

NHS Nottingham and Nottinghamshire ICB IFR Process Map

1. Submit Request

Clinician fills in IFR documentation [IFR-Form-July-2022.pdf \(icb.nhs.uk\)](#)

Sign off by Trust Clinical Director and Chief Pharmacist (for drugs)

Submit IFR application to: nnicb-nn.ifrteam-nottscountyccgs@nhs.net

2. Received by NHS NN ICB

Application given unique blueteq reference number by NHS NN ICB

Acknowledgment sent to clinician, GP and patient

3. Screening

Pre-Screening

Checks include:

- Does the treatment or medicine fall NHS NN ICB's responsibility (eg: not that of NHS England)?
- Is there already a relevant policy / contract in place?
- Has the applicant supplied all relevant information?
- Have they submitted relevant evidence?

Screening Group

Screening with Public Health and IFR Manager

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

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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)