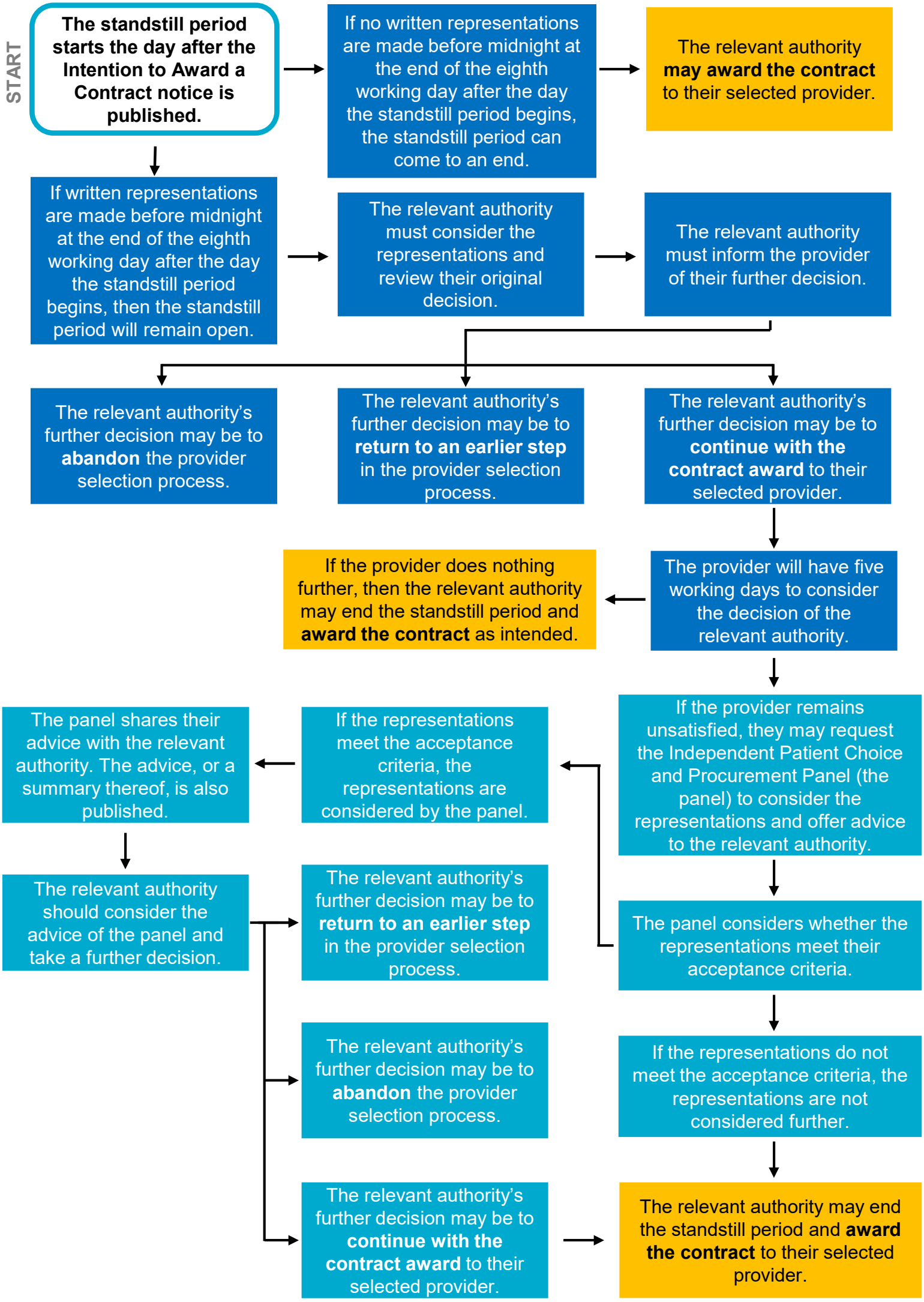
START
The standstill period starts the day after the Intention to Award a Contract notice is published.
If no written representations are made before midnight at the end of the eighth working day after the day the standstill period begins, the standstill period can come to an end.
The relevant authority may award the contract to their selected provider.
If written representations are made before midnight at the end of the eighth working day after the day the standstill period begins, then the standstill period will remain open.
The relevant authority must consider the representations and review their original decision.
The relevant authority must inform the provider of their further decision.
The relevant authority's further decision may be to abandon the provider selection process.
The relevant authority's further decision may be to return to an earlier step in the provider selection process.
The relevant authority's further decision may be to continue with the contract award to their selected provider.
The provider will have five working days to consider the decision of the relevant authority.
If the provider does nothing further, then the relevant authority may end the standstill period and award the contract as intended.
If the provider remains unsatisfied, they may request the Independent Patient Choice and Procurement Panel (the panel) to consider the representations and offer advice to the relevant authority.
The panel considers whether the representations meet their acceptance criteria.
If the representations meet the acceptance criteria, the representations are considered by the panel.
The panel shares their advice with the relevant authority. The advice, or a summary thereof, is also published.
The relevant authority should consider the advice of the panel and take a further decision.
The relevant authority's further decision may be to return to an earlier step in the provider selection process.
The relevant authority's further decision may be to abandon the provider selection process.
The relevant authority's further decision may be to continue with the contract award to their selected provider.
If the representations do not meet the acceptance criteria, the representations are not considered further.
The relevant authority may end the standstill period and award the contract to their selected provider.