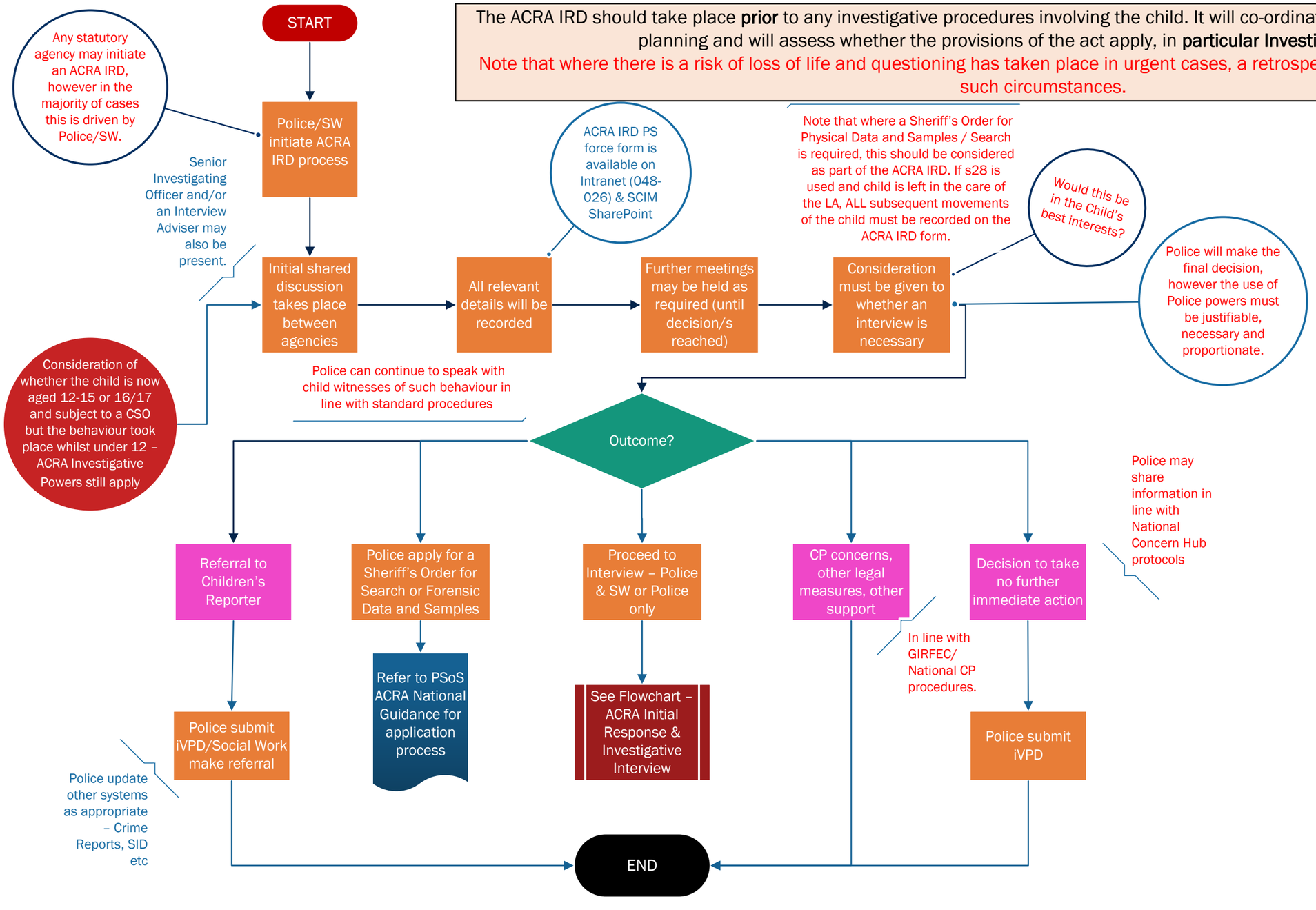
AGE OF CRIMINAL RESPONSIBILITY (ACRA 2019) – ACRA IRD (KEY STEPS)

The ACRA IRD should take place **prior** to any investigative procedures involving the child. It will co-ordinate multi agency decision-making and planning and will assess whether the provisions of the act apply, in **particular Investigative Interview.**
Note that where there is a risk of loss of life and questioning has taken place in urgent cases, a retrospective ACRA IRD must be arranged in such circumstances.



An ACRA IRD is tripartite; Police, Social Work and Health. Include input from other agencies as appropriate (e.g. Education). Note that an ACRA IRD is designed to be held under circumstances when the child is believed to have caused or risked causing significant / harm (serious physical or otherwise) and has not necessarily been subjected to harm.
The core principles and practices of a CP IRD still apply.

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