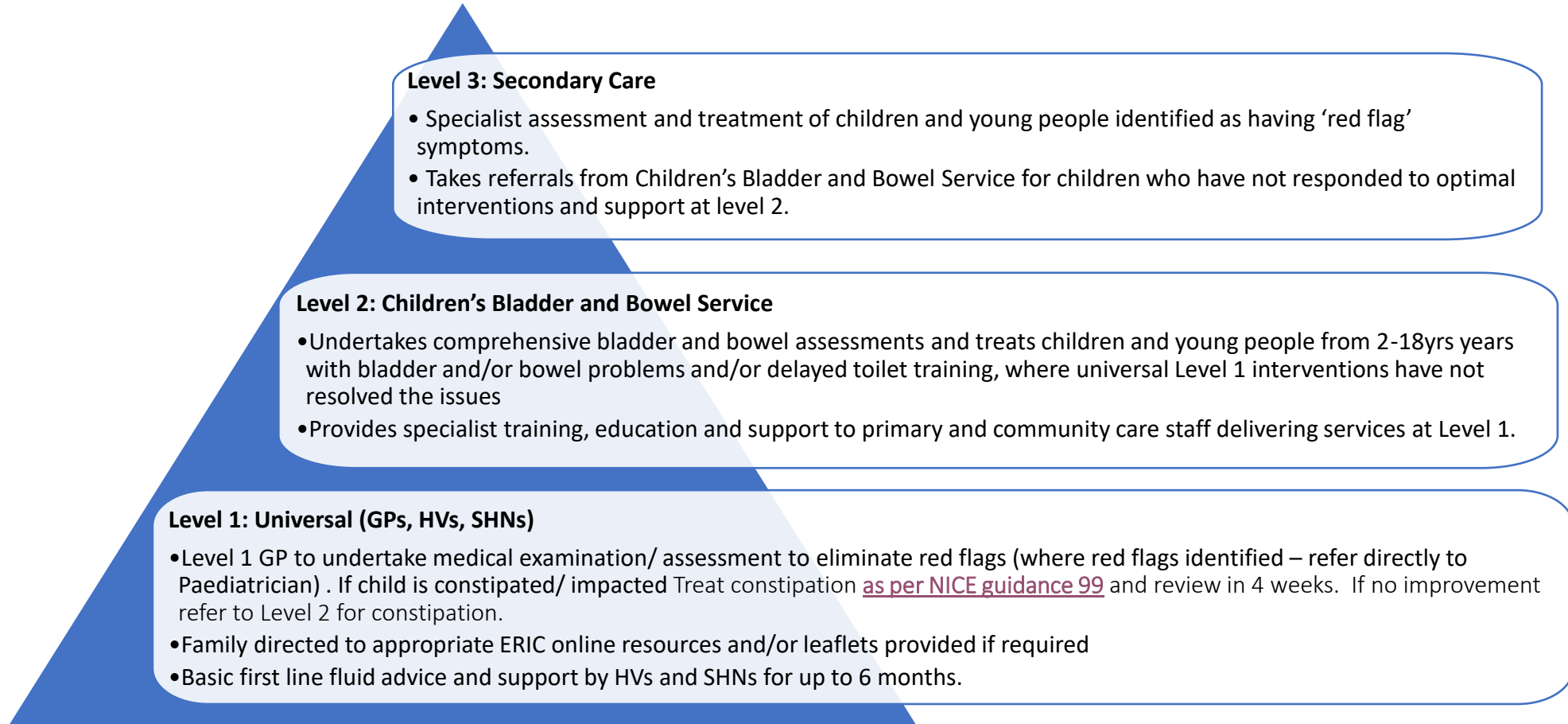


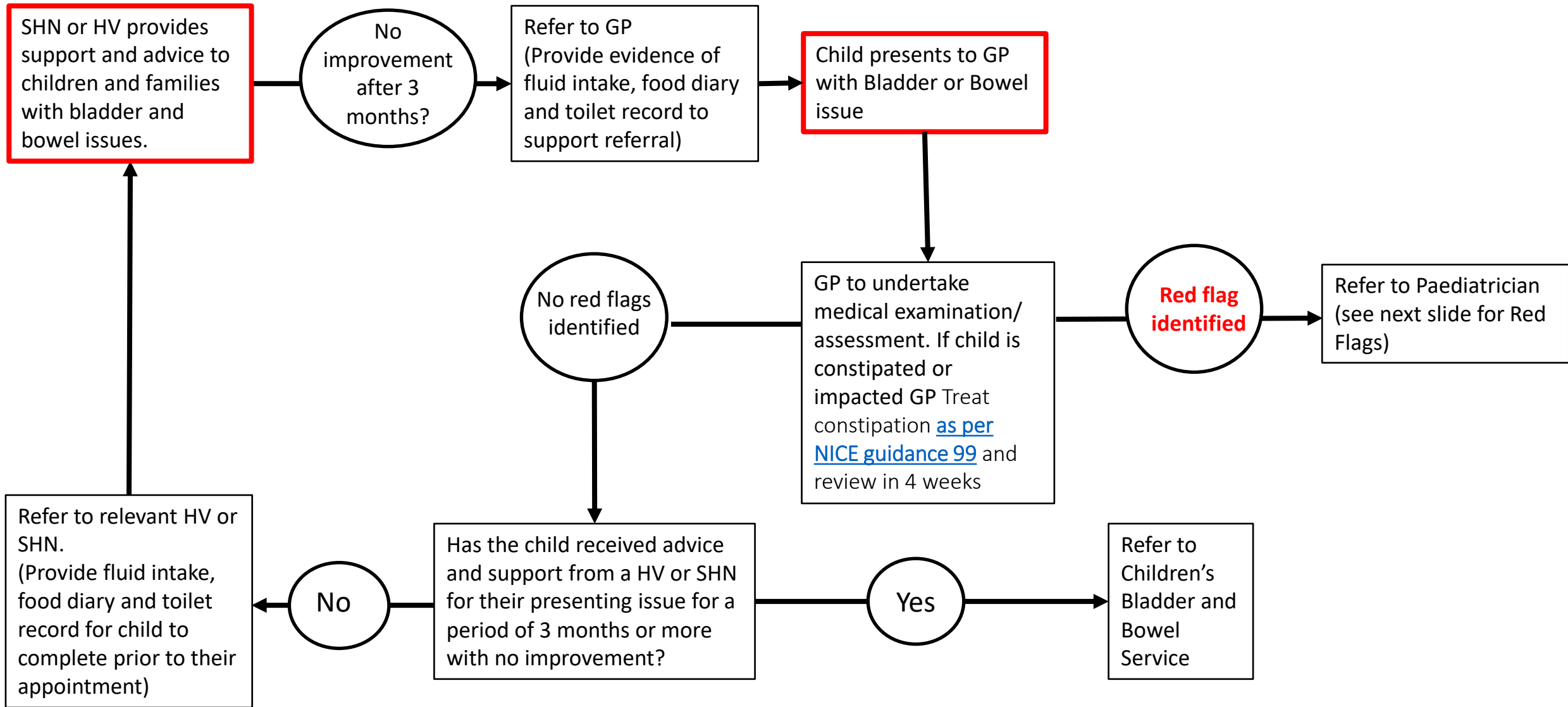
# Oxfordshire's Children's Bladder and Bowel Pathway (2 - 18 years)



## Pathway Principles:

- Children who are being successfully supported by HVs or SHNs do not need to be referred to a GP unless no improvement is made after 3 months.
- Referral to level 2 or 3 services will only be accepted once a medical assessment has been carried out by a GP.
- If no red flags are identified, children and young people must first be given Level 1 first line advice and support before progressing through the pathway.
- Children should only be referred to **one** service at a time. The correct service can be identified through the GP referral form

# Pathway Map for Children's Bladder and Bowel (2 – 18 years)



**Notes:** Boxes with red outline highlights the two entry points to the pathway.  
SHN = School Health Nurses HV = Health Visitors

# Red Flags for referral to Paediatrician

|   | Constipation/soiling  | Daytime wetting   | Night-time wetting  | Delayed Toilet Training                                      |
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| <b>Complete a medical examination (appropriate questions/investigations to be included in the referral form)</b>                  |   |   |   |  |
| Red Flags   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Delay in passage of meconium &gt;48 hours after birth</li> <li>• Ribbon stools from birth</li> <li>• History of constipation pre-weaning</li> <li>• Abnormal neurological examination</li> <li>• Anomaly of the spine</li> <li>• Abdominal distension with vomiting</li> <li>• Unexplained persistent vomiting or any bile stained vomit</li> <li>• Recent leg weakness</li> <li>• Weight loss/failure to thrive</li> <li>• Blood in the stools</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• History of repeated UTIs</li> <li>• Child (particularly girls) reported to always be wet during the day (continuous incontinence)</li> <li>• Any reported straining to void or weak stream</li> <li>• Reported weight loss or excessive thirst – GP to check urinalysis and blood sugar</li> <li>• Newly disclosed FGM – Refer to <a href="https://www.nccp.org.uk/FGM-Rose-Clinic">nccp.info/FGM-Rose-Clinic</a></li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reported weight loss or excessive thirst – GP to check urinalysis and blood sugar</li> <li>• Concern about parental intolerance or safeguarding issues – refer to local safeguarding policy</li> </ul> | As per constipation/soiling, daytime and night-time wetting. |
| <b>IF ANY RED FLAGS IDENTIFIED REFER TO PAEDIATRICIAN AND/OR SAFEGUARDING TEAM AS PER YOUR ORGANISATION'S SAFEGUARDING POLICY</b> |   |   |   |  |