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 the treatment or medicine fall NHS England’s responsibility (e.g., not that of CCG)?
       • 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

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
     - 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
   - Review of process
     - Can request review of IFR final decision process against decision making criteria
     - Can be referred back (depending on review)
   - Outcome communicated to clinician, patient and GP

Can be sent back for more info