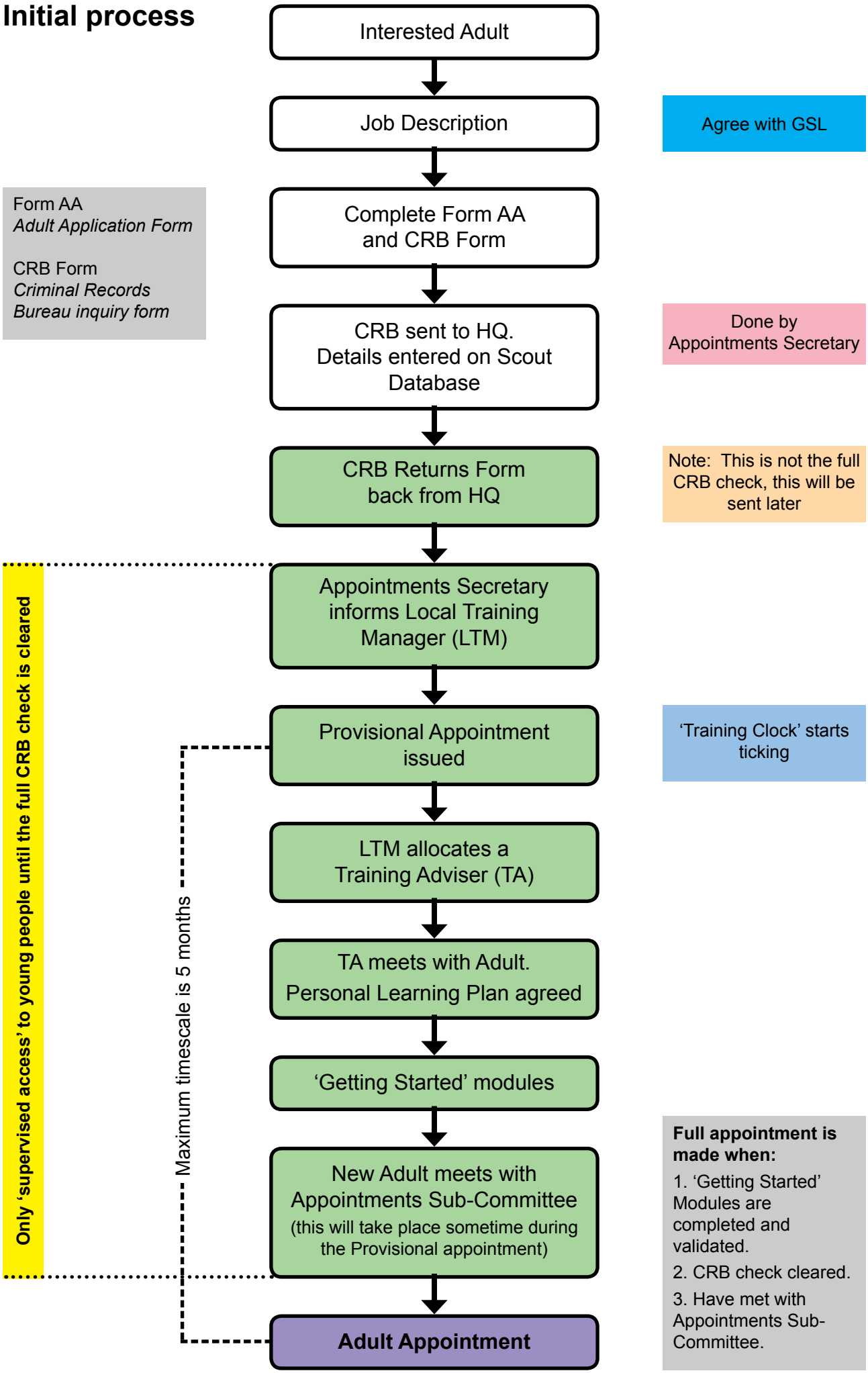Initial process