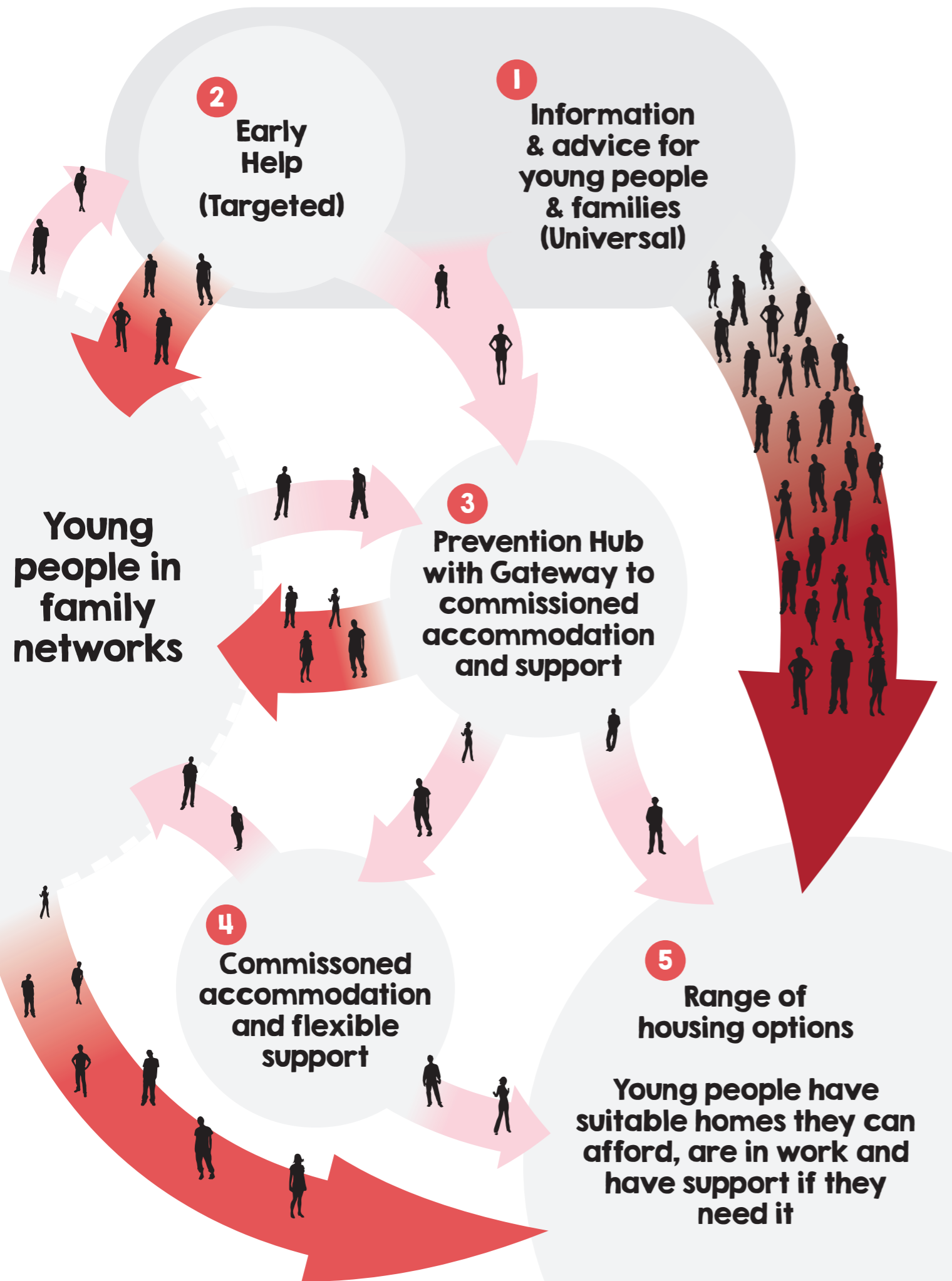


Positive Pathway Model



Positive Pathway Framework: The 5 Service Areas

1 Information and advice for young people and families

The Service: Timely, accurate information and advice about housing options available to everyone, delivered in a range of ways including web-based information and through schools to reach young people, families and professionals.

Desired result: Young people and families are empowered to plan transitions to independent living without support from specialist services. They understand the links between housing choice and their financial end employment situation. They know where to get help if they need it.

2 Early help

The Service: Early intervention targeted to reach households where young people are most likely to be at risk of homelessness, in addition to 1). Delivery involving all local services working with young people and families at risk, e.g. Troubled Families programme, Family Support, Youth Support and Youth Offending Services.

Desired result: Young people stay in the family network where possible and safe and are supported to make planned moves if they need to move out.

3 Integrated response ('hub' or 'virtual hub') and gateway to commissioned accommodation and support

The Service: Led by the Housing Authority and Children's Services, an integrated service for young people who are homeless, at risk of homelessness or need help with planned transitions to independence. Housing options and homelessness prevention services come together, often co-located, with other services including support for pathways into learning and work. Underpinned by assessment and including a needs driven gateway into commissioned supported accommodation and flexible housing related support services. Key data collection point to inform ongoing development of the pathway.

Desired results:

- Homelessness is prevented wherever possible, for example by supporting young people to stay in their family network or preventing the loss of a tenancy.
- Young people who need accommodation and/or support get it, including quick access emergency accommodation and immediate and ongoing support where needed.
- Young peoples' accommodation and support underpins rather than disrupts their pathways in learning and work.

4 Commissioned accommodation and support

The service: A range of accommodation and support options designed for younger and more vulnerable young people. Accommodation and support is linked together in some options, for example supported accommodation, Foyers, supported lodgings and Housing First. Flexible outreach support is also available to support young people wherever they live (including in the family home) and stick with them when they move if needed.

Desired results: Young people gain the stability and skills they need, engage with learning and work and move on to greater independence.

5 Range of Housing Options

The service: A range of safe, decent, affordable housing options, shared and self-contained, in the private, social and third sectors. Where the market doesn't provide sufficiently for young people on low incomes the offer will need to be shaped through local housing strategies, using partnerships to create options. May include creative approaches such as partnerships with learning providers and employers to provide dedicated accommodation that underpins participation in learning and work. Access to flexible outreach support (4) in case young people need it.

Desired results: Young people are economically active and have suitable homes that they can afford - they can build for their future.