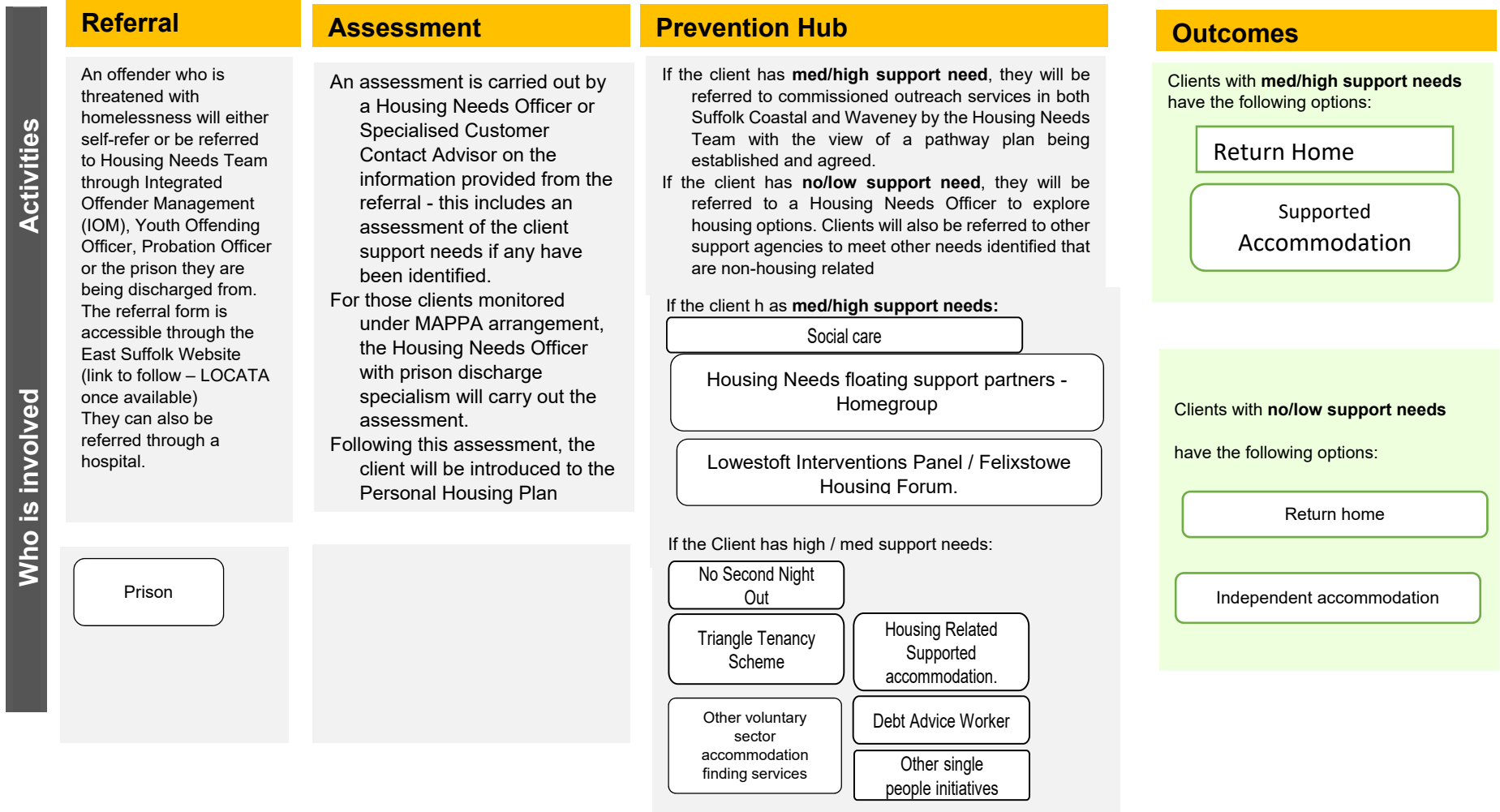


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Getting ex-prisoners and offenders into stable housing can act as a gateway to effective resettlement including engaging with education or training, gaining employment and engaging with services where any other support needs may need to be addressed e.g. mental health, drugs/alcohol etc.

Offenders who are homeless or threatened with homelessness can approach Waveney and Suffolk Coastal Councils for advice and assistance to either prevent or relieve homelessness.

Housing Needs / Options Services have referral pathways protocols with some specific agencies that work with offenders who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. These agencies include the Integrated Offender Management team (IOM), Community Rehabilitation Company and National Probation Service for clients who are on Probation that are med/high risk or monitored under the Multi Agency Public protection Arrangements (MAPPA).

Housing Needs / Options will undertake a detailed housing needs assessment of all customers who present for assistance or referred in by other agencies. For those customers who may have additional support needs a full needs and risk assessment is also completed to ensure that the most appropriate housing option is advised. A personalized housing plan will be drawn up confirming any advice given, how the Council will assist the customer and what the customer needs to do to help themselves.

Housing Needs / Options work collaboratively with internal and external partners to secure affordable permanent housing for their customers i.e. mediation to return home, advice on Social Housing, Private rented accommodation or supported accommodation. The team also refer customers to agencies where any unmet needs have been identified following an assessment i.e., Social care, MASH etc.

