

Independent IPFR Review - 2016

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“It is right that we have a process in Wales to enable access to treatments and devices which are not normally available via the NHS. Each health service in the UK has such a process, with clinical criteria to determine accessibility”

“The NHS Wales process has been improved following a review in 2013-14. A further review will now take place to ensure better consistency of decisions across Wales and make recommendations about what clinical criteria should be applied when determining eligibility”



Vaughan Gething AM
Cabinet Secretary for
Health, Well-being and
Sport



Why the need for a further review?

- Number of panels
- Exceptionality criteria
- Patient perspective



The engagement process

- 9 workshops held throughout Wales
- Total of 39 attendees;
- 1 pharmaceutical organisation
- 5 representatives from patient organisations
- 8 patients and carers; and
- 25 healthcare professionals

- Plus 43 written contributions

- How does the IPFR process work in practice?
- What problem's are encountered with the process?
- What ideas are there for improvement?



What we heard – 7 key themes

- Lack of clarity on commissioning arrangements has often been attributed to IPFR's
- The exceptionality principle is not well understood and difficult to apply in practice
- Consideration of non-clinical factors



What we heard – 7 key themes cont...

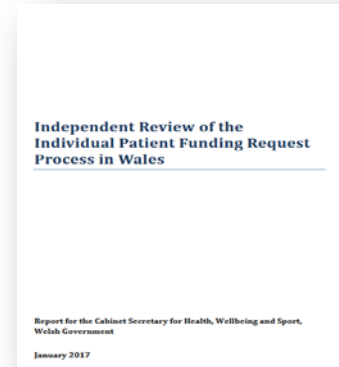
- Consistency and number of panels
- Access to medicines
- Communication
- Paperwork and IPFR application process



Next Steps

27 Recommendations

- Replace existing decision making criteria in the IPFR policy and application form
- Continue with the development of an electronic submission platform
- Develop a single consistent process and form for out of area referrals
- New patient information leaflets



Next steps cont....

- Develop of a training module for panel members
- Develop criteria/key factors for the quality function
- Continue with the collation of outcome data
- Continue to track cohorts



Thanks for listening



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