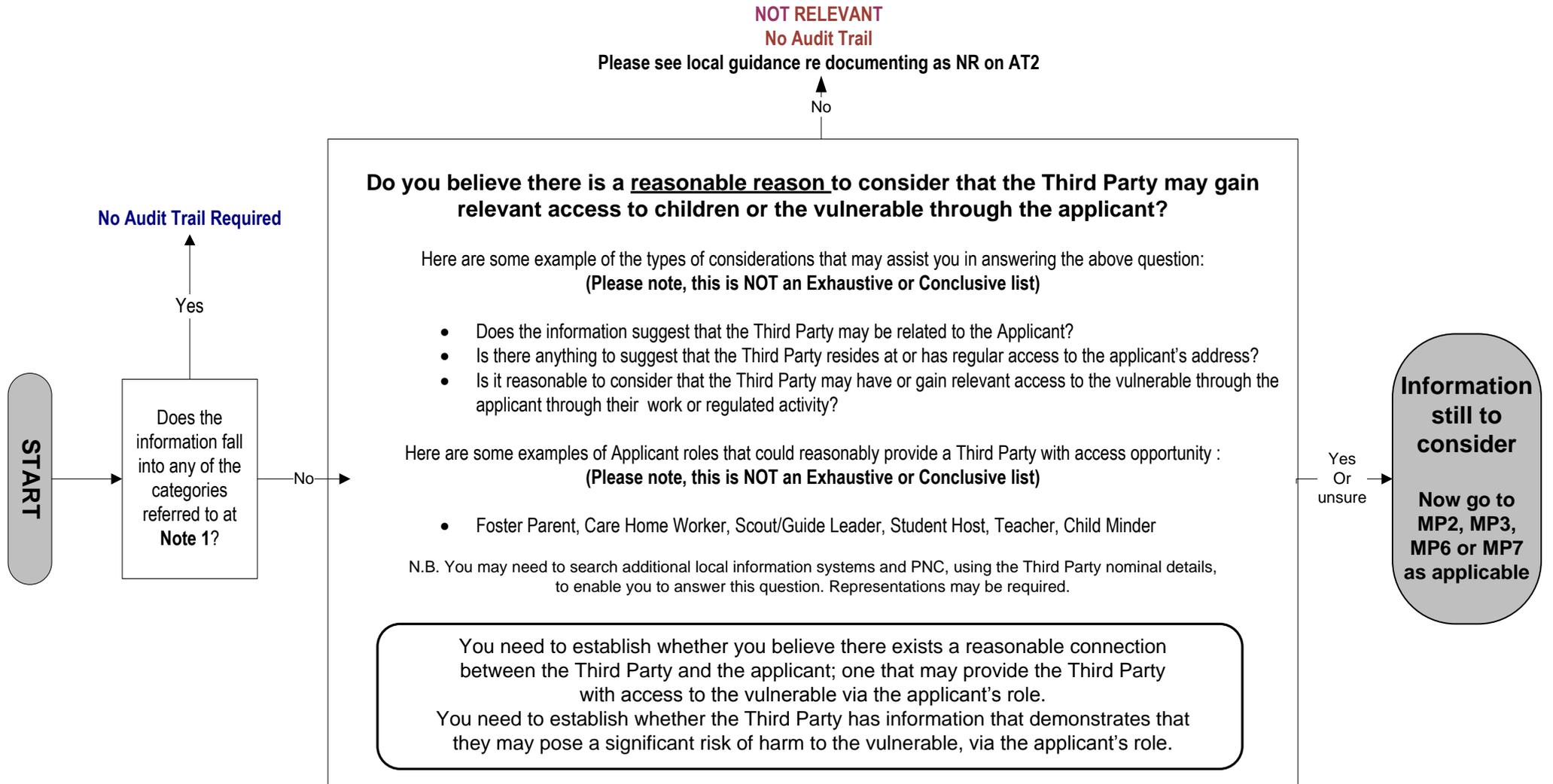


## MP4 - Access

This process is intended to help assist in determining whether it is reasonable to consider that a Third Party may gain relevant access to children or the vulnerable



### Note 1:

- a. If the Applicant or Third Party 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 it does not result as 'Relevant For Further Consideration' on the MP3 or MP6 then it is Not Relevant and No Audit Trail is required.
- c. If the individual has been recorded as a Missing Person, refer to **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 and/or monitored or detained under the Mental Health Act, the information should be considered, assessed and appropriately categorised (using the MP3/MP6) and recorded on the AT2 if it results as 'Relevant For Further Consideration'.

## **MP4 Guidance notes for DO's.**

**When considering a Third Party, you may approach the question of potential risk (to the vulnerable group in question) from one of two different ways:**

- ***Does the relationship between the applicant and the Third Party provide them with relevant access to the vulnerable?***
- ***Does the Third Party have intelligence or a conviction history that demonstrates that they may pose a significant risk to the vulnerable?***

**Common sense holds that a Third Party that has no relevant access to the vulnerable cannot be relevant to the application and, therefore, cannot pose a risk.**

**Conversely, where there exists no information to suggest that the Third Party may pose a risk to the vulnerable, the access that they may have is immaterial (and if you have not yet established their access, you would have no need to do so).**

**Therefore, you may begin Third Party considerations from either angle:**

- ***relationship/link between the applicant and the Third Party (relevant access to the vulnerable) or***
- ***assessment of the intelligence of conviction information that you have about the Third Party***

**If you cannot establish a relevant connection between the Third Party and the applicant, can they pose a risk at all? Do you need to assess further?**

**If there is nothing to indicate that the Third Party has relevant access to the vulnerable, can they pose a risk at all? Do you need to assess further?**

**If there is no intelligence or conviction information that indicates that they pose a risk, do you need to establish whether they may have relevant access?**