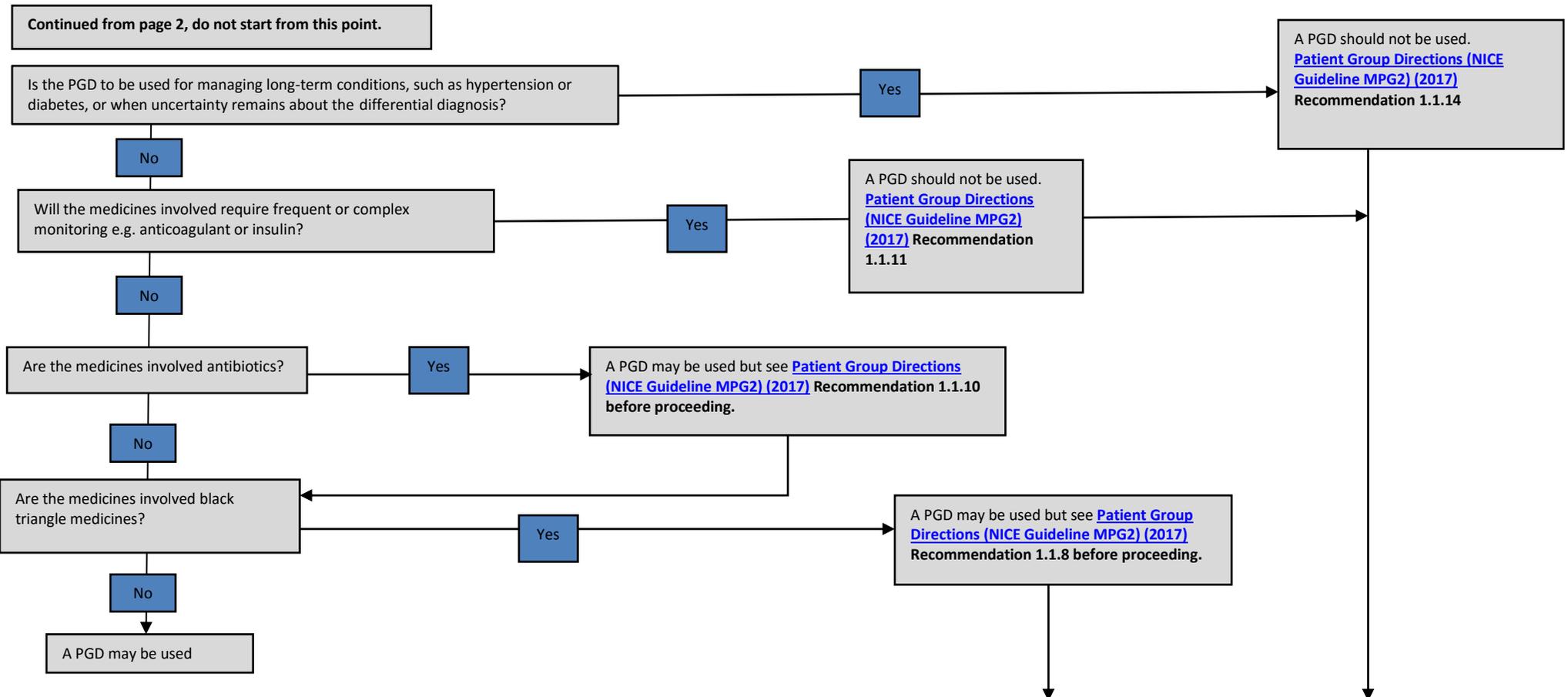
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This chart may not cover all situations proposed for using PGDs. The proposed activity should meet the principles stated in [Patient Group Directions \(NICE Guideline MPG2\) \(2017\)](#) *Supply or administration of medicines under PGD should be reserved for those limited situations where this offers an advantage for patient care (without compromising patient safety) and where it is consistent with appropriate professional relationships and accountability.*

If having considered all of the above, you decide that a PGD may be an appropriate route to provide this clinical activity, also ensure that you consider other medicines legislation and clinical governance issues at each stage of the process. We recommend that you also refer to the following:

- [PGD Q&A – abortifacients](#)
- [PGD Q&A - labelling of POMs supplied under PGD](#)
- [PGD Q&A - delegation](#)
- [PGD Q&A – trainee supervision](#)
- [Quality PGDs -7 Steps to success](#) and other resources such as [PGD Q&As](#) on the [SPS website](#)
- [Patient Group Directions \(NICE Guideline MPG2\) \(2013\) Pathway](#) and [Tools and Resources](#)
- [PGD multi-disciplinary e learning package](#)
- [Your local Medicines and PGD Policies](#)