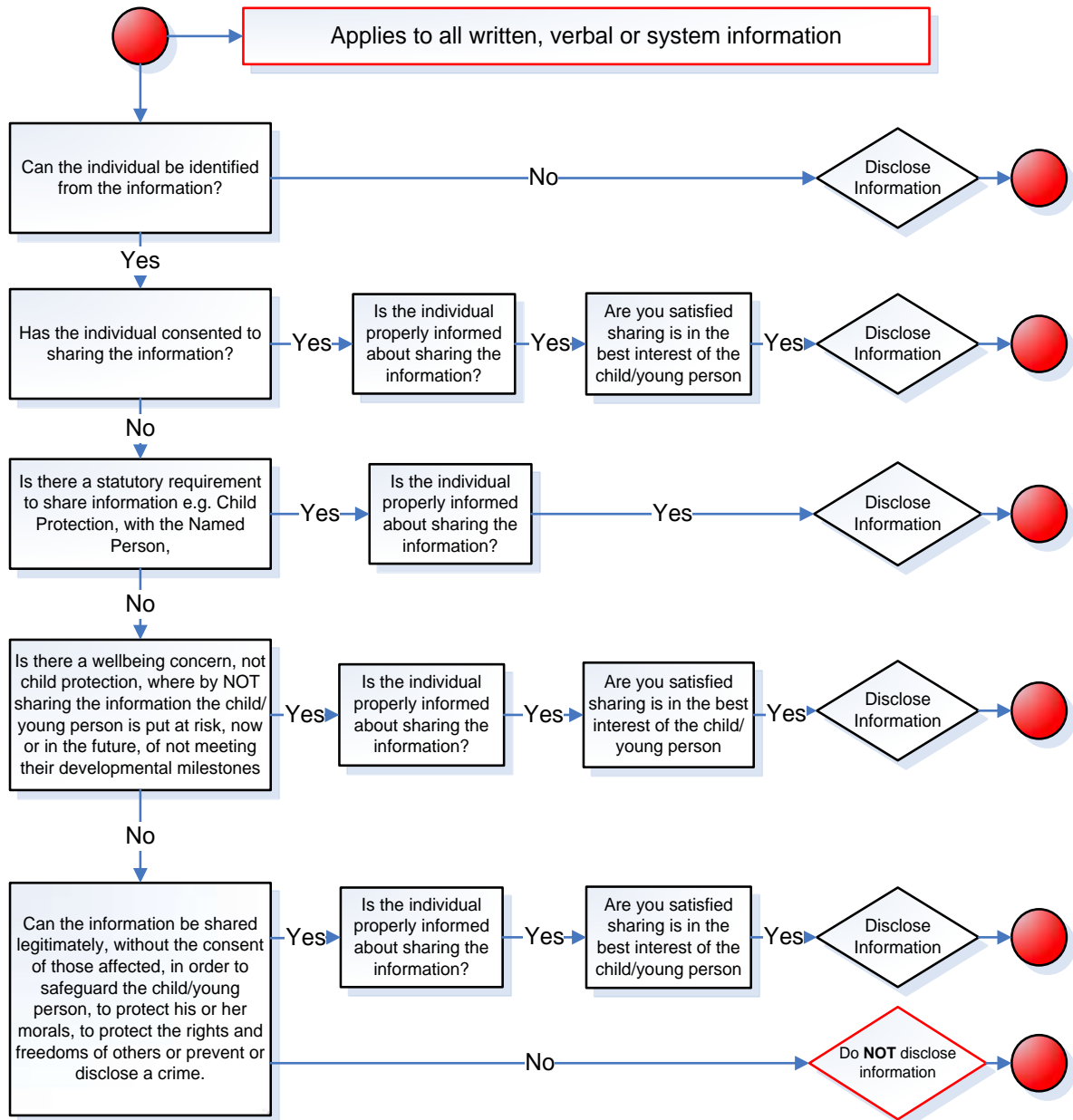


Information Sharing – Guidance Tree West Dunbartonshire



Guidance on Information Sharing.

- Acting in the best interest of the child/young person should be at the heart of your decision to share.
- Always record why your sharing, with whom and for what purpose.
- If in doubt share anonymously i.e. "I have a child who...." or ask someone, your line manager, a respected colleague, your data protection officer or read any guidance or legal guides.
- Sharing Information with the Named Person is a legal requirement under the Children and Young Persons (Scotland) Act.
- Share only what you/the recipient believe to be relevant.
- Parental/Carer consent is normally required where there is no statutory or legal obligation to share and where the child or young person is unable to understand what they are consenting to.
- Seek explicit consent where information is sensitive.
- There is no need to share information if it is likely to put the child or young person at further risk but please record this.
- This information is general good practice but seek further information if unsure.

Information Commissioners Office:

"Where a practitioner believes, in their professional opinion, that there is risk to a child or young person that may lead to harm, proportionate sharing of information is unlikely to constitute a breach of the Act"

"Consent can be difficult and it should only be sought when the individual has real choice over the matter".