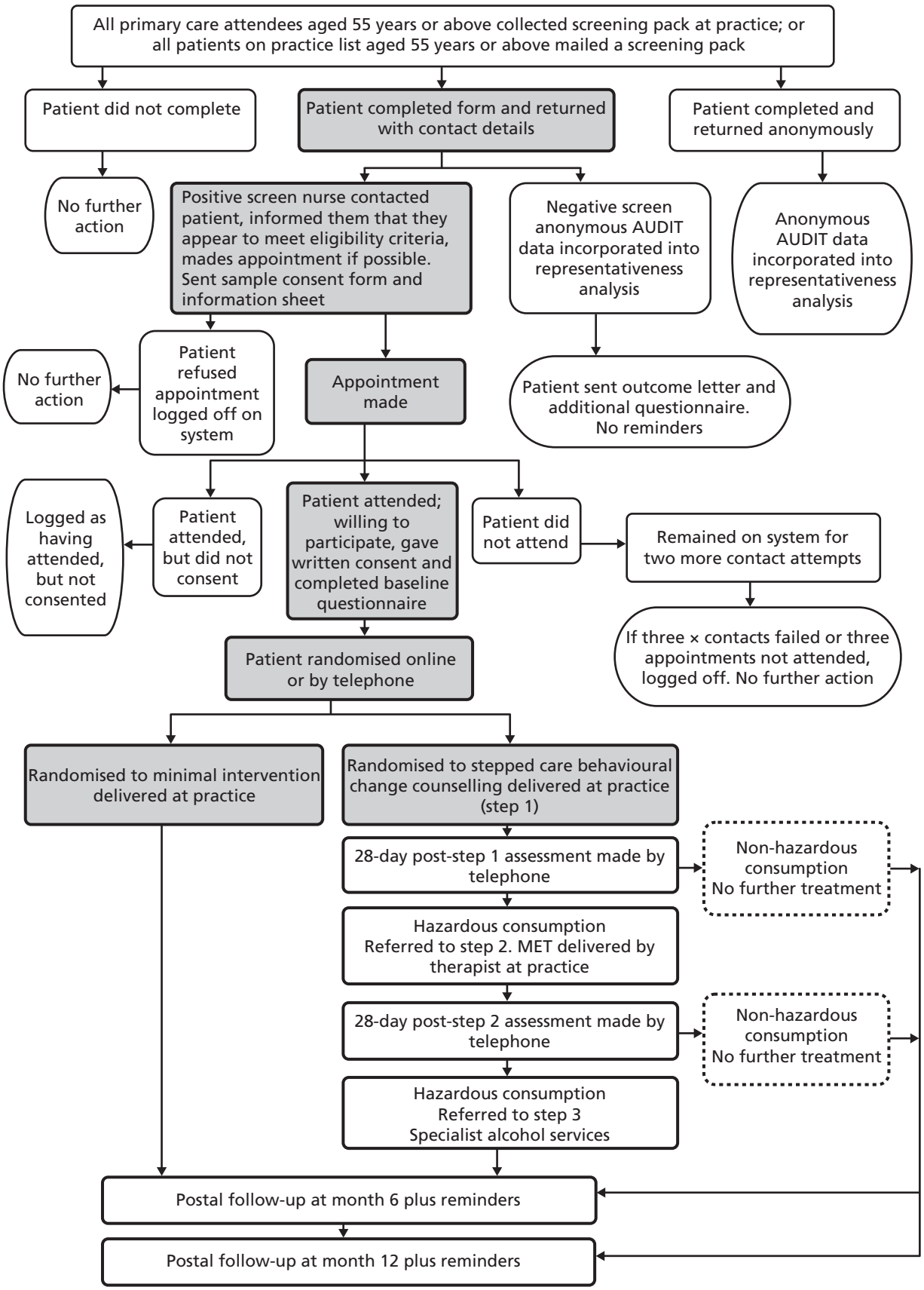
All primary care attendees aged 55 years or above collected screening pack at practice; or all patients on practice list aged 55 years or above mailed a screening pack
Patient did not complete
Patient completed form and returned with contact details
Patient completed and returned anonymously
No further action
Positive screen nurse contacted patient, informed them that they appear to meet eligibility criteria, mades appointment if possible. Sent sample consent form and information sheet
Negative screen anonymous AUDIT data incorporated into representativeness analysis
Anonymous AUDIT data incorporated into representativeness analysis
No further action
Patient refused appointment logged off on system
Appointment made
Patient sent outcome letter and additional questionnaire. No reminders
Logged as having attended, but not consented
Patient attended, but did not consent
Patient attended; willing to participate, gave written consent and completed baseline questionnaire
Patient did not attend
Remained on system for two more contact attempts
If three × contacts failed or three appointments not attended, logged off. No further action
Patient randomised online or by telephone
Randomised to minimal intervention delivered at practice
Randomised to stepped care behavioural change counselling delivered at practice (step 1)
28-day post-step 1 assessment made by telephone
Non-hazardous consumption No further treatment
Hazardous consumption Referred to step 2. MET delivered by therapist at practice
28-day post-step 2 assessment made by telephone
Non-hazardous consumption No further treatment
Hazardous consumption Referred to step 3 Specialist alcohol services
Postal follow-up at month 6 plus reminders
Postal follow-up at month 12 plus reminders