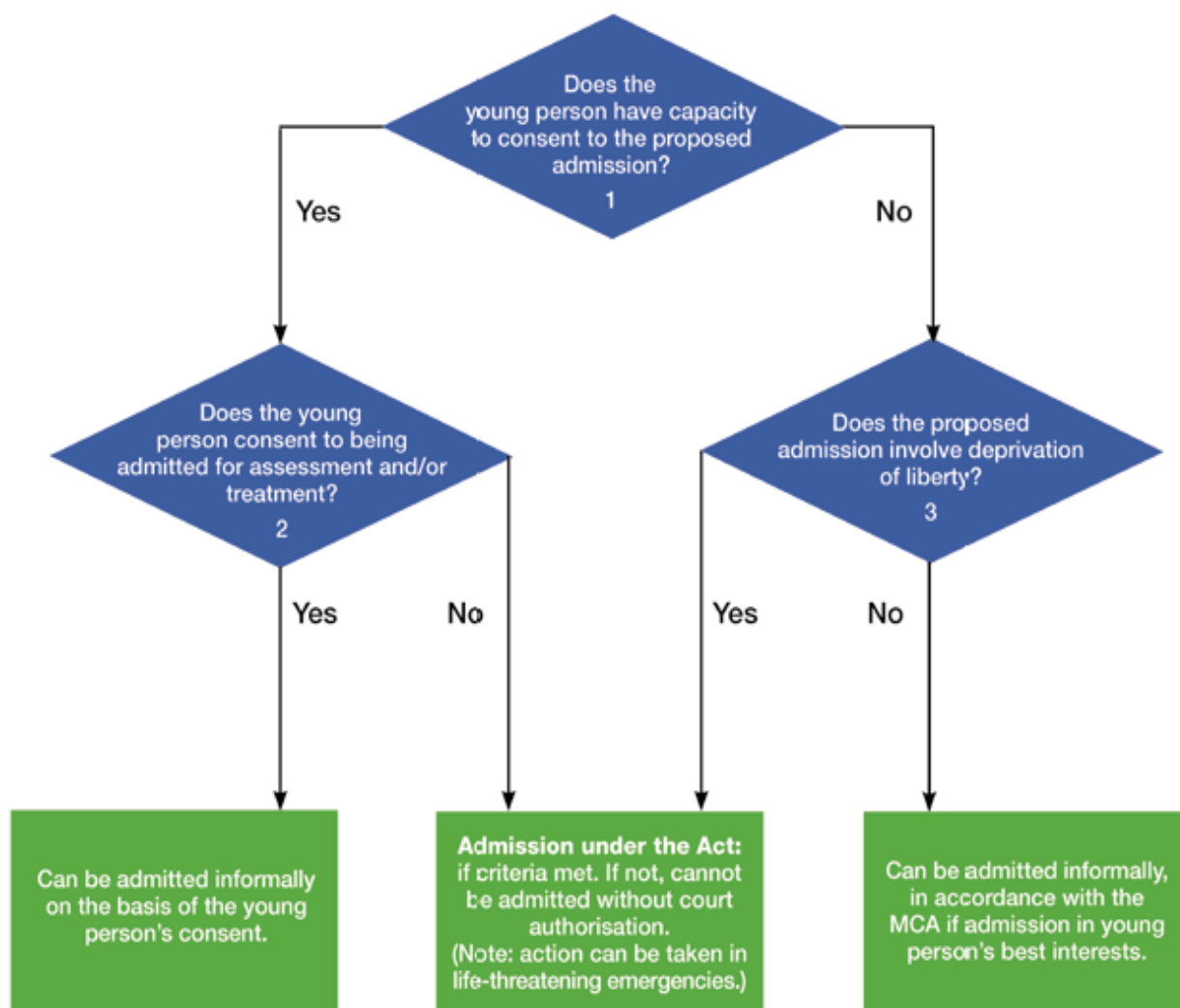


MHA CoP Figure 8: Informal admission of 16 and 17 year olds



Additional notes to Figure 8

1. Does the young person have capacity to consent to admission? (See paragraphs 19.26 – 19.33)
2. Does the young person consent to being admitted? The consent of a young person with capacity to consent is sufficient authority to admit them (paragraph 19.53). Note: there may be reasons for not relying on the young person's consent to admission to hospital (paragraphs 14.14 – 14.16). Parental consent cannot override a young person's refusal to being admitted (section 131 the Act, see paragraph 19.39).
3. Does the admission involve deprivation of liberty? A young person cannot be admitted informally if the admission amounts to a deprivation of liberty. If the young person lacks capacity, the admission is in the young person's best interests and does not amount to a deprivation of liberty then the young person can be admitted informally in accordance with the MCA (paragraph 19.57).