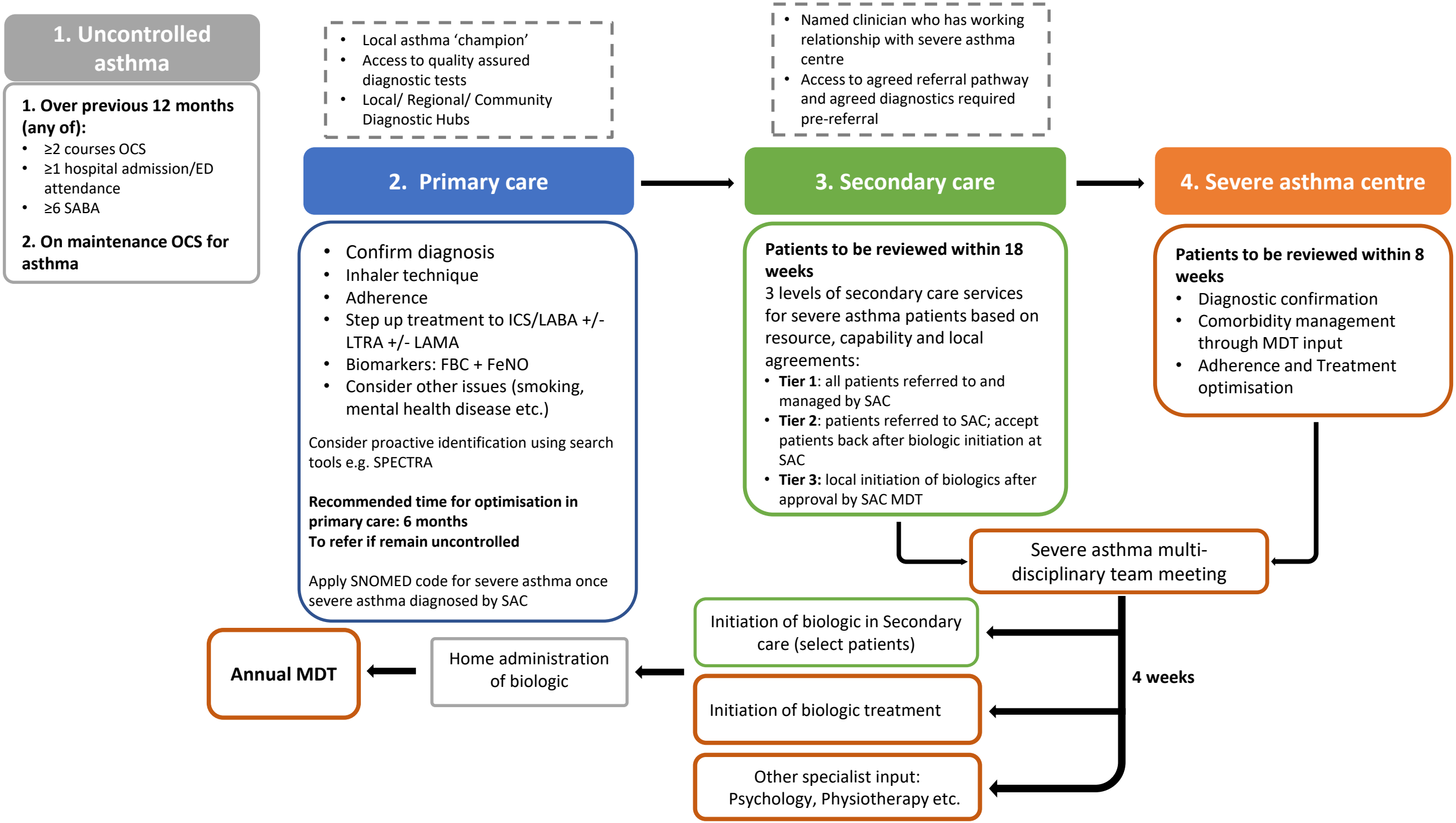
1. Uncontrolled asthma
1. Over previous 12 months (any of):
• ≥2 courses OCS
• ≥1 hospital admission/ED attendance
• ≥6 SABA
2. On maintenance OCS for asthma
• Local asthma 'champion'
• Access to quality assured diagnostic tests
• Local/ Regional/ Community Diagnostic Hubs
2. Primary care
• Confirm diagnosis
• Inhaler technique
• Adherence
• Step up treatment to ICS/LABA +/- LTRA +/- LAMA
• Biomarkers: FBC + FeNO
• Consider other issues (smoking, mental health disease etc.)
Consider proactive identification using search tools e.g. SPECTRA
Recommended time for optimisation in primary care: 6 months
To refer if remain uncontrolled
Apply SNOMED code for severe asthma once severe asthma diagnosed by SAC
• Named clinician who has working relationship with severe asthma centre
• Access to agreed referral pathway and agreed diagnostics required pre-referral
3. Secondary care
Patients to be reviewed within 18 weeks
3 levels of secondary care services for severe asthma patients based on resource, capability and local agreements:
• Tier 1: all patients referred to and managed by SAC
• Tier 2: patients referred to SAC; accept patients back after biologic initiation at SAC
• Tier 3: local initiation of biologics after approval by SAC MDT
4. Severe asthma centre
Patients to be reviewed within 8 weeks
• Diagnostic confirmation
• Comorbidity management through MDT input
• Adherence and Treatment optimisation
Severe asthma multi-disciplinary team meeting
Initiation of biologic in Secondary care (select patients)
Initiation of biologic treatment
Other specialist input: Psychology, Physiotherapy etc.
4 weeks
Home administration of biologic
Annual MDT