Age of Criminal Responsibility (ACR) Flow Chart

Child (under 12 years) comes to the attention of Police due to behaviour/conduct

SUPPORT

 No Place of Safety Required

Interview arranged via JII Team/ Police

Child Interview Rights Practitioner (ChIRP)

Place of Safety for as short a time necessary. Alternative provision identified by IRD/ LAAC process.

NO

Is Child interview required?

Grounds: child behaving in a violent or dangerous way to another person; or behaving in a sexually violent or sexually coercive way; or has caused or risked causing harm (physical or not) to another person

Placement identified, Police record of any harmful behaviour. Each council will have process in place to support child whilst place of safety being sought/supporting child move to place of safety

IRD:

* Need for Place of Safety Considered
* Identifying Appropriate Placement (Parental home default position as POS)
* As part of IRD identified if a child interview required

Each council will have in place immediate arrangements –IRD/Place of Safety will be co-ordinated by Local Authority. Police will link with relevant council.

 YES

YES

Child returned home/ situation defused by Police - IVPD, link to existing wellbeing, protection, Contextual Safeguarding and risk management (CARM), Refer to SCRA, link to IRD

Police defuse situation/ return child home, link to EEI or other mechanisms (wellbeing, protection concerns – UNIVERSAL, ADDITIONAL, INTENSIVE SUPPORT)

As soon as practicable after S54 authorisation, apply for a Child Interview Order authorising an investigative interview

Is the criteria met to question the child in urgent case (Criteria – in so far as necessary to prevent loss of life (S.54)

Yes

Does the child and parent/ carer consent?

Child Interview Order granted

Yes

No

Application for Child Interview Order required

NO

Is the child behaving or likely to behave in a way that is causing or risks significant harm to another person

Child returned home / situation defused by Police

Police defuse situation/ return child home, no further action (Police warning Letter/ IVPD raised)

NO