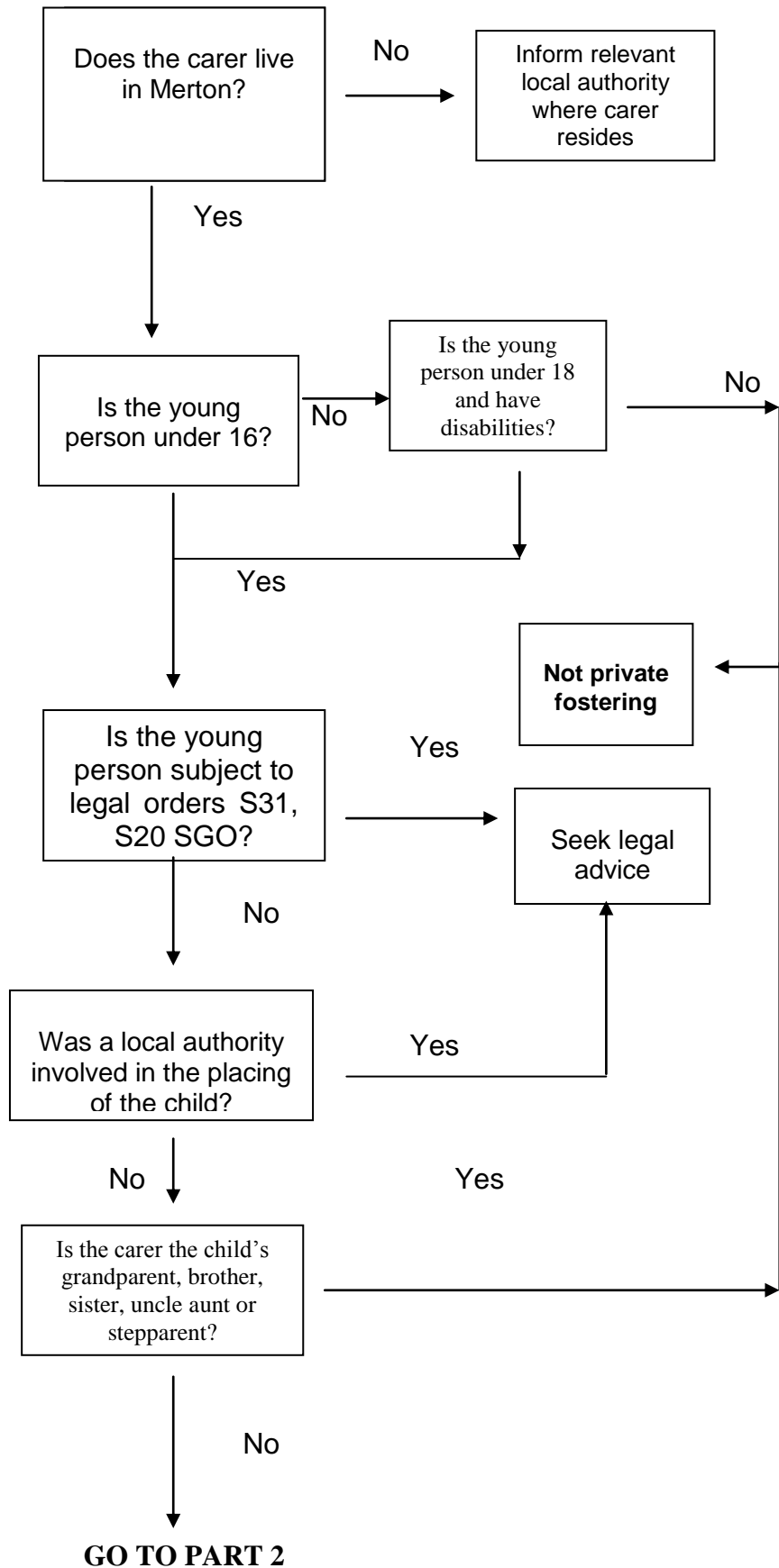## FLOWCHART FOR PRIVATE FOSTERING

This flowchart is designed to assess if a child is privately fostered. If there is child protection/other child in need concerns these remain the responsibility of A&A.

Does the carer live in Merton? — **No** → Inform relevant local authority where carer resides

Yes ↓

Is the young person under 16? — **No** → Is the young person under 18 and have disabilities? — **No** →

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Not private fostering

Is the young person subject to legal orders S31, S20 SGO? — **Yes** → Seek legal advice

No ↓

Was a local authority involved in the placing of the child? — **Yes** → Seek legal advice

No ↓

Is the carer the child's grandparent, brother, sister, uncle aunt or stepparent? — **Yes** →

No ↓

GO TO PART 2

FLOWCHART FOR PRIVATE FOSTERING Part 2

No

Has the child been in place for 28 days or more, or is the placement expected to last more than 27 days?

No → **Not private fostering**

Yes

Is the child an unaccompanied asylum seeker?

Yes →

No

Have the birth parents been contacted?

No → **Has this child absconded from their home?**

Yes

Do parents agree with arrangement and was their intention private fostering?

No →

Yes

COMPLETE INITIAL RECORD OF PRIVATE FOSTERING REFERRAL AND TRANSFER CASEWORK RESPONSIBILITY TO PRIVATE FOSTERING SOCIAL WORKER (VIA TEAM MANAGER).