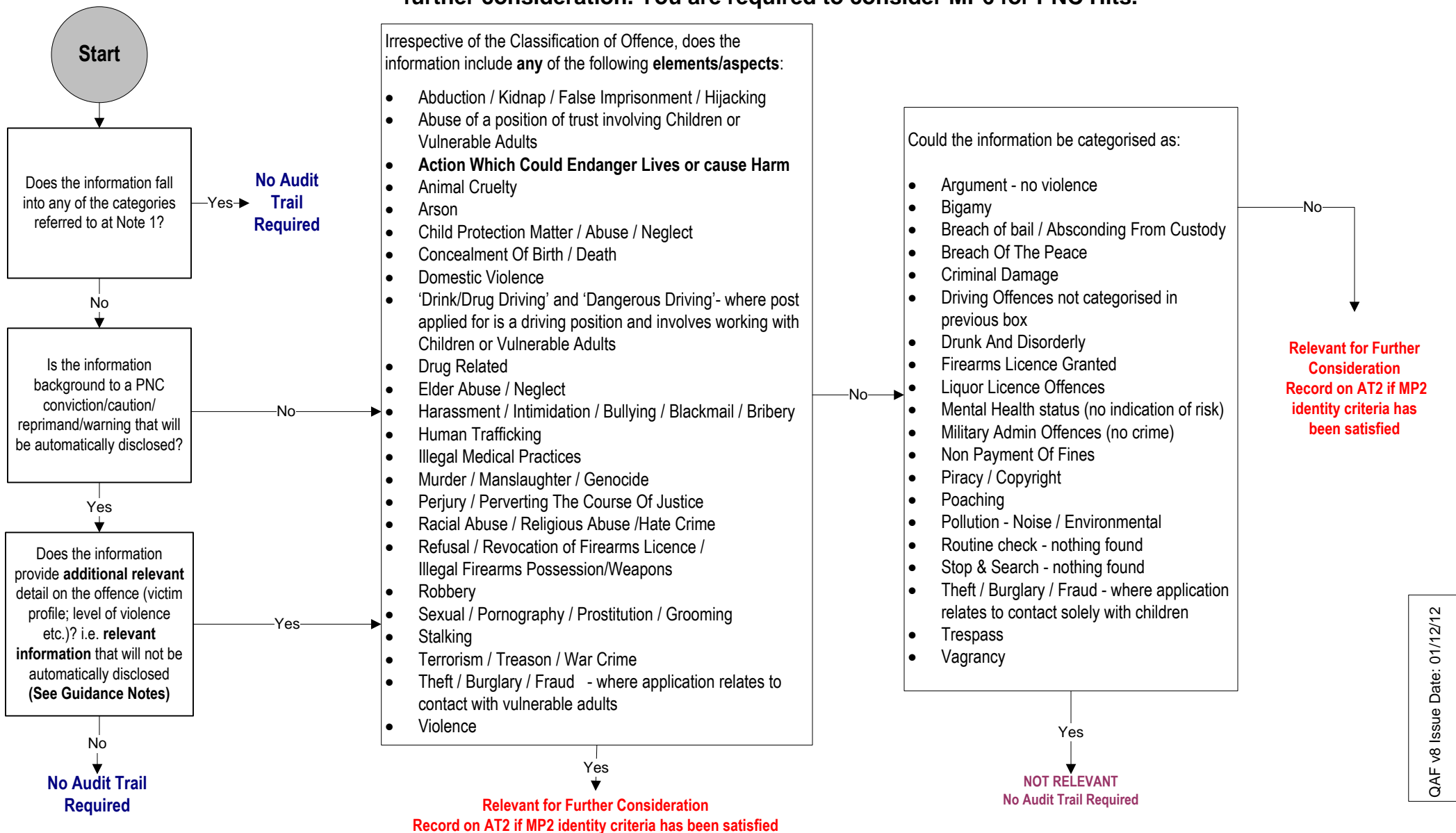


MP3 – Relevance (Local Information categories)

This process is intended to help determine whether the local information found is of a type that requires further consideration. You are required to consider MP6 for PNC Hits.



Note 1:

- a. If the individual referred to in the information is **only** mentioned as either: a **victim**, as an attending/investigating **police officer**, as a **witness** or as the **source** of the information, their involvement is Not Relevant and No Audit Trail is required.
- b. If the information is solely police intelligence which is **not related** to an alleged offence or risk of harm to the vulnerable then it is Not Relevant and No Audit Trail is required.
- c. If the individual has been recorded as a Missing Person, No Audit Trail Required **unless they also meet the criteria within Note 2**

Note 2:

If an individual has been recorded as a Missing Person who is alleged to have been involved in some type of crime or incident that could or did place a child or vulnerable person at risk of harm, the information should be considered and appropriately categorised (using the MP3) and recorded on the AT2.

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MP3 Guidance notes

The Acts – **Part V of the Police Act (as amended)** and the **Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act (as amended)**

The Application

Both Acts relate to people who may have roles involving work/contact/care with children or VA

You are required to consider whether the information might be relevant to the application before you (Children/Vulnerable Adults/Both)

The application will specify the sector(s) or group(s) that it relates to for Enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service check (EDBS) purposes

Relevance

The Method Product (MP) series is intended to help identify material that falls within the scope of relevant information and which, therefore, may need to be considered further, for possible disclosure or provision to the Barring arm of the DBS

Both Acts asks that you identify information that the Chief Officer 'reasonably believes to be relevant'

Both Acts and Case Law apply a similar thought process: *Is there any relevant information or is there any relevant conduct*. QAF will help you to assess your information for relevance.

The list of examples within QAF is NOT exhaustive but information about any activity that endangers a child or VA; causes or may cause them Harm; involves sexual conduct with children/VAs or sexual images of children/VAs, is likely to be relevant for further consideration

Sexual Offences Act (SOA) 2003

The SOA 2003 was amended in 2006 to include a broader range of those offences which can lead to an offender having to comply with a requirement to register with police or being subject to a Sexual Offences Prevention Order (SOPO). The offences may not seem inherently sexual but they could have a sexual motive. Where this criteria applies, the offences should be classified as Sexual and recorded as 'Further Consideration' on the AT2.

Note 1: Information that is considered **additive**:

Those **relevant** details, that are not automatically disclosed, that shed light on the nature of a conviction such as:

victim profile (age, gender, disability etc.), weapon(s) used; level of violence; injuries inflicted, the Barring Arm's '22 Questions' etc., covering the details which are useful to them when making a barring decision.

You should be minded that any disclosure should be balanced and fair, therefore additive information may include that which balance the conduct of the individual i.e. PNC conviction for Assault where the offender was significantly provoked before reacting or went to the aid of someone who was being attacked themselves and, as a result of their actions, was prosecuted.

It should be noted that Third Party information, including conviction information, is NOT automatically disclosed (as they are not the applicant) and, therefore, all **relevant** Third Party information may be considered additive, requiring further consideration.

Information required by the Barring Arm of the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS)

**** This page will either be removed or contain further guidance depending on the outcome from the DBS QAF Trial (Stage 1 Letters)****