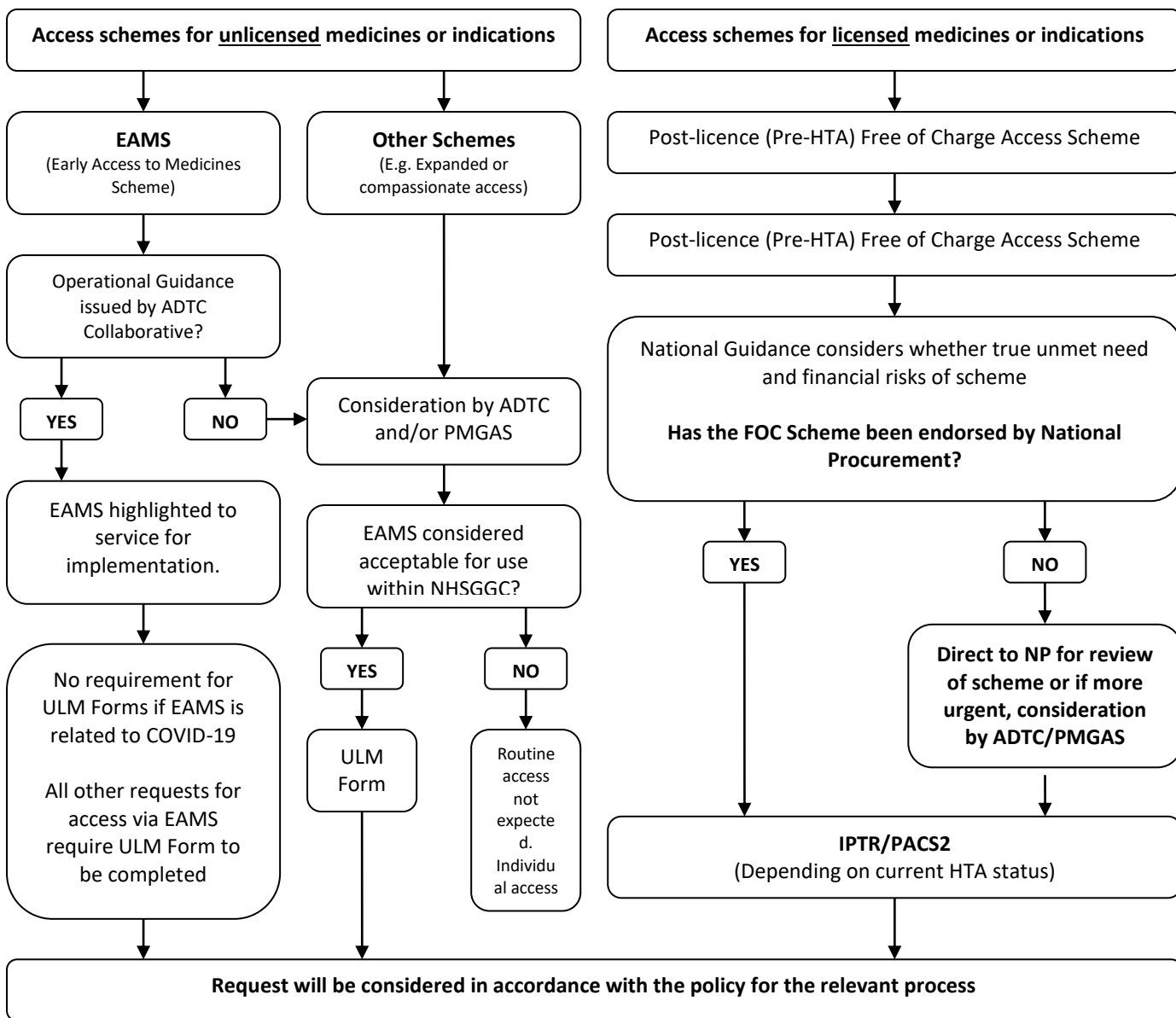


Introduction

This policy outlines the process for the approval of medicine access schemes during the COVID-19 pandemic. It is interim guidance based on the forthcoming Medicines Access Scheme policy

Overview of Process



- Considerations for ADTC and/or PMGAS:**
1. Is there a need to consider this medicine now or can the medicine wait until it is licensed?
 2. Are there any viable licensed alternatives?
 3. What are the arrangements for withdrawal from the scheme (e.g. how will pricing change upon licensing or following assessment by the SMC? The preference is that free of charge supply will remain in place until either the patient completes/discontinues the treatment or until such a time that the SMC have accepted the medicine and indication for use in NHS Scotland
 4. What are the workload/administrative implications for NHS Staff?