

**QUICK START GUIDE TO INDIVIDUAL FUNDING REQUESTS (IFR)
As Managed by the NEL Commissioning Support Unit**

❖ **APPLICATION BY CLINICIAN**

- Online at <https://www.blueteq-secure.co.uk/trust> based on rare **or** exceptional clinical circumstances:
 - **Rarity** = A very rare medical condition **and** for which the Clinical Commissioning Group has no policy.
 - **Exceptionality** = clinically significantly different to the cohort **and** more likely to benefit than normally expected.
- NB: Personal and social issues cannot be considered

❖ **TRIAGE (MONTHLY)**

- Assessed against criteria/pathways to consider appropriateness for IFR Panel
- **Only** where exceptionality or rarity is demonstrated and no “Similar Patients” are envisaged is a request appropriate for the IFR Panel.
- All other requests are triaged out, explaining yea or nay against criteria.
- Triage outcomes have no right of appeal, but new information will be re-triaged.

❖ **IFR PANEL**

- IFR Panel meets third Wednesday each month; fast-track for urgent clinical need.

❖ **APPEAL**

- Referrer or patient must demonstrate breach of process; if decision is overturned the case is returned to IFR Panel.

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