

## **CHECKLIST FOR SUPPORTING UNACCOMPANIED CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE ON RECEPTION / ARRIVAL**

### **Immediate support:**

- Emergency health care
- Provision of suitable clothing and washing facilities
- Food
- Interview – 24-hour child protection worker to assess immediate safety needs and arrange for appropriate emergency accommodation/place of safety
- Provision of assistance to contact relatives (phone/email etc) to let them know they are safe
- Initial registration for asylum
- Information on next steps provided in appropriate language/format, with opportunity to ask questions
- Provision of support and facilities for practising faith (e.g. place for prayer), if required.

### **Short-term support (24–72 hours):**

- Identification of key/link worker who can act as point of contact for child/young person and coordinate services and support
- Identification of independent guardian who can assist with determination of best interests
- Enrolment with medical services for longer-term health needs assessment
- Registration for education and training, including catch-up
- Provision of access to facilities for religious observance
- Interview with child/young person to begin to identify needs for the longer term and map any family/caregivers who the child could be united with/supported to contact
- Identification of best living arrangement for child
- Assessment of any specific needs (disability etc)
- Interview with child/young person to ascertain wishes and feelings and to give further information on available options and mandatory processes
- Commencement of best interest assessment to determine care plans – meeting needs as identified.