

NHS England Individual Funding Request process map

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 Group

Screening in accordance with decision framework in [Standard Operating Procedure](#).

Sufficient info:
Progress to IFR panel

Application rejected:
does not progress to
IFR panel

Clinician, patient
and GP notified

Can be sent back for more info

4. IFR Panel

IFR Panel
assessment

Assessed for:

- A. Clinical exceptionality
- B. Clinical effectiveness
- C. Appropriate use of NHS resources

Final decision

5. Decision

Successful IFR
application

Funding approved
for treatment

Clinician, patient
and GP informed

IFR application
rejected

Clinician, patient
and GP informed

Can be sent back for more info

Application directed for
consideration as medical
research, or as a new NHS
England policy (if a group
of patients is identified)

Review of process

Can request review of IFR final decision process
against decision making criteria

IFR Panel review

Outcome communicated
to clinician, patient and GP

Can be referred back
(depending on review)