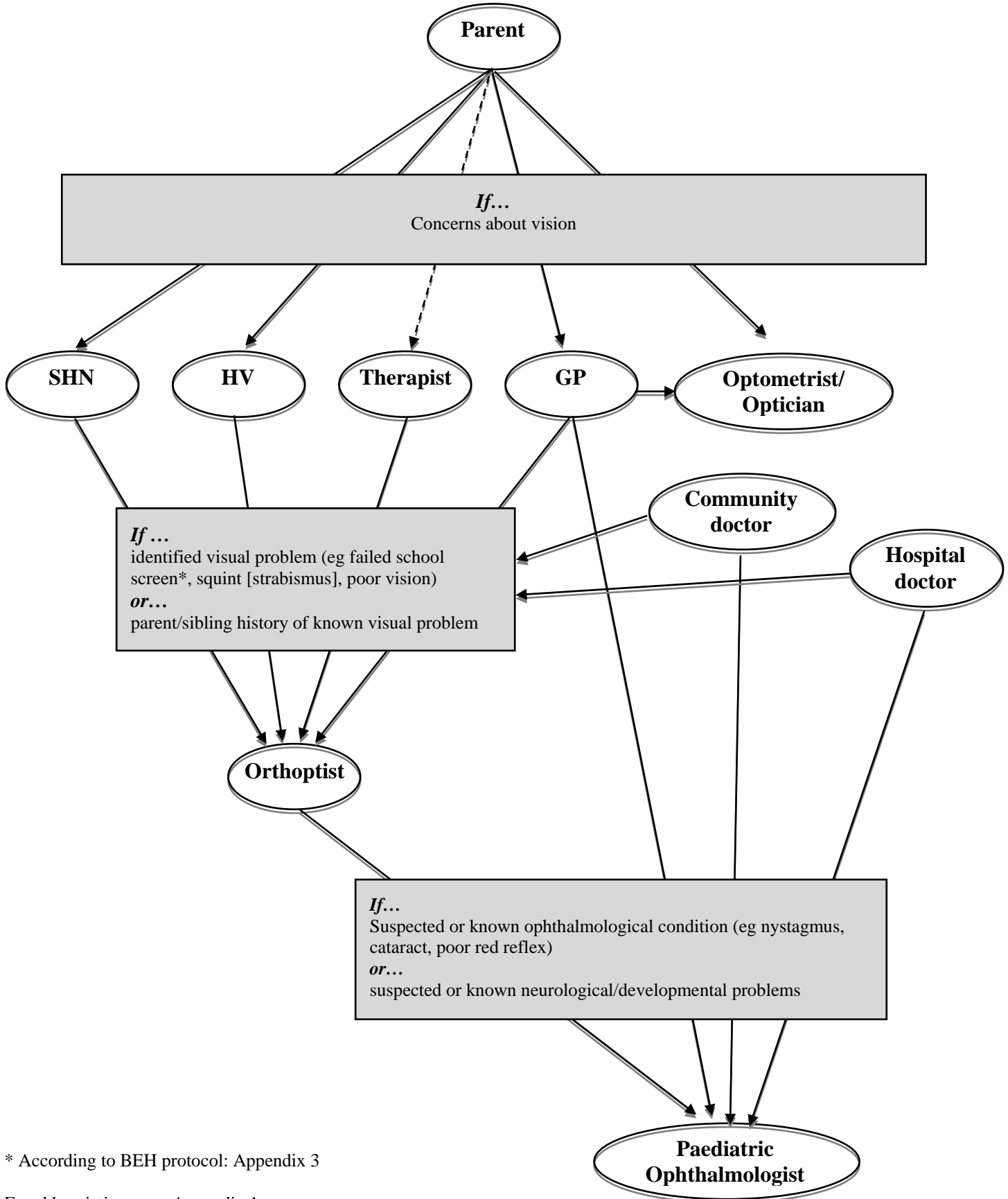


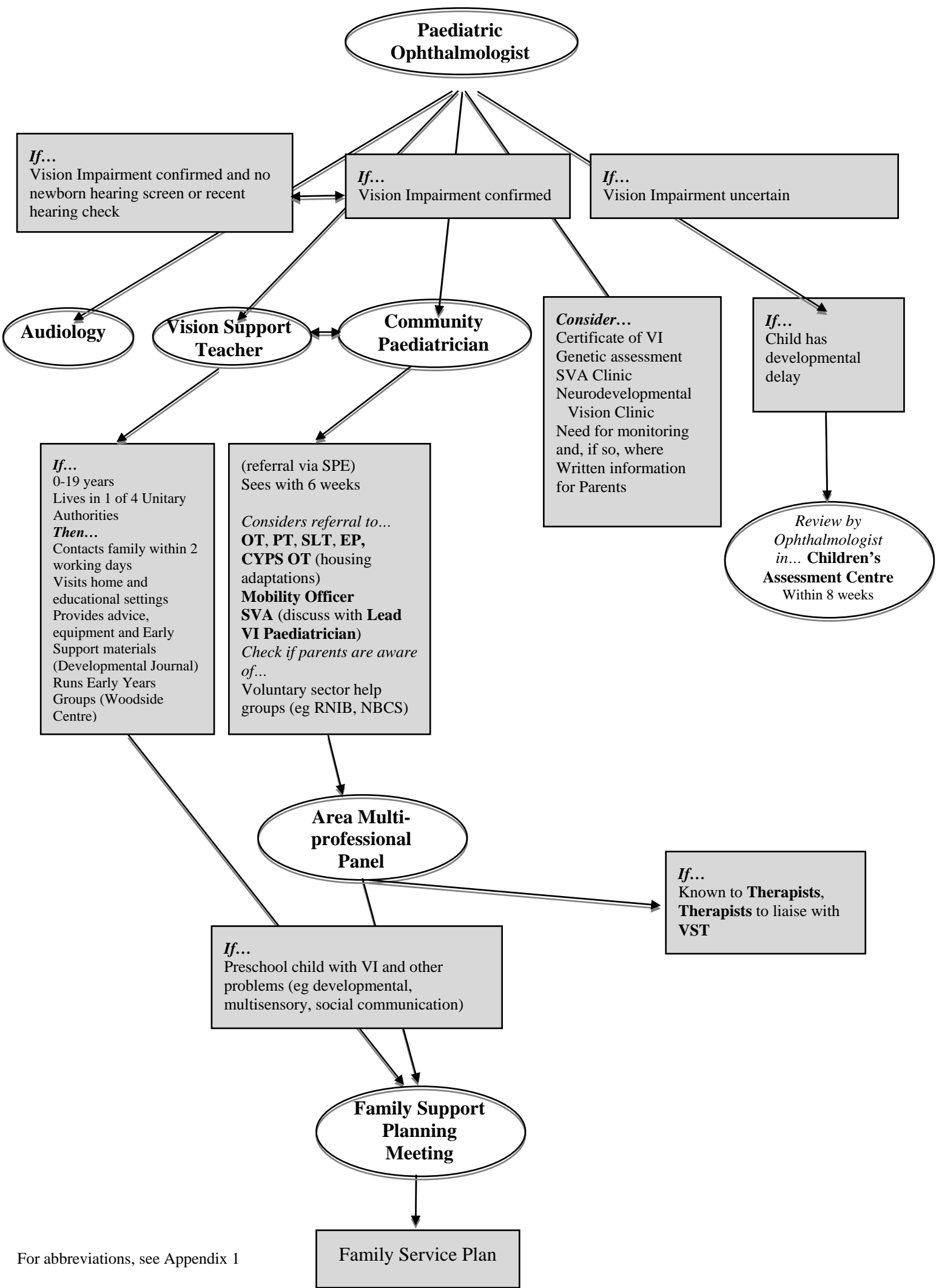
PATHWAYS FOR VISION PROBLEMS IN CHILDHOOD

- A blind baby is a medical emergency
- Early identification and management may improve the final visual outcome
- Parents/Carers should always be asked about their child's vision



* According to BEH protocol: Appendix 3

For abbreviations, see Appendix 1



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APPENDIX 1: ABBREVIATIONS

BEH	Bristol Eye Hospital
CVI	Cerebral Vision Impairment
CYPS OT	Children and Young People's Service Occupational Therapist
DLA	Disability Living Allowance
EP	Educational Psychologist
GP	General Practitioner
HV	Health Visitor
NBCS	National Blind Children's Society
OT	Occupational Therapist
PT	Physiotherapist
RNIB	Royal National Institute of Blind People
SHN	School Health Nurse
SLT	Speech and Language Therapist
SPE	Single Point of Entry
SVA	Specialist Vision Assessment
VI	Vision Impairment
VST	Vision Support Teacher

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APPENDIX 2: DEFINITIONS

Vision Impairment:

Visual acuity is $<6/18$ in the best eye with the best correction

AND/OR

Nystagmus

AND/OR

Significant Visual Field Defect

Cerebral Vision Impairment:

Damage to special vision parts of the brain and its connections, causing vision impairment even though the eyes may be normal. The child may have good visual acuity, but have problems accessing or using visual information (eg processing a visual scene).