1. Submit Request
- Clinician fills in IFR documentation
- Sign off by Trust Medical Director and Chief Pharmacist (for medicines)
- Clinician submits IFR application

2. Received by NHS England
- Application given unique reference number by NHS England
- Acknowledgment sent to clinician

3. Screening
- Pre-Screening
  - Checks include:
    - Does NHS England directly commission or remain the accountable commissioner for the treatment?
    - Is there already a relevant policy / contract in place?
    - Has the applicant supplied all relevant information?
    - Have they submitted relevant evidence?
  - Screening in accordance with decision framework in Standard Operating Procedure.
- Screening Group
  - Sufficient info: Progress to IFR panel
  - Application rejected: does not progress to IFR panel
  - Clinician, patient and GP notified

4. IFR Panel
- IFR Panel assessment
- Assessed for:
  - A. Clinical exceptionality
  - B. Clinical effectiveness
  - C. Appropriate use of NHS resources
- Final decision
  - Application rejected: does not progress to IFR panel
  - Clinician, patient and GP notified

5. Decision
- Successful IFR application
  - Funding approved for treatment
  - Clinician, patient and GP informed
- IFR application rejected
  - Application directed for consideration as medical research, or as a new NHS England policy (if a group of patients is identified)
  - Clinician, patient and GP informed

Can request review of IFR final decision process against decision making criteria
- IFR Panel review
- Outcome communicated to clinician, patient and GP

Can be sent back for more info (depending on review)