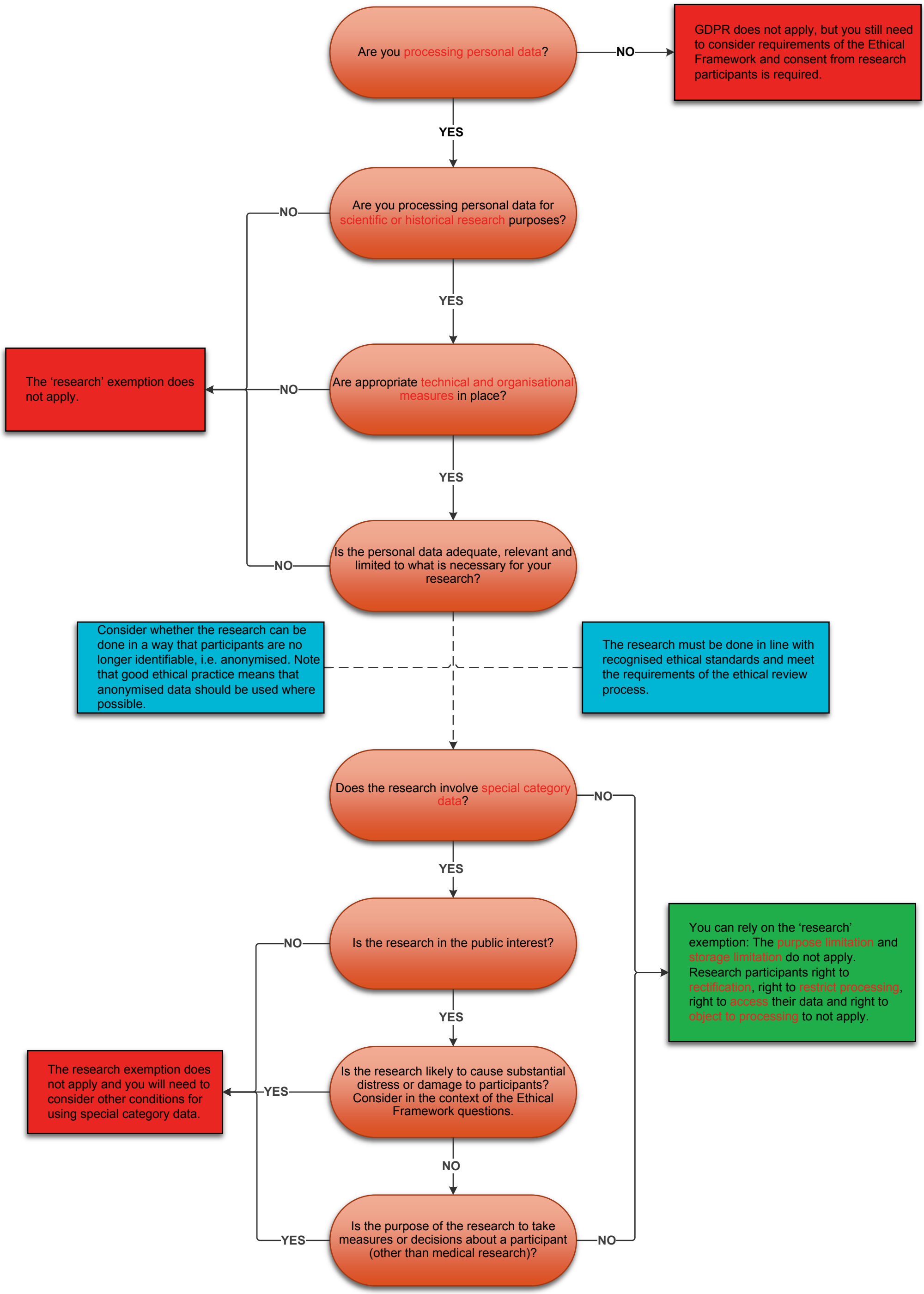
Are you processing personal data?
NO
GDPR does not apply, but you still need to consider requirements of the Ethical Framework and consent from research participants is required.
YES
Are you processing personal data for scientific or historical research purposes?
NO
YES
Are appropriate technical and organisational measures in place?
NO
The 'research' exemption does not apply.
YES
Is the personal data adequate, relevant and limited to what is necessary for your research?
NO
Consider whether the research can be done in a way that participants are no longer identifiable, i.e. anonymised. Note that good ethical practice means that anonymised data should be used where possible.
The research must be done in line with recognised ethical standards and meet the requirements of the ethical review process.
Does the research involve special category data?
NO
YES
Is the research in the public interest?
NO
YES
Is the research likely to cause substantial distress or damage to participants? Consider in the context of the Ethical Framework questions.
YES
The research exemption does not apply and you will need to consider other conditions for using special category data.
NO
Is the purpose of the research to take measures or decisions about a participant (other than medical research)?
YES
NO
You can rely on the 'research' exemption: The purpose limitation and storage limitation do not apply. Research participants right to rectification, right to restrict processing, right to access their data and right to object to processing to not apply.