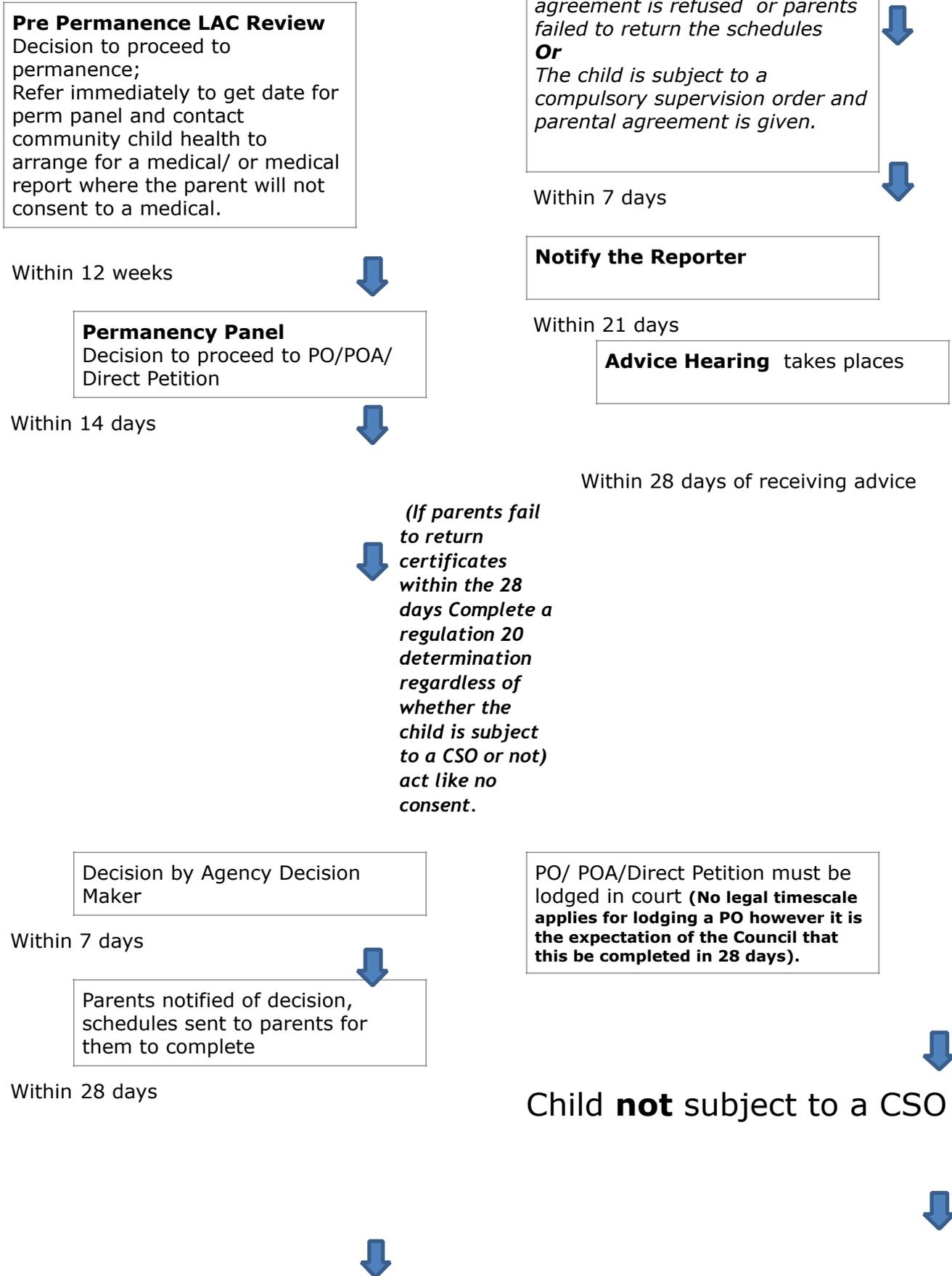


Permanence Timescales

Child subject to a CSO



Permanence Timescales

Pre Permanence LAC Review

Decision to proceed to permanence;
Refer immediately to get date for perm panel and contact community child health to arrange for a medical/ or medical report where the parent will not consent to a medical.

For relinquished children consent is ineffective if given less than 6 weeks after the birth.

Within 12 weeks

Permanency Panel

Decision to proceed to PO/POA/Direct Petition

Within 14 days

Decision by Agency Decision Maker

Within 7 days



Parents notified of decision, schedules sent to parents for them to complete

Within 28 days



Where the child is not subject to a compulsory supervision order and the parents returned certificates refusing consent or failed to do.

Where a child is not subject to a compulsory supervision order and parents are consenting to adoption.
No timescales apply.

Within 28 days

Lodge Petition

Please note a direct petition can only be granted when a child is at least 19 weeks old and when they have lived with their adopters for the 13 weeks prior to the making of the order.

(Applications can be made prior to the above conditions but cannot be granted until the above  criteria are met).

Please note where a parent is consenting to adoption, you do not have to delay family finding until the pre perm LAC or permanency panel. A child can be moved to adopters on a fostering basis prior to these meetings.

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