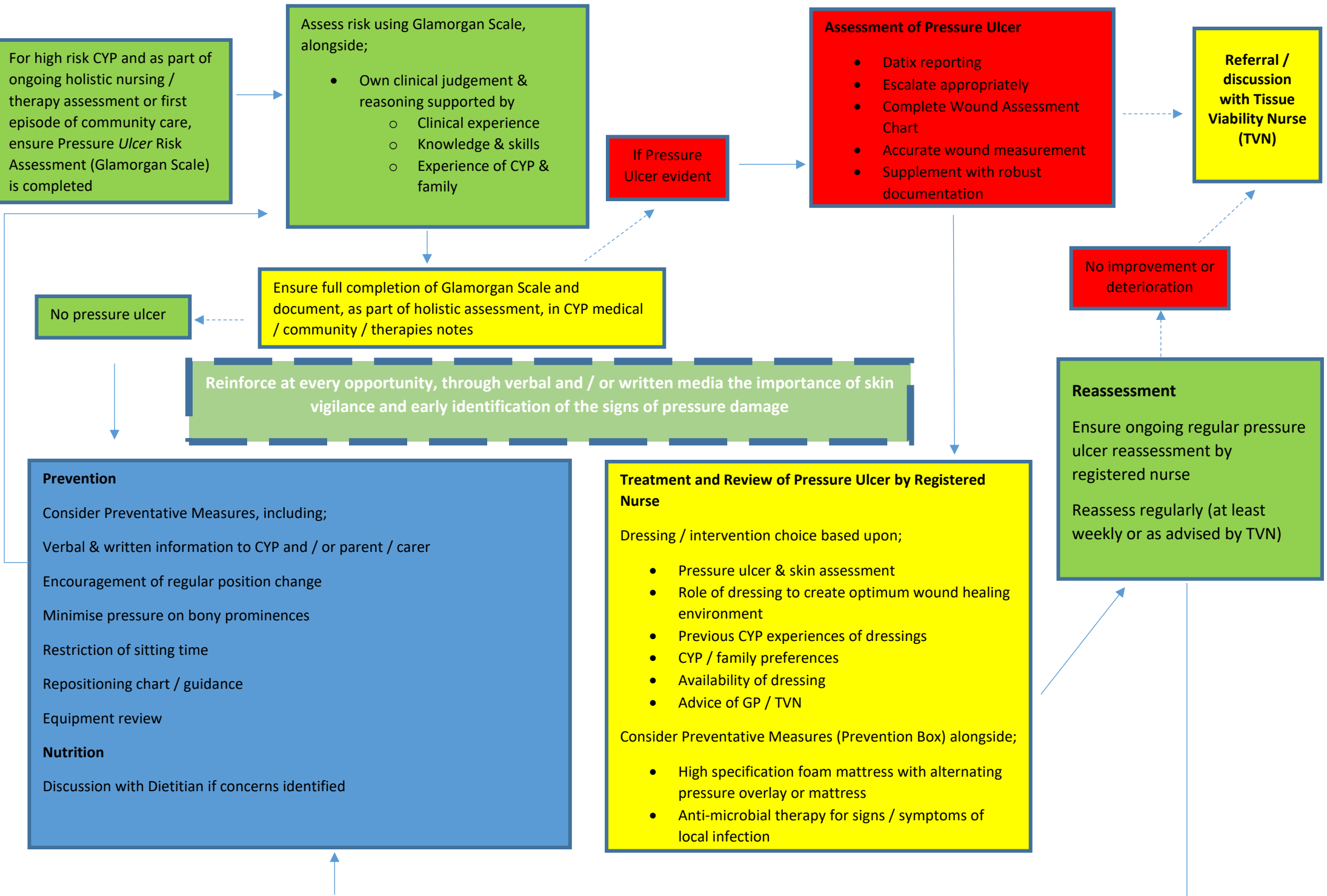


Algorithm for the Assessment, Prevention, Treatment and Review of Pressure Ulcer Risk and Management for CYP in Community Settings



For high risk CYP and as part of ongoing holistic nursing / therapy assessment or first episode of community care, ensure Pressure *Ulcer* Risk Assessment (Glamorgan Scale) is completed

Assess risk using Glamorgan Scale, alongside;

- Own clinical judgement & reasoning supported by
 - Clinical experience
 - Knowledge & skills
 - Experience of CYP & family

If Pressure Ulcer evident

Assessment of Pressure Ulcer

- Datix reporting
- Escalate appropriately
- Complete Wound Assessment Chart
- Accurate wound measurement
- Supplement with robust documentation

Referral / discussion with Tissue Viability Nurse (TVN)

No pressure ulcer

Ensure full completion of Glamorgan Scale and document, as part of holistic assessment, in CYP medical / community / therapies notes

Reinforce at every opportunity, through verbal and / or written media the importance of skin vigilance and early identification of the signs of pressure damage

Prevention

Consider Preventative Measures, including;

- Verbal & written information to CYP and / or parent / carer
- Encouragement of regular position change
- Minimise pressure on bony prominences
- Restriction of sitting time
- Repositioning chart / guidance
- Equipment review

Nutrition

- Discussion with Dietitian if concerns identified

Treatment and Review of Pressure Ulcer by Registered Nurse

Dressing / intervention choice based upon;

- Pressure ulcer & skin assessment
- Role of dressing to create optimum wound healing environment
- Previous CYP experiences of dressings
- CYP / family preferences
- Availability of dressing
- Advice of GP / TVN

Consider Preventative Measures (Prevention Box) alongside;

- High specification foam mattress with alternating pressure overlay or mattress
- Anti-microbial therapy for signs / symptoms of local infection

No improvement or deterioration

Reassessment

Ensure ongoing regular pressure ulcer reassessment by registered nurse

Reassess regularly (at least weekly or as advised by TVN)