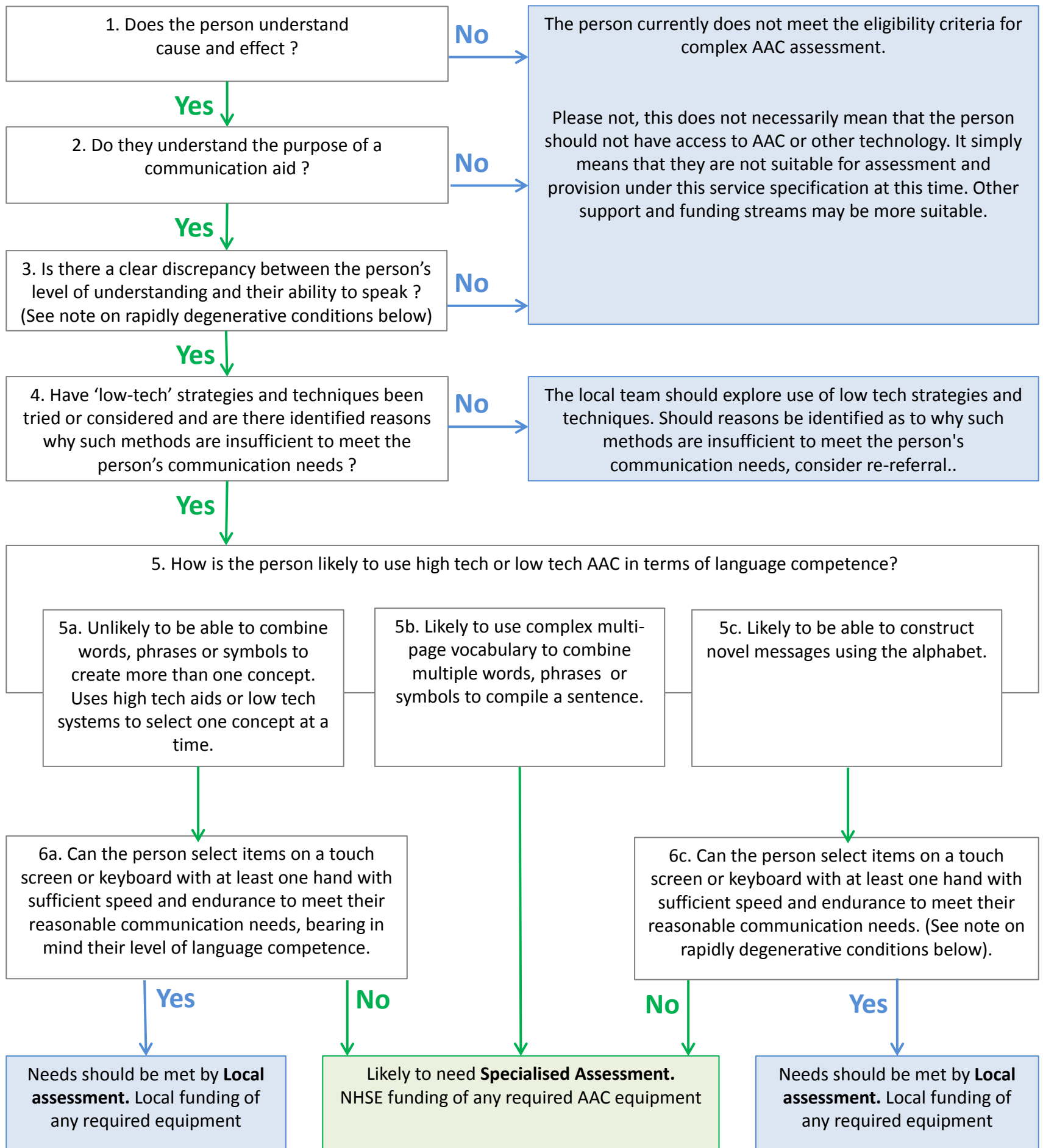


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NOTE: People with **rapidly degenerative conditions** can be referred before they meet all the criteria above, particularly in terms of speech and hand function (boxes 3 and 6c). The referrer and specialised AAC service team should be satisfied that they are deteriorating at a rate meaning that they are likely to meet the criteria within the time a communication aid would be provided. Although this time varies a period of 18 weeks is suggested. It is recognised that this is a difficult determination to make, but evidence of how a person has deteriorated prior to the referral should be considered. Decisions will be made on individual clinical circumstances.