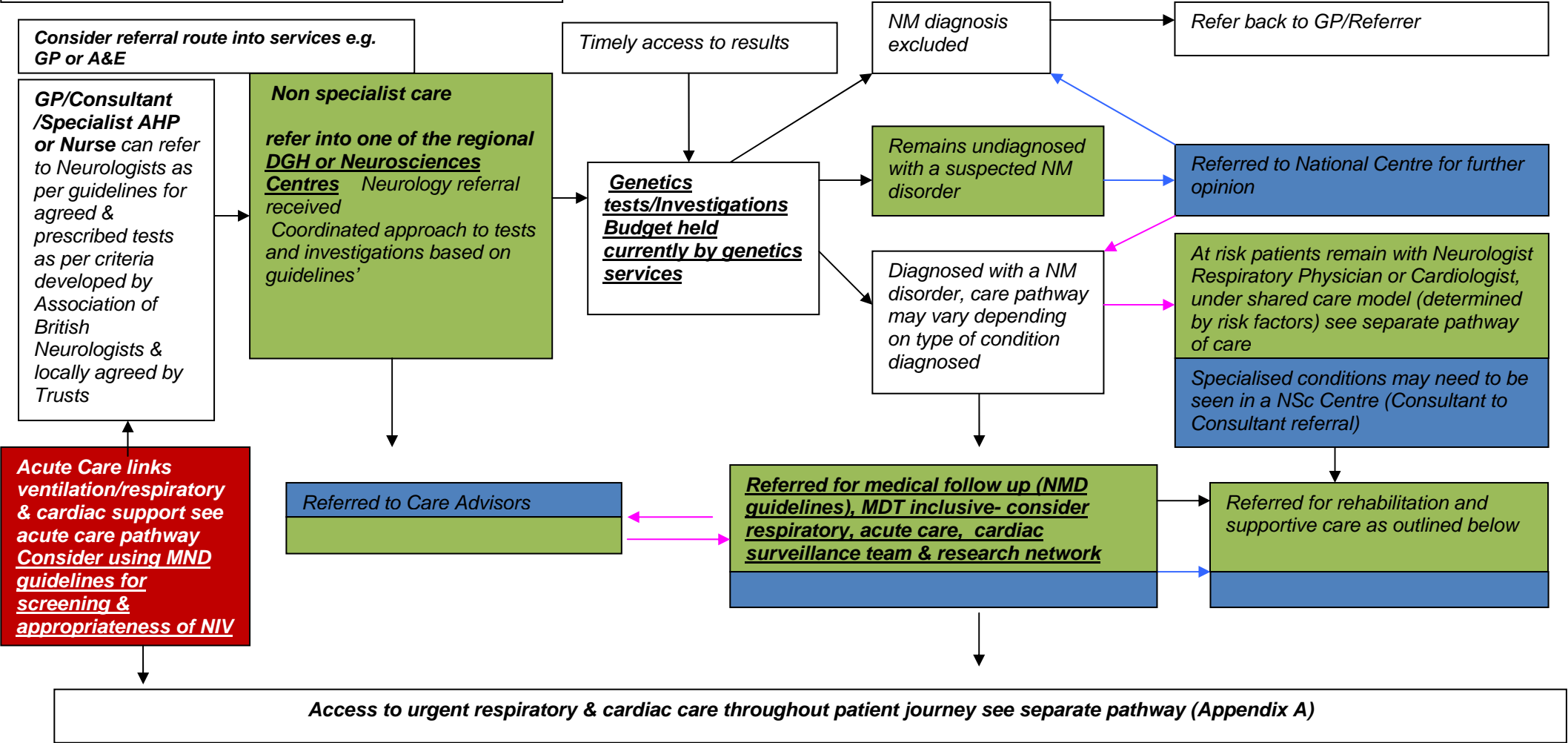


**Adult Neuromuscular pathway (Dec 2014) (18 years onwards)**

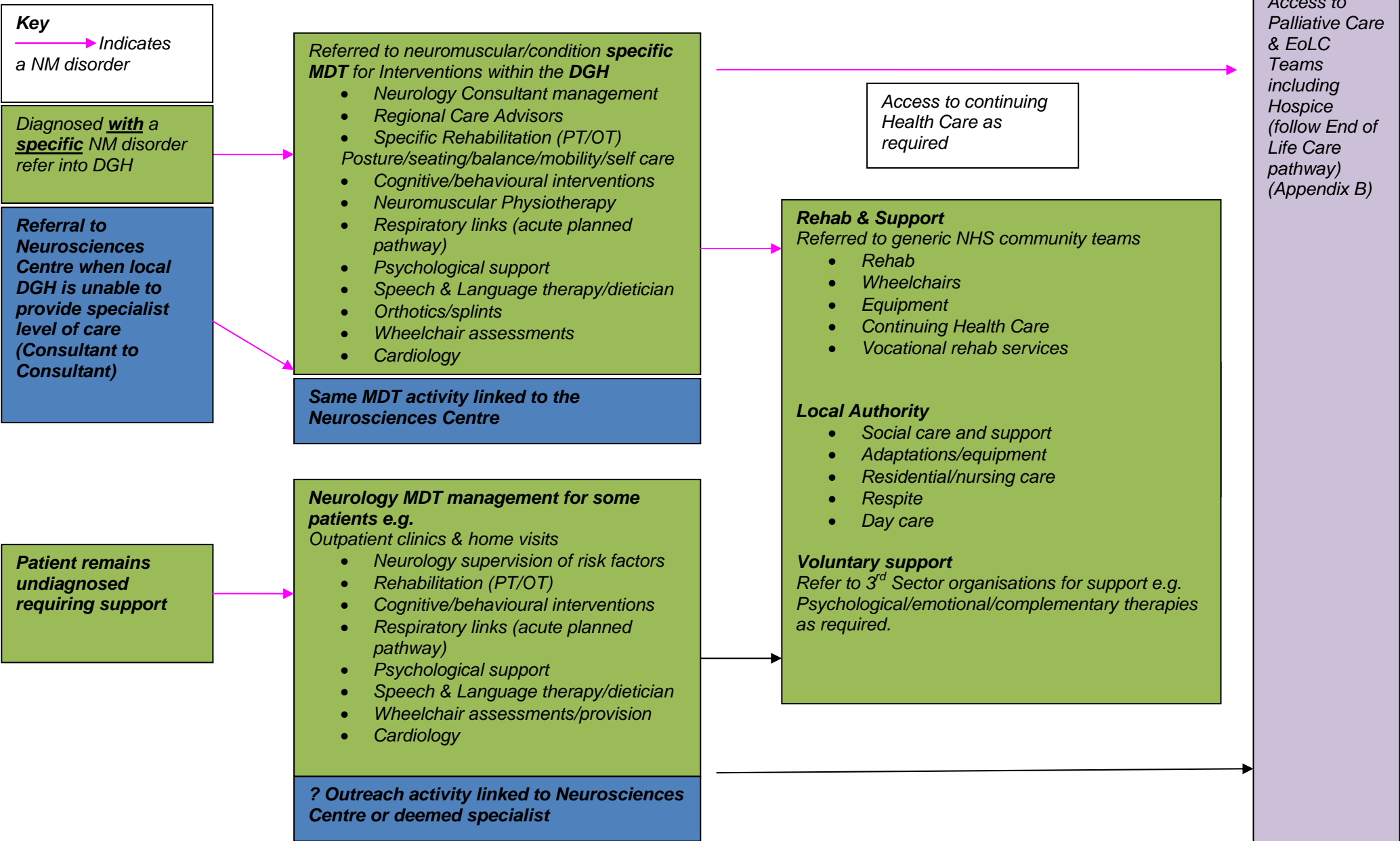
**Key**

- DGH  
Not Specialised Commissioning  
CCG Funded
- , Neurosciences Centre activity  
Specialised Commissioning route funded by NHS England  
(NHSE) **Consultant to Consultant**
- Palliative /EOLC pathway
- Urgent care



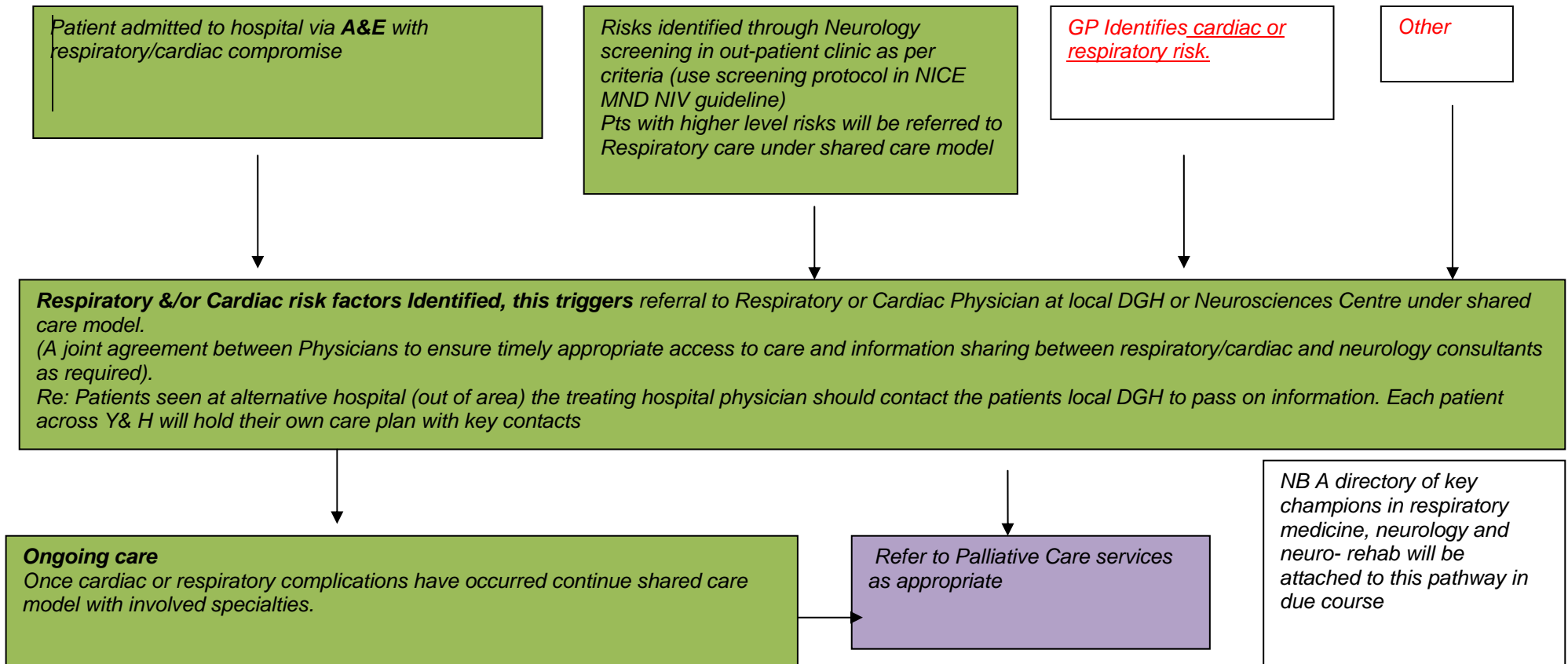
NB Transition process should be considered within this pathway, see appendix 1 & 2

## Maintenance, Rehabilitation & Supportive Care



## RESPIRATORY & CARDIAC PATHWAY

### Access into services through one of the following routes



## SUPPORTIVE & PALLIATIVE CARE

### Children's and young people's palliative care – A Definition

Palliative care for children and young people with life-limiting conditions is an active and total approach to care, from the point of diagnosis or recognition, embracing physical, emotional, social and spiritual elements through to death and beyond.

It focuses on enhancement of quality of life for the child/young person and support for the family and includes the management of distressing symptoms, provision of short breaks and care through death and bereavement. (Together for Short Lives, 2012. [http://www.togetherforshortlives.org.uk/assets/0000/4090/adult\\_child\\_comparison.pdf](http://www.togetherforshortlives.org.uk/assets/0000/4090/adult_child_comparison.pdf))

The palliative care pathway for some children/young people begins very early and continues for a long period of time. For others the pathway may be much shorter and end of life may come fairly quickly. It is clear that ideally there needs to be a number of different options for families when the need for palliative care arises and that no two experiences will be the same. In an ideal world services would be tailored to meet the individual needs of each patient and although that is not possible, services need to fulfil the needs of children and young people as near as can be achieved with the resources available. It is therefore important that the organisation, planning and delivery of services is optimised to provide the 'best' service possible that meets the needs of those children and young people.

## Adult Neuro Muscular Disease Palliative/ End of Life Care (EoLC) Element of Pathway

