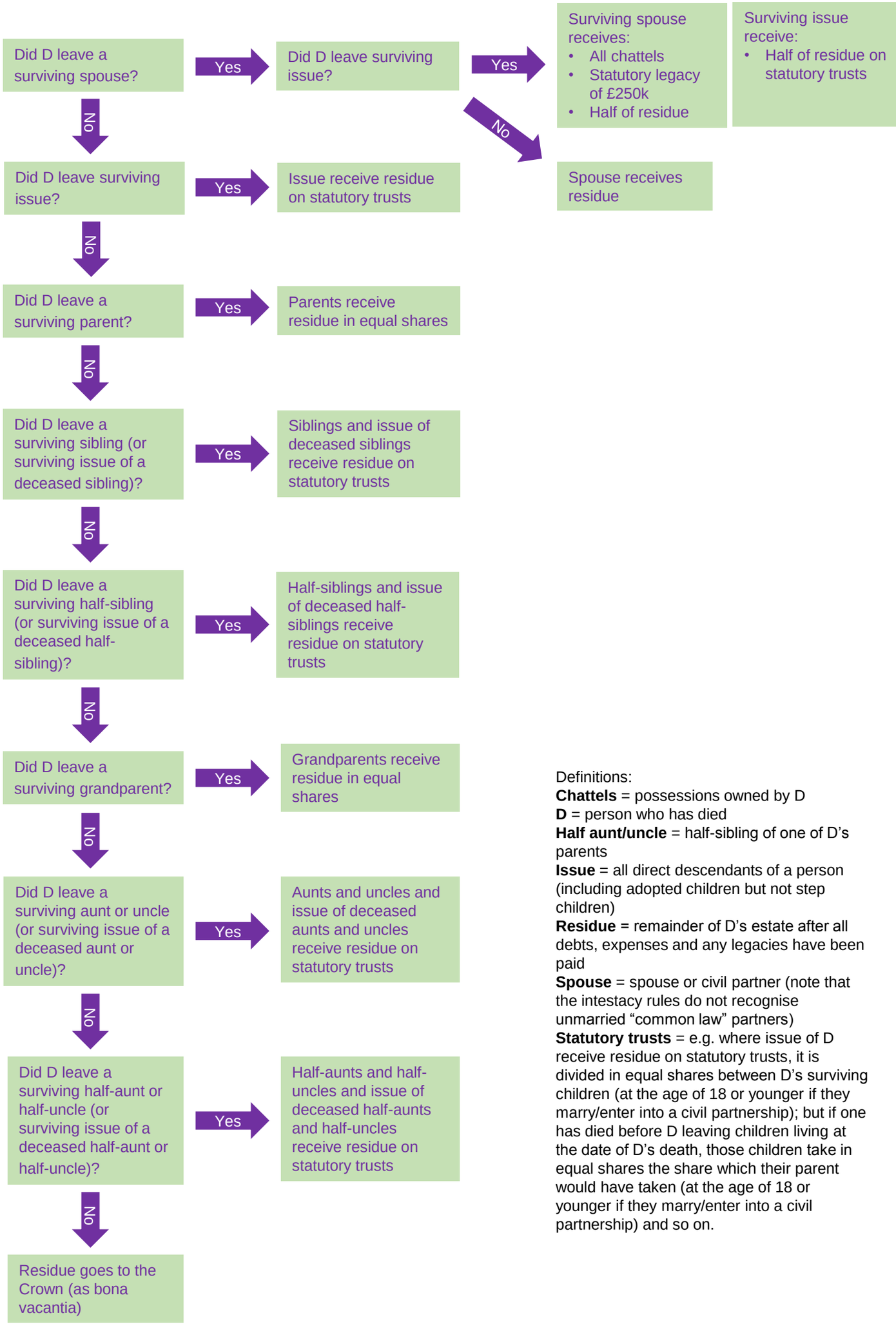


Definitions:
**Chattels** = possessions owned by D
**D** = person who has died
**Half aunt/uncle** = half-sibling of one of D's parents
**Issue** = all direct descendants of a person (including adopted children but not step children)
**Residue =** remainder of D's estate after all debts, expenses and any legacies have been paid
**Spouse** = spouse or civil partner (note that the intestacy rules do not recognise unmarried "common law" partners)
**Statutory trusts** = e.g. where issue of D receive residue on statutory trusts, it is divided in equal shares between D's surviving children (at the age of 18 or younger if they marry/enter into a civil partnership); but if one has died before D leaving children living at the date of D's death, those children take in equal shares the share which their parent would have taken (at the age of 18 or younger if they marry/enter into a civil partnership) and so on.