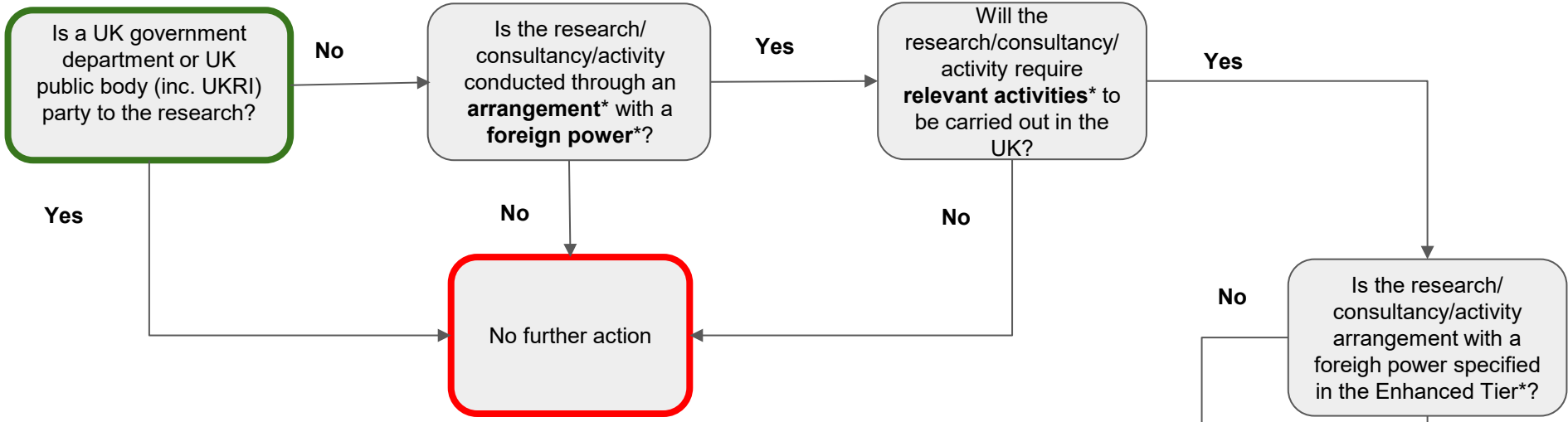
Foreign Influence Registration Scheme assessment: Level 1 - Initial Triage



***Key terms (see separate sheet):**

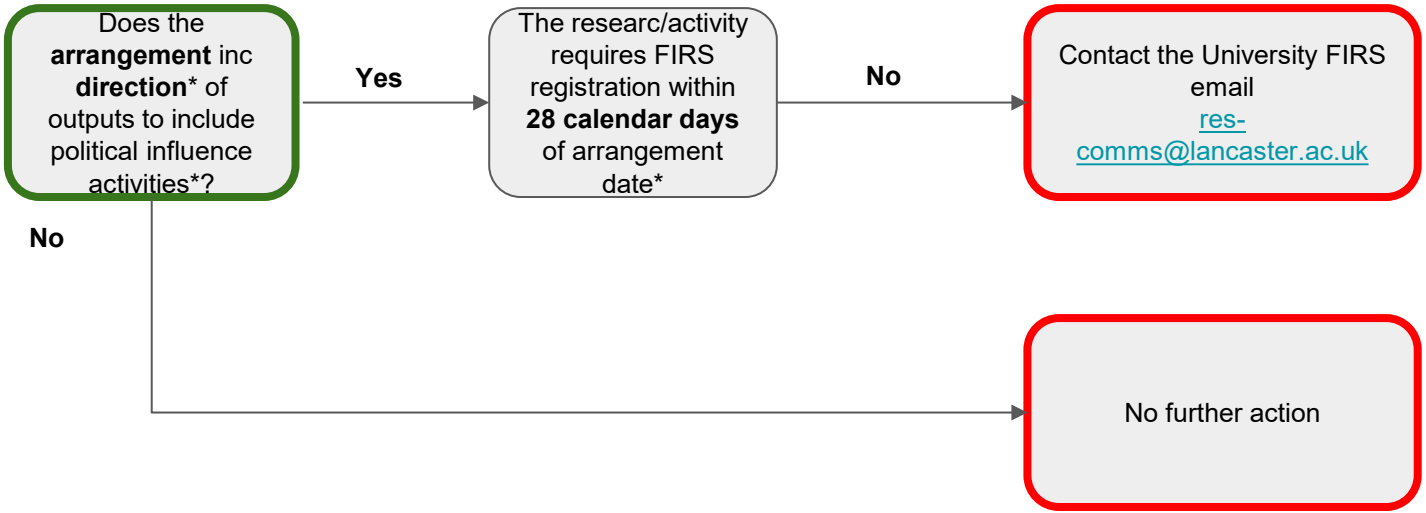
'arrangement'

'foreign power'

'enhanced tier' specified foreign power = **Russia** or **Iran** (at Aug 2025)

'relevant activities'
inc commercial activities, research activities, provision of goods and services

Foreign Influence Registration Scheme assessment: Level 2 - Political Influence



***Key terms:**

'direction'

An order or instruction carrying an obligation to comply, either by providing funding, applying coercion, or other formal or informal means.
This includes stated requirements in research contracts

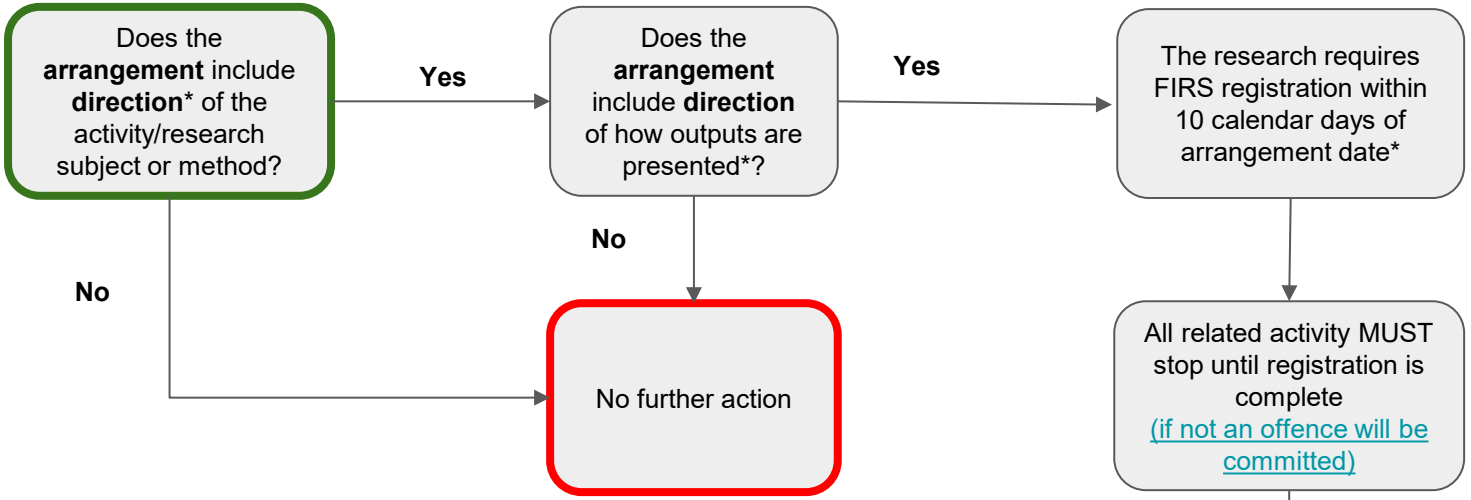
'political influence activities''

Actions intended to affect UK policy or elections, inc papers, lobbying, media

'**arrangement date**'

For example contract signature where a formal agreement is in place

Foreign Influence Registration Scheme assessment: Level 3 - Enhanced Tier



***Key terms:**
'direction'
An order or instruction with an obligation to comply, either through the provision of funding, application of coercion, or other formal or informal means

'**how outputs are presented**'
For example: conclusions, outcomes and recommendations

'**arrangement date'**
For example contract signature where a formal agreement is in place

Foreign Influence Registration Scheme assessment: Key terms

***Key terms:**

Arrangement
Any type of agreement, whether formal or informal. Could include a contract, memorandum of understanding (MOU) or quid pro-quo informal agreement or arrangement.
See further details of the types of arrangements under the political tier and arrangements under the enhanced tier.

Direction
An order or instruction with an obligation or compulsion to comply, either through the provision of funding, application of coercion, or other formal or informal means.
See further details on direction.

Foreign Power
Sovereign, government, or agencies representing government.
Further details in Section 32 of the National Security Act 2023

Specificed Foreign Power
A foreign power which has been specified through regulations under the enhanced tier.
Currently (Aug 2025) the States of Russia and Iran.

Relevant activities
political influence activities - Actions intended to affect UK policy or elections, inc. papers, lobbying, media, communication activities, public communication activities or the provision of money, goods or services,

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