Housing **Recommendations Pathway**

SUITABLE

Patient can be discharged home to this property.

Proceed with discharge planning.



Arrange the home assessment early, especially if medical factors affect suitability. In-person assessments are ideal, but virtual ones can be used.

A housing suitability checklist, like the <u>WellChild Parent/ Guardian Housing screening form</u>, can help identify issues before a full assessment.

- Multidisciplinary Involvement: Ensure multiple healthcare professionals (e.g., occupational therapists, discharge coordinators) are involved in assessing the property to provide a comprehensive evaluation of its suitability. A paediatric-specific checklist, like the WellChild Home Assessment Form for Children and Young People (CYP), should be used to support the housing assessment.
- Suitability Decisions: Decisions on a property's suitability should not be made without a thorough assessment unless the property is inherently unsuitable based on the patient's needs (e.g., Houses of Multiple Occupation where the patient requires private facilities, or high-level properties without lift access for wheelchair users).



- Assess Adaptation Timescales: Assess the timeframe required for necessary adaptations to the property
- **Consider Interim Arrangements:** Explore interim discharge options if the patient can return home while waiting for adaptations. Ensure an MDT suitability discussion is completed with all key members in agreement before informing parents, as changes to housing suitability decisions later can create significant challenges.
- Hospice Admission Option: If adaptations cannot be done with the patient at home, consider admission to a hospice or other appropriate care setting during the work.
- **OT Assessment:** A OT should evaluate the property and recommend necessary adaptations.
- Prioritise Adaptations: Fast-track minor adaptations while scheduling major works with clear milestones.
- **Funding:** Apply for Disabled Facilities Grant (DFG) funding and seek charity or community funds for any uncovered costs.
- Use Available Resources: Leverage support from the Local Authority, NHS, or Housing Association for minor adaptations.

- in place for transition to permanent housing.
- wheelchair accessibility).
- rehousing.

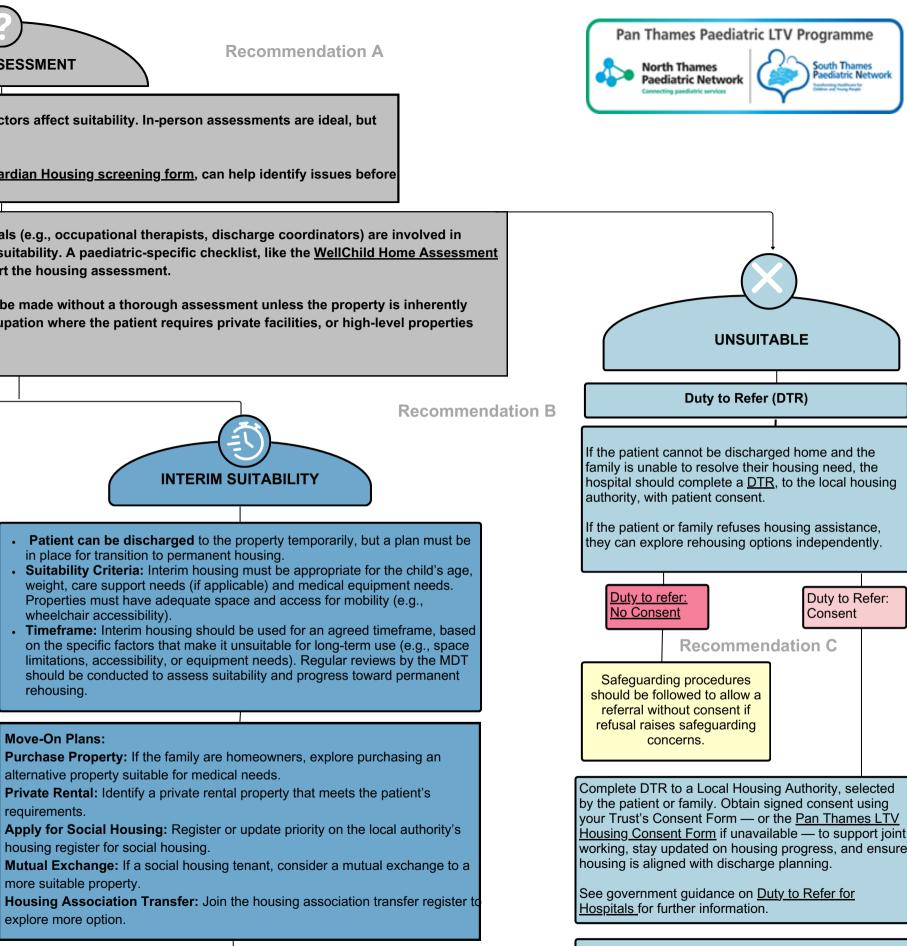
Move-On Plans:

alternative property suitable for medical needs. requirements

housing register for social housing. more suitable property.

explore more option.





Recommendation D

If there is no progress in securing housing, escalate the case to senior housing leads and healthcare teams, including at the network level, to ensure alternative solutions can be explored.

Patient successfully rehoused. Proceed with discharge.

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